

Chiasm: Life in the City

Rev 22:4-10

	21:22-27		22:3-5
Contrasts: No night ← Isaiah 60	22 And I saw no temple therein: ...		5 And there shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; ...
	23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon , to shine in it: ...		
	25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there		
Contrasts: No sin ← Isaiah 52	27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth , neither whatsoever worketh abomination , or maketh a lie : ...		3 And there shall be no more curse : ...
Back to Eden ← Ezekiel 47	22:1 a pure river of water of life 22:2 the tree of life ... fruit ... leaves		

Priestly Privileges

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And **hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. [cf. 5:10; 20:6]

Exo 33:20 And he said, **Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.**

21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but **my face shall not be seen.**

Jdg 13:22 We shall surely die, because we have **seen God.**

Exo 24:10 And **they saw the God of Israel:** and there was **under his feet** as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Name in their Foreheads

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

Exo 28:36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. 37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. 38 And **it shall be upon Aaron's forehead**, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always **upon his forehead**, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

The Final Contrast (22:5)

5 No night there

Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. ... 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Completing the Creation

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and **darkness** was upon the face of the **deep**. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God **divided the light from the darkness**. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the **waters** under the heaven be **gathered together** unto one place, and let the **dry land** appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

they shall reign for ever

Ex. 15:18 **The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.**

Psa. 10:16 **The LORD is King for ever and ever:**

Psa. 146:10 **The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.**

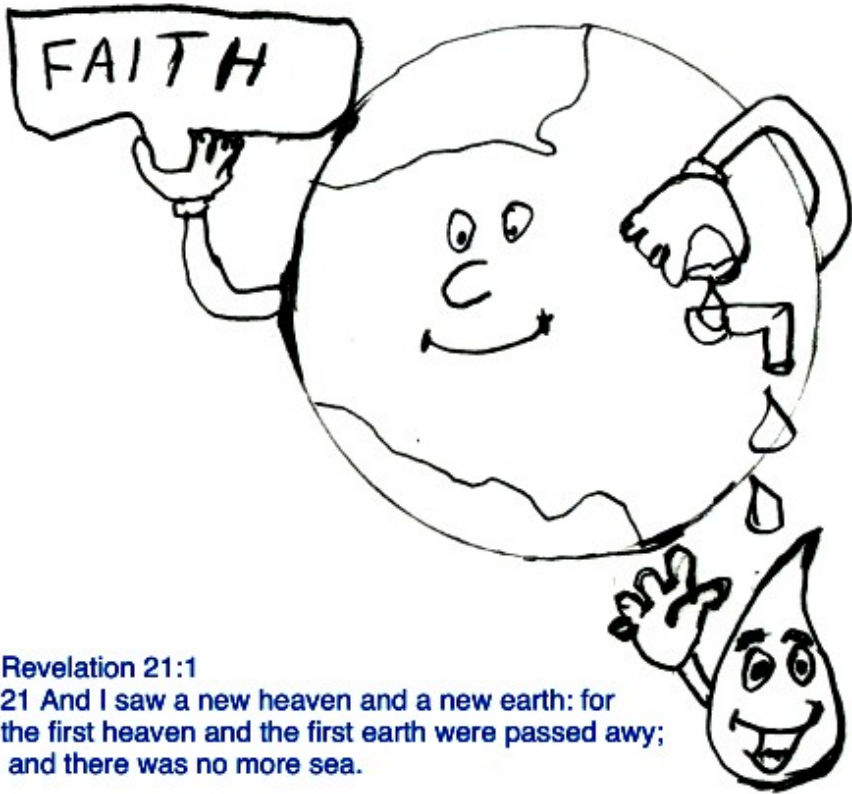
Mic. 4:7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and **the LORD shall reign** over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even **for ever**.

Luke 1:33 And **he shall reign** over the house of Jacob **for ever**; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and **he shall reign for ever and ever**.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

NO MORE SEA



Revelation 21:1

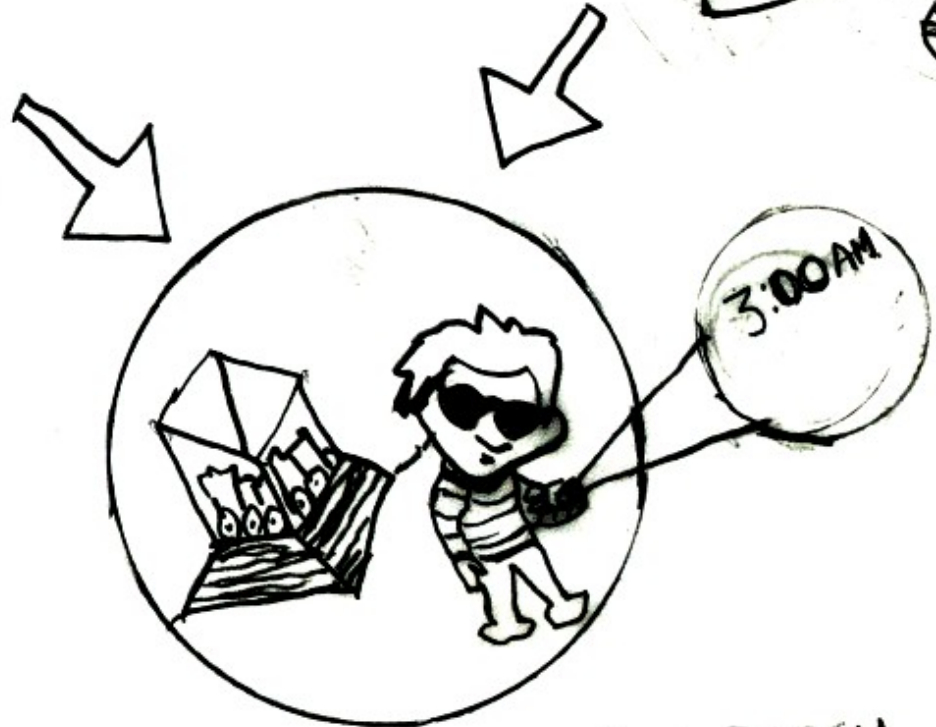
21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 22:5

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

What will become of the first Heaven and the first earth?

What kind of light will there be in Heaven?



NEW HEAVEN NEW EARTH

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:1-3, Title

1:4-8, Prolog

1:4-6, Letter Opening

1:7-8, The Coming Eternal One

1:9-22:9, 4 Visions "in the Spirit"

22:6-21, Epilog

22:6-20, The Coming Eternal One

6-15, Urgency

16-20a, Invitation

20b, John's Response

22:21, Letter Close

The Epilog

22:6, Shift from **Seeing** to **Hearing**

Rev. 21:5 And **he that sat upon the throne said**, Behold, I make all things new. And he **said** unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me **one of the seven angels** which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, **saying**, Come hither, I will **shew** thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **shewed** me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

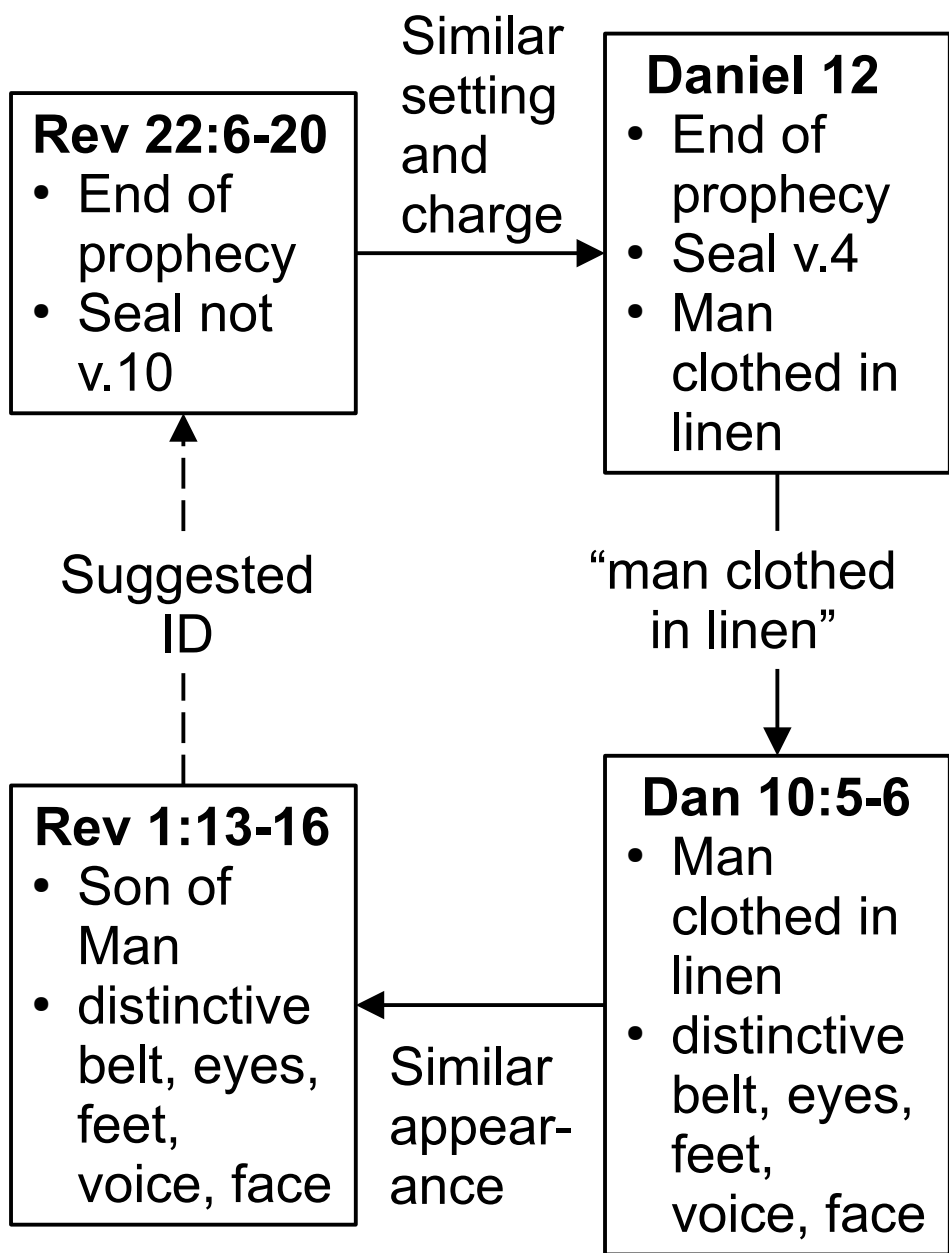
Rev. 22:1 And he **shewed** me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:6 And he ~~said~~ **saith** unto me, These things are faithful and true ...

Who is speaking in 22:6ff?

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, ~~the beginning and the ending~~, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Who is Speaking in 22:6-20?



Daniel 10:5-6	Revelation 1:13-16
5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen,	3 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot,
whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:	and girt about the paps with a golden girdle .
6a (body like beryl)	
	14 (white hair)
6c and his eyes as lamps of fire,	and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass,	15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;
and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.	and his voice as the sound of many waters.
	16 (seven stars, sword from mouth)
6b and his face as the appearance of lightning,	and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

22:6-15, The Urgency of the Situation

22:6 And he said saith unto me,	22:10 And he saith unto me,
These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.	Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand (1:3). 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
7 Behold, I come quickly:	12 And, behold, I come quickly ; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.	14 Blessed are they that do his commandments , that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.	

References on 22:6, 10-11

6b faithful and true

Rev. 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the **faithful and true** witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev. 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are **true and faithful**.

6c sent his angel

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and **he sent and signified it by his angel** unto his servant John:

Rev 22:16 **I Jesus have sent mine angel** to testify unto you these things in the churches.

10 seal not the sayings

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book**, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time is at hand**.