

Revelation 22:1-7

4 Previews of Our Final Home

I. Our eternal longevity will be affirmed (1-3a).

- A. Water of life (1)
 - 1. There will be at least one mighty river in our final home.
 - 2. Clear as crystal
 - 3. From the throne
 - a. They share equal glory (John 17:5, 24).
 - b. Their enthroned glory will shine from the highest peak.
 - 4. Coming down
 - a. The river comes down from the elevated throne on the highest peak.
 - b. A single boulevard will wind down the whole 1500x1500x1500 miles (21:16).
- B. Tree of life (2)
 - 1. The tree will be in the middle of the main highway.
 - It will be on either side of the river.
 - 2. It is the tree of life because it reassures its eaters that will never die (Rev 21:4).
 - 3. The tree was originally in Eden (Gen 2:9; 3:22).
 - 4. The word “healing” comes from the Greek word we use as “therapy.”
- C. Residents will be free of sin and its affects (3a).
 - They will be free of Adam’s sin and its curse (Gen 3:17; Romans 8:18, 21, 25).

II. Our closest friend will be God (3b-4).

- A. We will serve Him like priests (3b).
 - 1. We will be His servants.
 - 2. We will serve him through worship.
 - a. In the eternal state we will not need to be asked to worship God.
 - b. Worship will be spontaneous due to our proximity and awe of God.
 - c. That which we are privileged to do for eternity, we can do right now (Heb 13:15).
- B. We will be with God, face to face (4a).
 - 1. We will have close and intimate association with God (1 Cor 13:12).
 - 2. In glorified bodies we can front and center to God’s Son who replaces earth’s sun.
- C. His name will be on our foreheads (4b).
 - 1. His name symbolizes that we fully belong to our Master (Rev 14:1).
 - 2. It shows that God will be fully protecting us.

III. Our Light will be our Ruler (5).

- A. Clear illumination (5a)
 - 1. Their glory will provide plenty of light for the New Earth (21:23).
 - 2. God's Son will replace Earth's sun (Col 1:12).

- B. Permanent rule (5b)
 - 1. Jesus's believers will rule angels (1 Cor 6:3).
 - 2. Jesus's victors will rule nations (Rev 2:26).
 - 3. Our rank as eternal rulers will be based on our present faithfulness.

IV. Take heed, Jesus's return is imminent (6-7)!

- A. The angel was sent to show God's servant what will happen (6a).
 - 1. God is reliable, fair, and accurate.
 - 2. Revelation will be used by God's servants today and in the Tribulation.

- B. Jesus announced His imminent coming.
 - 1. God is on schedule.
 - 2. He could come today (Rev 1:1).
 - 3. Obeying Jesus brings blessing (Rev 1:3, 7).