

Revelation 22

Promises yet to come

A. The interior of the New Jerusalem.

1. (1) A river flowing from the throne of God.

(1) And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Through the Old Testament, prophets used the picture of a _____ as a powerful expression of richness, provision, and peace.

One of the *gladdest* things on earth is _____.

Poole wrote *that* this idea of this river was "To let us know, that in heaven there shall be no _____ of any thing that can make the saints happy."

God's _____ in the New Jerusalem is described with pure, absolutely unpolluted waters.

This river of provision comes right from God's _____.

_____ saw a glorious river flow down from the temple in Jerusalem and into the sea. It is perhaps the final preview of this heavenly river. This new river is an even better river with better properties.

This river containing the water of life symbolizes the continual flow of eternal _____ from God's throne to heaven's inhabitants.

2. (2) The tree of life.

(2) In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The Bible _____ with a tree of life in Genesis chapter 3 which man was not allowed to eat from after the sin at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now we see the tree of life again.

This tree of life is a symbol of both _____ life and continual blessing.

It's a little hard to picture this heavenly landscaping. John may be describing a large street with a river flowing down the middle, and a large tree - or _____ of trees - that grows with roots on either side of the river.

Others see that the word tree as a collective reference, speaks of rows of trees that stand on either _____ of the river.

Seeing the tree of life again points to a _____ of all things.

We now see each tree yielding its fruit every _____.

Some people wonder if we will _____ in heaven.

It says that the _____ of the tree were for the healing of the nations

What John saw may or may not be _____ like a river on earth, but when we see it we will also say, "That looks like a river."

Even though this great chapter of the Bible tells us of _____, we should think deeply about it and take in now what we can.

3. (3-5) What it will be like and what the saints will do.

(3) And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (4) They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. (5) There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

In heaven, the curse is _____.

God will never again need to _____ sin, since it will never exist in the new heaven and new earth.

But in the new heaven and new earth they are done away with _____. Instead of the curse, the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.

And Heaven will be a place of work and _____ for God's people.

Heaven is not just a place of indolent leisure, but a place where service is done, _____ on God.

Heaven will be a place where God's people see His _____, a place of intimate, face to face fellowship with God.

Because of _____, we can know something of the face of God right now

Yet, Paul also anticipated a _____ fulfillment of our seeing the face of God: *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I am also known* – 1 Corinthians 13:12. In that day there will be nothing that obscures our _____ of Jesus.

This will be the greatest glory of heaven: to _____ God, to know Jesus, more intimately and wonderfully than we ever could on earth.

Heaven will be a place where God's people will _____ be identified with their God, and there will never be any doubt that they belong to Him. His name shall now be upon our _____ as we are now God's personal possessions.

Heaven will be a place where the _____ of this age will be forever gone. The light is not artificial, even from the sun - God _____ is the light.

Heaven will be a place where God's people _____ an eternal reign, in contrast to the limited duration of the Millennium. It will never end.

We see the return of Paradise in the ideas of a river, a tree of life, revocation of the curse, intimacy _____, and reigning resumed.