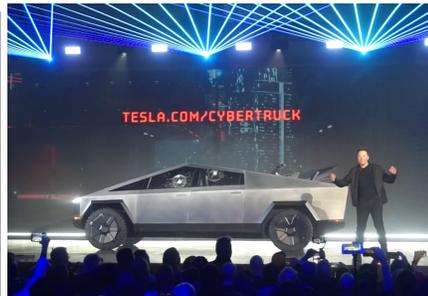




A Sneak Preview of the End of Time and the Beginning of Eternity

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We all love a sneak preview



Getting the [Picture](#): A Vision

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:9-11

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

The culmination and splendor of God's redemptive work

- **Creation Renewed:** New Heaven and Earth
- **Community Restored:** Proximity and Intimacy
- **Curse Removed:** Sin and its effects are no more
- **Christ Rewarded:** The Bride of Christ - Jesus' crown and jewel

Can you see what was once marred and scarred now renewed and restored for eternity?

Getting the [Message](#): Understanding God's Truth

As beautiful and majestic as this earth and heavens are; God's new creation will be infinitely more stunning and glorious

Revelation 21:15-16

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.



Revelation 21:19-21

The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the

fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

As abundant and blessed as we are in this lifetime, an eternity of unending and unimaginable blessings awaits

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

As deep as our intimacy and relationship is with Jesus, nothing can compare to being with Him for eternity

Revelation 22:3-5

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

As painful and hard as this life can be, the eternal joy, peace, and health that awaits us far exceeds our temporary suffering

Revelation 21:4

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

How might these eternal truths shift my perspective and priorities in the present and future?

Getting a [Move on It](#): Taking action in our lives and in the Church

We Will

- **Live with a Heavenly Mindset (no matter where on Earth we are)**

2 Peter 3: 13-14

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

We Will

- **Invest in our Eternal Family (Engage in Consistent Community)**

Romans 12:13

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

We Will

- **Prepare and Share (Heaven is not just for me)**

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

We Will

- **Focus on what matters most (Keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus)**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

What is one step for me to take today that will better prepare me for eternity?