

## CHAPTER FOUR - PART THREE

### ETERNAL AGES

#### *(Continuation of the Prologue)*

At the end of the Millennium, after all things have been brought under subjection, Christ will then deliver the kingdom and place all things, including Himself, under subjection to God the Father, as the last enemy, Death, is destroyed (**1 Corinthians 15:24-28**).

Brave Heart recalls the vision, witnessing God out of heaven pouring down fire at the multiple millions who make up the world's armies, who surround the beloved city, Jerusalem, and the saints. God saves His people, the saints from the Holy City and the redeemed from the Gentile nations. He then witnesses the devil and his angels being cast into the lake of fire who will be tormented day and night.

Brave Heart witnesses the Great White Throne judgment, where all of the unsaved are cast into the lake of fire with the devil and his angels. He then observes the destruction of the earth and the heavens with fire; and, after the elements of the earth and heaven melt away, Brave Heart witnesses the formation of a new heaven and a new earth. God brings down the holy city, New Jerusalem, to be the capital of the new earth.

While Brave Heart and all the saints from the kingdom of heaven witness in amazement the marvelous works of God, suddenly they hear a loud voice saying,

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Christ rises from His throne and declares,

“Behold, I make all things new. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

Brave Heart and the others stand and shout,

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King! Praise You, Lord! Praise You forever and ever!”

Then one of the seven angels walks up to Brave Heart and the rest of the bride saying,

“Come bride of Christ, I will show you the great city, the New Jerusalem, having the glory of God.”

They stand in awe at the great and high wall that encompasses the city. It has twelve gates with twelve angels standing at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The city is laid out as a square having three gates on its east side, three gates on its north side, three gates on its south side, and three gates on its west side. The wall of the city is founded on twelve enormous stones and on them are the names of the twelve apostles of Christ.

The bride enters in following the angel. The angel has a tool to measure the city, its gates and its wall. The city is shaped as a cube. Each section of the wall measures 1400 miles wide and 1400 miles high. Each section is 200 feet thick. Brave Heart moves to a higher level in order to view the city. The city gives out its light, as a very bright shining jasper stone and clear as crystal. It is made of pure gold and the foundations of the wall are covered with all kinds of precious stones. The twelve gates are made of pearl and the street leading up to the city is paved of pure gold.

The new earth seems twice as large as the one it replaced with the New Jerusalem in all its glory positioned on top of it. There is no need for a temple inside the city, for the Lord God Almighty and Christ Jesus are there. And there is no longer a sun or a moon needed for light, for the glory of God gives a far superior light to the city. As the multitudes of believers come out of their places, either from the lake of fire or from outer darkness, they are gathered together in front of the city to enter the

gates. The angels escort them according to their assigned areas. Brave Heart and the rest of the bride are inside the city square waiting for all of the believers to walk in and join them. All those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will dwell in the New Jerusalem with God the Father and His Son. They all are joined together with Brave Heart and the rest of the bride.

As the multiple thousands of believers walk into the city, they are escorted to the throne of God and of His Christ. From now on they shall see death no more, nor sorrow, nor pain. There will be no more crying, for God has wiped away every tear from their eyes. Their days past are forgotten and there is no memory of them ever again. As the believers approach the throne, they are speechless. A pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flows from the throne. In the middle of the street and on both sides of the river, are trees of life, each bearing twelve fruits every month. The leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations; therefore, there is no longer a curse on the land or the people. Those who compose the bride have now put on the image and likeness of God. They are blessed forever. They see God face to face, and His name is placed on their foreheads. They shall all serve and reign with Him during the Eternal Ages that follow, a period of time which has no end.

### *(End of Prologue)*

At the end of the Seventh Day, on the Eighth day, the Eternal Ages will begin, when Christ Jesus delivers the kingdom to God the Father so that the Father may be “*all in all*” (**1 Corinthians 15:24-28**). There will be a “new heaven and a new earth.” (**Revelation 21:1**). New Jerusalem, the capital of the earth, will be the center of universal government. (**Revelation 21:2**) God the Father will dwell in this city, with His Son, and will administer the rule of the universe through His servants. Therefore, man will not only rule over the new earth but the entire universe as well.

When the Eternal Ages begin, there will be a complete restoration of the land and a complete restoration of man, without sin and death. At this point in time, God's plan and purpose relative to mankind and the rule of the universe will be accomplished.

All Christians will possess the image and likeness of God as it was in the beginning when God first created man. They will possess a glorified, spiritual (animated by the Spirit, not blood) and immortal body, which will remain throughout the Eternal Ages. No longer will man be bound by a mortal or natural body requiring food and water, or subject to pain and suffering.

*And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man (Christ).*

**(1 Corinthians 15:49)**

The Eternal Ages will be the perfect picture beyond the Millennium, a restoration of righteousness, after complete order once again exists in God's universal kingdom. And man, in that day, will finally realize God's purpose for His creation. During the Eternal Ages, man will exercise positions of power and authority throughout the entire universe in God's kingdom. And at this time, the saved Gentile nations and those Christians not holding positions of rulership during the Millennium will be brought into and have a part in this eternal rule. All Christians, with bodies animated by the Spirit, will serve and worship God the Father throughout the Eternal Ages.

In light of the story of Brave Heart, knowing the sequence of things to come and what must shortly take place, we should make it our aim to live for God daily, to pattern ourselves after Christ. We must plant in our minds the events that are forthcoming and realize the purpose for our creation. Upon understanding the events yet future, do we realize that we are called to a place *so great* that we cannot even wrap our minds around it, for nothing here and now can be closely compared to it? The promise of a glorious inheritance is not something to take lightly. Christ paid the price in order that we may be partakers of the throne with Him in that future Day. He left us an example that we are to follow — death followed by resurrection — the loss of our life now that we may gain our life in the age to come.

*Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*

*Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.*

*For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.*  
**(Hebrews 13:12-14)**

Throughout the Gospels, while Jesus walked the earth and ministered to the people, the center of His teachings was this:

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* **(Matthew 4:17)**

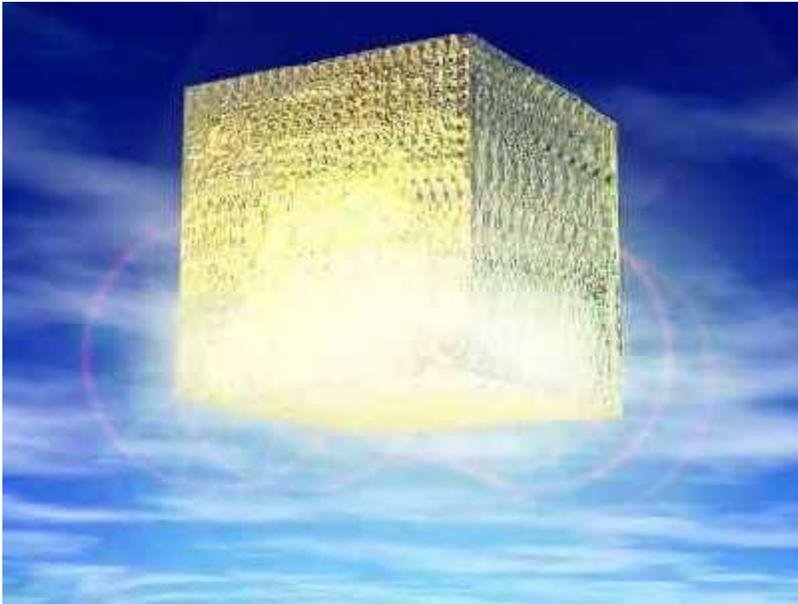
God sent His Son to preach the message of the forthcoming Millennial kingdom, not the Eternal Ages. Actually, little is mentioned in the Word about the events of the Eternal Ages following the Millennium. However, Scripture does reveal that the beginning of the Eternal Ages marks the end of all things on earth — *all* things will pass away. For the overcomers who will qualify to rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium, they will continue to have positions of rulership throughout the Eternal Ages. They will have the privilege and honor to be with Christ and see all things come to pass during and after the Millennium. They will be co-heirs with Christ for one thousand years *before* the Eternal Ages, possessing glorified bodies. And following this, they will continue ruling (in a different capacity) with Him in the New Jerusalem, serving God the Father in honor and glory throughout the Eternal Ages.

And *this* is why the whole counsel of God is so important to know, to retain and to minister -- all of the Good News: the gospel of grace (salvation of the spirit) and the gospel of glory (salvation of the soul). The gospel of glory is the good news concerning the establishment of the Millennial kingdom, which will come *first* in order to restore all things for the opening of the Eternal Ages.

*...and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,*

*whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.* **(Acts 3:20, 21)**

The Day of the Lord (the Messianic Era) will be a time before the Eternal Ages to bring order to all things and to cleanse God's people so that at the close of that Day, all things will be restored, enemies will be put down and righteousness will dwell. The present heavens and earth will be burned. Then, the new Heavens and new earth will be formed. The descent of the holy city, the New Jerusalem, to the new earth will mark the beginning of the Eternal Ages.



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