

ETERNAL STATE

Note: This is a reference to the new universe that God will create after the final day of judgment (which will replace this one).

David said that one day God will dwell in Zion forever. (This may be one of the rare Old Testament references to the **eternal state**.)

- **Psalm 68:16:** "Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever."

The psalmist said that one day the universe will grow old, and God will then change it. (This may be one of the rare Old Testament references to the **eternal state**, in which God will create a new heaven and earth after destroying this one.)

- **Psalm 102:25-26:** "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:"

The book of Revelation isn't the only place that talks about the final judgment and the **eternal state**. Peter mentions it as well.

- **2 Peter 3:13:** "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Peter expected the church to know and understand the doctrines that relate to the **eternal state** (that is, the things that will happen *after* the final day of judgment).

- **2 Peter 3:13-14:** "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

God wants us to know about the **eternal state** (that is, the things that will take place after the final judgment).

- **Revelation 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."

In the new heaven and earth there will be both nations and kings. This is very significant. Not only will there still be nations, but there will be people who have authority over them. (In other words, there will be some kind of authority structure in the **eternal state**.)

- **Revelation 21:24:** "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

In the **eternal state**, the water of life comes out of the throne of God.

- **Revelation 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."

In the **eternal state**, the throne of God is located in the new Jerusalem.

- **Revelation 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,"
- **Revelation 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."

The tree of life will exist in the **eternal state**.

- **Revelation 22:2:** "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

The focus of life in the **eternal state** is serving God. (That is going to be our assigned task, for all of eternity. We will not be idle.)

- **Revelation 22:3:** "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."

The curse that God placed upon the world won't be fully removed until the **eternal state**. (This can be seen by the fact that death is part of that curse, and death will exist until the final judgment.)

- **Revelation 22:3:** "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:"

In the **eternal state**, the saints will see the face of God.

- **Revelation 22:4:** "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

In the **eternal state**, the saints will have the name of God in their foreheads. (This is the opposite of those who put the mark of the antichrist on their foreheads during the tribulation. In the end, it will be one or the other.)

- **Revelation 22:4:** "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

In the **eternal state**, the saints of God will reign with Him forever and ever.

- **Revelation 22:5:** "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."

The book of Revelation spans from the beginning of the church age to the **eternal state**. That means it started coming true immediately after it was written.

- **Revelation 22:6:** "And he said 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."