

## Revelation Chapter 21

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- The lives and testimonies of two men who had seen Heaven: Isaiah, Ezekiel, Paul & John

Eternity:

**Ephesians 1:10** “That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:”

**1 Corinthians 2:9** “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

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V: 1 New Heaven and a new Earth.

**Matthew 24:35** “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

**Isaiah 65:17** “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”

- God spoke the whole universe into existence and here we see the dissolving of the whole thing upon His command, or maybe just the letting go.

**2 Peter 3:12-13** “<sup>12</sup>Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

- When you see the power of an atom bomb, the power that is released is not as great as the power that restrains it.

**Revelation 20:11** “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.”

- New Heaven & new Earth: Paul was given a glimpse of Heaven and couldn't even express how wonderful it was.

**2 Corinthians 12:2-4** “<sup>2</sup>I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) <sup>4</sup>How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”

V: 2 The Holy City, New Jerusalem:

- The last Jerusalem, on the old earth had become an abomination – in need of renewal.

**Revelation 11:8** “And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

- A new Jerusalem, beautiful – all decked out like a bride.

**Hebrews 11:10** “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

**John 14:2-3** “<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

V: 3 God is going to dwell among His people.

**Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

**John 1:14** “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

**1 Corinthians 3:16** “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

- They shall be His people:

**Psalms 33:12** “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.”

**Leviticus 26:11-12** “And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”

**2 Corinthians 6:16b** “... for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

- There is an intertwining that is taking place where we are part of Him, and He is in us, we're “living stones” (**1 Peter 2:5**) part of that “heavenly temple”, the center of the new Jerusalem, which is now come to Earth.

V: 4 No more tears, and nothing to cry about.

**Isaiah 25:8** “He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.”

**Psalms 16:11** “Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

- Joy vs: happiness (circumstances & emotions vs: relationship based on the Word).

**Isaiah 53:3-4** “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.”

- No more death:

**Revelation 20:14** “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

**1 Corinthians 15:26** “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”

**1 Corinthians 15:54-55** <sup>54</sup>“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup>“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

V: 5 “*Behold I make all things new*”:

**Colossians 1:16** “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:”

**2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- These words are true and faithful:

**2 Peter 1:20-21** <sup>20</sup>“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

**2 Timothy 3:16** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

V: 6 It is done:

**Revelation 16:17** “And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.”

**Genesis 8:4** “And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.”

**John 19:30** “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

- I am the Alpha & Omega:

**Revelation 1:8** “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**Revelation 22:13** “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”

**Isaiah 44:6** “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”

- The beginning and the end:

**Hebrews 12:2** “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**John 6:68** “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”

- I will freely give to him that is thirsty:

**Matthew 5:6** “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

**John 7:37-38** <sup>37</sup>“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. <sup>38</sup>He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

**John 4:14** “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

V: 7 He that overcomes: Will inherit all things – Jesus!

**Revelation Ch.'s 2-3** God's promises to the overcomers.

**Revelation 2:7** **Ephesus** “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

**Revelation 2:11** **Smyrna** “He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”

**Revelation 2:17** **Pergamos** “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saying he that receiveth it.”

**Revelation 2:26-28** **Thyatira** <sup>26</sup>“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: <sup>27</sup>And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. <sup>28</sup>And I will give him the morning star.”

**Revelation 3:5** **Sardis** “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.”

**Revelation 3:12** **Philadelphia** “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.”

**Revelation 3:21** **Laodicea** “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.”

- They shall inherit all things:

**Romans 8:16-17** <sup>16</sup>“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: <sup>17</sup>And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

**Matthew 25:34** “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”

- I will be his God and he shall be my son:

**Matthew 5:9** “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”

**John 1:12** “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

**1 John 3:2** “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”

V: 8 **CONTRAST** – The fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars are all lumped together as being the same – **all going to Hell.**

**Galatians 5:19-23** “<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>meeekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

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**1 John 5:4** “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

**1 John 4:18** “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

**2 Timothy 1:7** “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

**John 14:27** “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

- Unbelief:

**John 3:18** “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- “*Fire*” – last mention.
- First mention was in reference to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

**Genesis 19:24** “Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;”

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup>Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

**Romans 3:23** “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

**Romans 8:1** “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

**Ephesians 5:5** “For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

**1 Timothy 1:9** “Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,”

**Galatians 3:24** “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

V: 9 One of the angels from the seven vials is going to show John the Bride of Christ, the Church.

**Ephesians 5:25-27; 32** <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

- This will be a great miracle, the church will be presented as a beautiful bride – no blemishes – particularly in light of what the church looks like today.
- Lutheran church just announced that they will embrace practicing homosexuals not only in their fellowships, but in leadership as well, ordaining homosexuals.
- Joining the Episcopalian, Methodist, and many other denominations in rejecting the word of God on this issue.

V: 10 Carried away in the Spirit – again. (V-2)

- The great city, holy Jerusalem:
- High Mountain – but no earth, it's always “up” to Jerusalem, even in the heavenly's.

Speaking of Abraham:

**Hebrews 11:10** “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

V: 11 Summary / description:

- Having the glory of God: reflecting His glory.
- Like jasper stone, (onyx) green gem stone:
- Clear as crystal – purified version.

**Exodus 34:29, 35** “<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.”

“<sup>35</sup>And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses; that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.”

**1 Kings 8:10-11** “<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.”

V: 12 Great, tall wall – no one is getting in over the top or any other way except through the gate – through Jesus.

**John 10:7-10** “<sup>7</sup>then said Jesus unto them again, verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

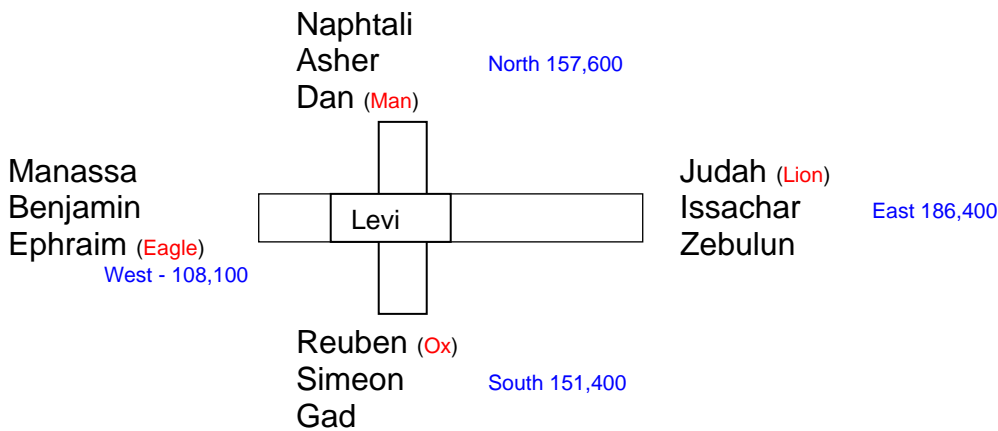
- We see here that as John is shown the “Bride of Christ” that the Old Testament believers are included.
- 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes:

**Romans 9:4-5** “Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”



V: 13 East, North, South, West, each 3 gates.

**Numbers Ch. 2** describes the manner in which the children are to move:



V: 14 Twelve foundations and the names of the 12 Apostles.

- Foundations:

**Ephesians 2:19-22** <sup>19</sup>Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup>and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; <sup>21</sup>in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: <sup>22</sup>in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

**Matthew 7:24-27** <sup>24</sup>Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: <sup>25</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. <sup>26</sup>And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: <sup>27</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”

V: 15 “And he that talked with me” – the angel (V:9)

**Revelation 11:1** “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.”

V: 16 Measuring the new Jerusalem:

- 12,000 furlongs = 1,500 miles square.
- Roughly from Colorado to Atlantic Ocean & Canada to Gulf of Mexico.

**1 Kings 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup>And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. <sup>20</sup>And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

V: 17-18 The wall is 216' tall, made of "jasper" – purple or green gem stone.

V: 19-20 Different stones:

Jasper: Onyx (green)

Sapphire: This stone is not mentioned any where else in the New Testament. It is a precious stone next in hardness to the diamond, usually of an azure or sky-blue color, but of various shades.

Chalcedony: Also no mentioned any where else in the New Testament. The stone referred to is an uncrystallized translucent variety of quartz, having a whitish colour, and of a lustre nearly like wax.

Emerald: Same as today, a green gem.

Sardonyx: From the resemblance of flesh and the nail. It is a gem that is a reddish yellow, nearly orange.--Webster's Dic.

Sardius: It is a stone of a blood-red or flesh colour.

Chrysolite: Means "golden stone", and was applied by the ancients to all gems of a golden or yellow colour, probably designating particularly the topaz

Beryl: the beryl is a mineral of great hardness, and is of a green or bluish-green colour. It is identical with the emerald, except in the colour, the emerald having a purer and richer green colour

Topaz: The topaz is a well-known mineral, said to be so called from Topazos, a small island in the Arabian Gulf. It is generally of a yellowish colour, and pellucid, but it is also found of greenish, bluish, or brownish shades.

Chrysoprasus: Is another name that does not occur anywhere else in the New Testament. It is a precious stone, a variety of semi-transparent quartz, of greenish golden color.

Jacinth: It is the same word as hyacinth, a well-known flower of that name, usually of a deep purple or reddish blue.

Amethyst: Identical with modern amethyst, a blue-violet form of quartz.

- Part of the priestly garments was the breast plate of judgment which had different stones that were to represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

Turn to Exodus 28:15-21

**Exodus 28:15-21** “<sup>15</sup>And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. <sup>16</sup>Foursquare it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof. <sup>17</sup>And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius**, a **topaz**, and a **carbuncle**: this shall be the first row. <sup>18</sup>And the second row shall be an **emerald**, a **sapphire**, and a **diamond**. <sup>19</sup>And the third row a **figure**, an **agate**, and an **amethyst**. <sup>20</sup>And the fourth row a **beryl**, and an **onyx**, and a **jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their enclosings. <sup>21</sup>And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.”

- **7 match up**      **5 don't match up**, unless the names are simply different.

- Pearls = Gentiles.

**Matthew 13:35** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:”

- Pearls come out of the sea, nations.
- Pearls are not prized by the Jews.
- Pearls are caused by the introduction of an irritation.
- That irritation is not covered / clothed by itself, but by the host.
- Pearls grow by accumulation.
- Human perspiration ruins pearls.

**Matthew 11:28-30** “<sup>28</sup>Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

**Galatians 3:28** “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

- Streets of pure gold, clear as glass.
- Gold in it's purest form is transparent; asphalt in Heaven...

V: 22 No more temple, God is the Temple:

**1 Corinthians 3:16** “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

**1 Kings 8:27** “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?”

**John 4:23-24** “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

V: 23 The Shekinah glory of God.

In the earthly tabernacle & temple:

**Exodus 37:17** “And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:”

Describing Jesus:

**Hebrews 1:3** “Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person,…”

**John 8:12** “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

**Isaiah 60:19** “The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.”

**1 John 1:5** “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

V: 24 Those that are saved shall walk in the light:

**Psalms 119:105** “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

**John 8:12** “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

**Ephesians 5:8** “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

- **Different way of walking with God.**

1. Walk before God, as He observes you.
2. Walk after God, as a servant follows his Master.
3. Walk with God, by His side as a friend.
4. Walk away from God, which is the wrong direction.

V: 25 Back in history, the gates to a city or a castle would be shut at night to keep invaders or marauders out. Here there is no night, and there are no bad guys.

- So the gates are left open all the time.

V: 26 All glory and honor is given unto the Lamb:

**Revelation 4:10** “The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

**Matthew 6:13** “... For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

V: 27 Repeating essentially what was said in V: 8.

- No sin, only those who have been justified by the blood of the Lamb:

**John 14:6** “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”