**ESCAPING WRATH & DEATH, TASTING HEAVEN &**

**RULING IN PARADISE**

***9****For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.* **I Thessalonians 5:9 MEV**

***28****so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many, and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin but to save those who eagerly wait for Him.* **Hebrews 9:28 MEV**

***13****But I would not have you ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.****14****For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.****15****For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who are asleep.****16****For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.****17****Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall be forever with the Lord.****18****Therefore comfort one another with these words.* **I Thessalonians 4:13-18 MEV**

***50****Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.****51****Listen, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.****52****In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.****53****For this corruptible will put on incorruption, and this mortal will put on immortality.****54****When this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then the saying that is written shall come to pass: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+Corinthians+15%3A50-55+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28773a)*]* ***55****“O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?”[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+Corinthians+15%3A50-55+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28774b)**]  I Corinthians 15:50-55 MEV**

***32****Verily, I say to you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.* ***33****Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.* ***34****And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.* ***35****For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.* ***36****Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.* **Luke 21: 32-36 KJVER**

***9****Then I looked. And there was a great multitude which no one could count, from all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.****10****They cried out with a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* ***11****All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures and fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,****12****saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”* ***13****Then one of the elders asked me, “Who are these clothed in white robes, and where did they come from?”* ***14****I said to him, “Sir, you know.” He said to me, “These are those who came out of great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.****15****Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.* ***16****‘They shall neither hunger any more, nor shall they thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,’[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+7%3A9-17+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30827a)*] nor any scorching heat;* ***17****for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and ‘He will lead them to springs of living water.’[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+7%3A9-17+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30828b) *‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’[*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+7%3A9-17+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30828c)*]”* **Revelation 7:9-17 MEV**

*but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and reprove with fairness for the meek of the earth. He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.* ***5****Righteousness shall be the belt of his loins, and faithfulness the belt about his waist.* ***6****The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.* ***7****The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.* ***8****The nursing child shall play by the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.* ***9****They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.* **Isaiah 11:4-9 MEV**

***4****I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and the authority to judge was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness of Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.****5****The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.****6****Blessed and holy is he who takes part in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.* **Revelation 20:4-6 MEV**

***15****“When he returned, having received the kingdom, he summoned these servants, to whom he had entrusted the money, that he might know what everyone gained by trading.* ***16****“The first came, saying, ‘Master, your pound has made ten pounds more.’* ***17****“He said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in very little, take authority over ten cities.’* ***18****“The second came, saying, ‘Master, your pound has made five pounds more.’* ***19****“He said in like manner to him, ‘You, take authority over five cities.’* **Luke 19:15-19 MEV**

***14****Pursue peace with all men, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.* **Hebrews 12:14 MEV**

*15Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father, but is of the* world*. 17The world and its desires are passing away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.* **I John 2:15-17 MEV**