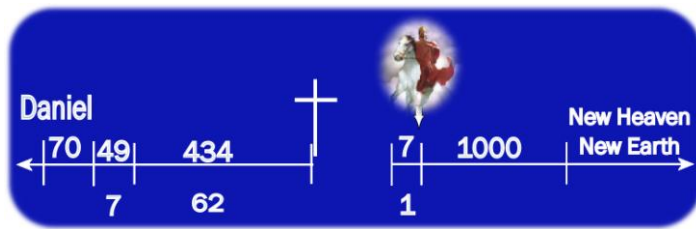


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Digging Deeper



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1. What has been God's overall purpose for men....ever since he first created the earth...and even before that?
(Ephesians 3: 10-13; Isaiah 61: 3)

2. What do you think heaven will be like?

3. Does the thought of eternity make you happy or fearful?

4. Do you give much thought to heaven?

5. Do you think we should be giving a lot of thought to heaven?

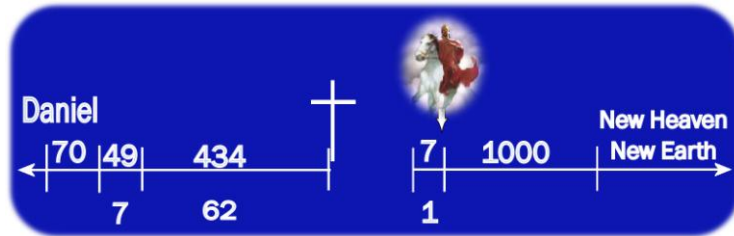
6. "No more sea". To the Jewish mind, the sea was a place of separation and evil. Already in the Book of Revelation it is shown to be the source of the Satanic beast (Rev. 13:1), and the place of the dead (Rev. 20:13). The eternal state (New Heaven & New Earth) is clearly different than the Millennium because of the absence of bodies of water. Look at Ps. 72:8; Isaiah 11:9; Ezekiel 47:10,15,17, 20; 48:28 and Zechariah 9:10;14:8)

7. Problems arise when believers expect this kind of community now, or fail to realize that it only comes down out of heaven. This city (The New Jerusalem) is not, and never can be, the achievement of man, but only a gift from God.

8. The New Jerusalem is distinguished by what it does not have...no tears, no sorrow, no death or pain. Later in Revelation it will be shown that the New Jerusalem has no temple, no sacrifice, no sun, no moon, no darkness, no sin and no abomination.

Cities are places where there are many people, and people interact with each other. This isn't isolation, but a perfect community of the people of God. This is the opposite of the Hindu concept of a blank "Nirvana". It is no "flight of the alone to the Alone", but life in the redeemed community of heaven.

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Fill-in-the-Blank



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Revelation 21: 1-2

1. We are _____ in the Word of God to love and focus on heaven.
Col. 3:1-2
James 4:4
I John 2: 15-17
2. A longing for heaven is one of the surest _____ of genuine salvation.
Luke 12:34
3. A strong longing for heaven brings joy and comfort in the midst of _____.
II Cor. 4:17
4. A strong longing for heaven is a _____ against sin.
(spiritual adultery)
Romans 8: 5-6
5. We should be intentional about thinking and talking about heaven....._____ with friends....spouses...and our children.
Deuteronomy 6: 7-9

6. Reminding ourselves daily that heaven is a _____ from God....based upon His Grace...and that Heaven is not the product of man's attempt to clean up the earth.....helps us keep an accurate understanding of the Gospel Messageand helps us understand God's Prophetic Plan for the ages.
Ephesians 2:8-9

The answers for this page are on page 3.

Answers:

1. told
2. indicators
3. trials
4. preservative
5. every day
6. Gift that comes down