

2. **Destiny: Where am I going?**

The question of destiny must be asked **within** a worldview.

Does everyone go to heaven and *drink* with Jesus?

A. All is nature & Nature is all:

B. All is god & god is all:

C. God created the world but God is **not the world and the world is **not** God:**

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed** us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; **Revelation 5:10** And hast **made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.** **Revelation 5:11** And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain **for** the word of God, and **for** the testimony which they held: **Revelation 6:10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?** **Revelation 6:11** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, **Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.** **Revelation 15:4** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: **for** all nations shall come and worship before thee; **for** thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. **Revelation 16:5** And I heard the angel of the waters say, **Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.** **Revelation 16:6** **For** they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, **and** thou hast given them blood to drink; **for they are worthy.**

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; **and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **Revelation 19:12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. **Revelation 19:13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Revelation 19:14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **Revelation 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: **and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** **Revelation 19:16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Psalms 13:1 **How long** wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? **How long** wilt thou hide thy face from me? **Psalms 13:2** **How long** shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? **How long** shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

What do we find?

➤ **Continuing, personal existence forever!!!**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

John 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. **John 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

John 10:27 My sheep **hear** my voice, and I **know** them, and they **follow** me:

John 10:28 And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall **never** perish, **neither** shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **John 10:29** My Father, which gave them me, **is greater than all**; and **no man** is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. **John 10:30** I and my Father are one.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again **unto** a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **1 Peter 1:4** **To** an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **1 Peter 1:5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith **unto** salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

➤ **Ultimate winners & losers: vindication**

Matthew 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 19:24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew 19:25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, **Who then can be saved?** **Matthew 19:26** But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, **With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; **what shall we have therefore?** **Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Matthew 19:29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. **Matthew 19:30** **But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.**

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

➤ **Justice! Ultimate, absolute, correct justice!**

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. **Revelation 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **Revelation 20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **Revelation 20:14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **Revelation 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

➤ **The Kingdom of God centered around Christ**

Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **Hebrews 1:8** **But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.** **Hebrews 1:9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the **oil of gladness** above thy fellows.

Hebrews 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Hebrews 1:11 They shall perish; **but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;** **Hebrews 1:12** **And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.**

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom;** **2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: **2 Timothy 4:15** Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. **2 Timothy 4:16** At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. **2 Timothy 4:17** Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; **that** by me the preaching might be fully known, **and that** all the Gentiles might hear: **and** I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. **2 Timothy 4:18** **And** the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, **and** will preserve me **unto his heavenly kingdom:** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Kingdom of God will fulfill the deep yearnings of mankind:

Stability → forever and ever

Righteousness

Joy → pure joy, unadulterated

➤ **Shalom (שָׁלוֹם)** – the bounty and blessings of God (peace)

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace (שֵׁרֵי-שָׁלוֹם).** **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of

his government **and peace** (וְשָׁלוֹם) there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

What does this imply?

➤ The presence of God

➤ No more curse

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, **and he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, **and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.** **Revelation 21:4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the former things are passed away.** **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. **Revelation 21:6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

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

Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **Revelation 21:23** And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. **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.** **Revelation 21:25** And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. **Revelation 21:26** **And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.**

➤ The great gathering

Genesis 25:8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; **and was gathered to his people.**

Genesis 35:29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, **and was gathered unto his people**, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 49:33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, **and was gathered unto his people.**

Deuteronomy 32:50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, **and be gathered unto thy people;** as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **John 14:2** 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. **John 14:3** 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. **John 14:4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. **John 14:5** Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? **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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **1 Thessalonians 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **1 Thessalonians 4:15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **1 Thessalonians 4:17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **1 Thessalonians 4:18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

➤ An embodied existence!

1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, **how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?** **1 Corinthians 15:13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **1 Corinthians 15:14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **1 Corinthians 15:15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses

of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 1 Corinthians 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

1 Corinthians 15:20 **But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

1 Corinthians 15:35 **But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?**