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**AN ETERNAL  
PERSPECTIVE**



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,  
Pastor John

## RESOURCES USED

- \* The Companion Bible
- \* Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- \* Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- \* A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- \* Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- \* The American College Dictionary
- \* World's Bible Handbook
- \* The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- \* Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- \* The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- \* God's Plan For Man
- \* Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- \* Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- \* Manners And Customs From the Bible
- \* What The Bible Is All About
- \* Halley's Bible Handbook

*These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!*

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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## OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

*Hosea 4:6*

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

*Proverbs 23:7*

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

*Colossians 1:9*

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

*Proverbs 24:3-5*

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

*Mark 13:10*

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,  
*John and Karen Pelizzari*

## AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

**1 John 2:15**

**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

1. Many church folks still carry on a love affair with the world because they do not have an eternal perspective of heaven.

**1 John 2:15 (NLT)**

**Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.**

2. When you are focused on the here and now, it distracts you from the things of the spirit and your desire to serve Jesus.

**1 John 2:15 (MSG)**

**Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.**

3. The attraction that we have with this world is that it has a lot of “goods” to offer us.

**Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life**

**of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.**

4. Here we see that all of heaven is watching us and that our actions are being recorded.
5. So we should strip off every weight, or the things that distract us or slow us down from serving Jesus.
6. Having an eternal perspective takes the pressure off of worldly time constraints.
7. There are two destinies in regards to eternity:
  - a. Heaven - which is mentioned over 500 times in the Bible.
  - b. Hell - which is mentioned even more than heaven in the Bible.
  - c. And according to the Scriptures, there will be more people going to hell than there will be in heaven.
8. There are three types of heaven mentioned in the Bible.

**2 Corinthians 12:2 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.**

9. The first heaven would be the clouds, our atmosphere.
10. The second heaven consists of the sun, the moon, the stars, galaxies and planets.
11. The third heaven is where God lives. It is beyond the atmosphere and outer space.
12. Notice in this verse that Paul said when he was in heaven he met a man that he recognized.
  - a. So there will be memory in heaven.
  - b. Recognition.
  - c. A spiritual body similar to the one we have on earth, but when the rapture happens it will be united with our physical body but glorified, having removed all imperfections.
13. Heaven is an actual place that exists where both the spiritual and material plane of existence converge.

**Hebrews 8:5 (NLT)** They serve in a place of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the design I have shown you here on the mountain."

14. Earth is a replica of heaven, a copy.

**Hebrews 8:5 (MSG)** These priests provide only a hint of what goes on in the true sanctuary of heaven...

15. We could conclude then that heaven may also be a planet like earth.

**Hebrews 11:16** But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

16. Here we see heaven is called a better country. You can't have a country without a planet.

**Hebrews 11:16 (NLT)** But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland...

17. To have a homeland means that there are other places that one could settle in.

**Hebrews 11:16 (MSG)** But they were after a far better country than that—heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.

18. In that country there is a city. So you see, if earth is a replica of heaven, then is it possible that heaven is a large round planet like earth?

**Isaiah 14:12-13** [12] How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

19. Here we gain some insight to heaven:

- a. Satan and his angels were exiled from heaven.
- b. Ascend into heaven shows us that it is upward.

- c. **Mount of the congregation** shows that there are mountains in heaven or at least one.
- d. Sides of the north gives us the location of heaven, the northern hemisphere of space.
- e. North is always up, south is always down.
- f. **Psalm 75:6-7 [6] For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. [7] But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.**
  - 1. East, west, south is mentioned; no north, meaning promotion comes from the northern region, where God dwells.....promotion comes from God only.

**Isaiah 14:13 (NLT) For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.**

20. Mountain of the gods...that's another teaching within itself.

**Isaiah 14:13 (MSG) You said to yourself, "I'll**

**climb to heaven. I'll set my throne over the stars of God. I'll run the assembly of angels that meets on sacred Mount Zaphon.**

- 21. Mount Zaphon is Mount Zion (sion), the mountain of God.
- 22. On a side note, notice that Lucifer at one time had a kingdom jurisdiction, because he had a throne. You don't have a throne unless you have a kingdom. You don't have a kingdom unless you have a place and people to govern. That's another teaching within itself.
- 23. Let's look at the City of God, 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,**

24. So in heaven, the City of God is on a mountain.

**Revelation 21:10-11 (MSG) [10] He took me away in the Spirit to an enormous, high**

**mountain and showed me Holy Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God, [11] resplendent in the bright glory of God.**

25. So from a distance, the City of God would appear triangular or pyramid like.

**Revelation 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;**

26. The city is alive with colors.

**Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:**

27. Around the city is a great wall guarded by 12 angels.

28. Each gate is named after a patriarch from the Old Testament from the 12 tribes of Israel.

**Revelation 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.**

29. Three gates on each side.

**Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

**Revelation 21:14 (NLT) The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

30. The city walls has 12 foundation stones that have the names of the apostles written on them.

**Revelation 21:15 (NLT) The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.**

31. For some reason, God wants us to know how large the city is.

**Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.**

32. We are introduced to a measurement called furlongs. Twelve thousand furlongs equals 1500 miles square, not square miles.

- a. Some translations say this is 1400 miles square.

**Revelation 21:16 (NLT)** When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, it was in the form of a cube, for its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles.

**Revelation 21:16 (MSG)** The City was laid out in a perfect square. He measured the City with the measuring stick: twelve thousand stadia, its length, width, and height all equal.

33. So we see it is a perfect square at its base. If we take the 1500 translation, then we see:

- a. This equals to 2,250,000 square miles per level, with the number of levels being unknown.
- b. So that means it is 1500 miles from North - south, 1500 miles from east to west and 1500 miles high.

- c. To you and I, that would be as about as wide as the United States and as long as the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico and 1500 miles high.

**Revelation 21:17** And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

34. Again we face a little difference in translation. 144 cubits would be translated to about 300 feet, which would roughly be equivalent to a 22 story building laid sideways.

**Revelation 21:17 (NLT)** Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (the angel used a standard human measure).

35. This version translates it into 216 feet.

**Revelation 21:18-21 (MSG)** [18] The wall was jasper, the color of Glory, and the City was pure gold, translucent as glass. [19] The foundations of the City walls were garnished with every precious gem imaginable: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the

third agate, the fourth emerald, [20] the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. [21] The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate a single pearl. The main street of the City was pure gold, translucent as glass.

36. The seafood lovers will notice that the size of the pearl would require a massive oyster.
- a. We also see a blending of the colors like that of a rainbow.

**Revelation 21:22 (NLT)** No temple could be seen in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

37. It was no longer required to go to a building to talk about God, now you go to God and talk to Him.

**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.**

38. No created source of light will be needed.
- a. The glory of God the Father will illuminate the city and Jesus will be our light.

**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.

39. These are the survivors of the tribulation period.

**Revelation 21:25 (NLT)** Its gates never close at the end of day because there is no night.

40. Since there will be no more enemy to deal with, there will be no need to close the gates.

**Revelation 21:26-27** [26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. [27] And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

41. Here is an interesting verse to dissect.

42. We are told that no one who is defiled, works abominations and liars, all characteristics of satan, will not be allowed in the city.
- a. Does that mean those people living outside the city may still be practicing this?
  - b. Or is it making it obvious that these types of people have been dealt with and it is just a policy of the New Jerusalem?
  - c. Because this shows restricted / privileged access only.
43. Allow me to give you some nuggets concerning heaven. In heaven:
- a. There are horses because Jesus and His saints are returning with them...**Revelation 19:21**.
  - b. There are books in heaven...The Lamb's Book of Life, the Book of Works / Deeds, the Book of Recorded Conversations (Malachi 3).
  - c. There are the finest of antique furniture in heaven...lamp stand, table of shewbread.
  - d. River in heaven flowing out of God's throne.
  - e. Trees and fruit in heaven.
  - f. Unusual beings in heaven...4 faced creatures, zoe/living creatures (Ezekiel), seraphim, cherubim and other different angelic beings.
- g. Two men, Enoch and Elijah who have lived in heaven for several thousand years now without ever having experienced physical death.
  - h. Heaven is more anxious to be with us than we are to be with it.
44. Are you prepared to go to heaven?
45. Heaven is more of a reality than people ever think about.
46. It is not a bunch of clouds glued together with little fay toilet paper pushing angels and people in long white robes doing nothing all day long.
47. In heaven, there are a number of people waiting to be reunited with us.
48. When the trumpet sounds, will you lift off or be left behind?

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