

- In Genesis we find a mist (2:6) watering the ground and rivers about (2:10). In Revelation we have “a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal.” (22:1)
- Genesis has a central tree, the tree of life (Gen. 2:9) and Revelation has “the tree of life...for the healing of the nations.” (21:23)
- God feeds us physically. God quenches our thirst. These are pictures of a deeper spiritual reality. It is God who quenches our spiritual hunger and thirst and will do so for eternity.

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for prayer after the service.**  
“...pray for one another...” **James 5:16**

# **THE BEGINNING AND THE END AND THE BEGINNING**

## **REVELATION CHAPTERS TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY TWO**

### **1. NEW BEGINNINGS AND ULTIMATE ENDINGS INTO BEGINNINGS ARE CENTERED IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE.**

*Genesis 1:1-2*

*John 1:1-5*

*Revelation 21:1-2*

- It is the God of the Bible who created the worlds, “hovering over” the earth to create a place for His creation.
- It is the God of the Bible who created “a new heaven and a new earth.” God is the center of it all. When God is the center of our lives we are preparing for eternity.

### **2. WE CONQUER THROUGH A FAITH THAT BELIEVES THAT GOD RULES.**

*Hebrews 11:3*

*Revelation 21:2*

- God created the worlds by “the word of God.”
- What God desired came to pass because God rules. In Revelation we see that God “prepared” the New Jerusalem.
- Only an ultimate ruler can speak, prepare and bring to pass all that He has intended.
- This faith allows us to conquer in all the circumstances that seem to go against God's word and preparation, but which in fact, God is using to advance His kingdom.
- God is the center of both creations. In Genesis God is ruling over all as creator. In Revelation God is ruling over all as fulfiller of His intents and promises.

### 3. FROM GOOD TO WICKED TO PERFECTED

*Genesis 1:10*  
*Genesis 6:5*  
*2 Peter 3:13*

- Genesis shows the first earth. Revelation shows the new earth.
- In Genesis God creates a perfect earth where “sin would dwell.”
- In Revelation God creates a new heaven and a new earth “wherein righteousness

dwells” for those who overcome in the first earth.

### 4. THE GREAT DIVIDING LINE

*Genesis 1:3-5*  
*Revelation 21:7-8*

- In Genesis we have a physical division (light and darkness, etc.).
- In Revelation we have a spiritual division between those who will or will not be in the new earth (Rev. 21:7-8).
- In Genesis God rested after the creation.
- In Revelation we “rest from all our earthly labors.”

### 5. LIFE THAT GROWS AND LIFE THAT FLOWS

*Genesis 1:11*  
*Genesis 2:10*  
*John 6:47-51*  
*John 7:37-39*  
*Revelation 22:1-2*

- Both Genesis and Revelation give prominence to water and rivers.