

**REVELATION Lesson 204**  
**Chapter 22:1-5 New Jerusalem**

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In verses 1 through 5, we've got life from Jesus Christ, the river of life, the tree of life, and healing leaves. Everything pertains to life in the New Jerusalem.

**The pure river of water of life** (vs 1)

**Psalm 36:8**            This river stands for pleasures.

**Psalm 1:3**            This river represents prosperity.

The pleasures and the prosperity we may enjoy **in this world** today are not pure. There is an added mixture of the things of the world, trials, burdens, disappointments, etc.

The pleasures and prosperity that we will enjoy **in the New Jerusalem** is pure. There is nothing worldly or dark or bad to ruin the good times we'll have there.

**Tainted water rendered "Water of Life:"**

Whiskey            Scotland

Intoxicating Liquor    Gallic word "Uisgebeatha"    ←All these words mean "water of life."

Brandy            French word "Eaudevai"

Aquavit Vodka    Swedan

Once you have access to the **real living water**, you'll never thirst again (John 4:14) and out of your belly will flow rivers of living water (John 7:38).

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**Tree of life, twelve manner of fruits** (vs2)

It is uncertain whether all twelve fruits are on the tree of life every month, or a different one of the twelve fruits each month.

Notice "**fruits**" is plural in this verse. The "**fruit of the Spirit**" consists of nine things, but "**fruit**" is singular there (Galatians 5:22-23).

**Leaves...for the healing of the nations** (vs 2)

The application of this statement is limited to the **tree of life** which exists in **eternity**. You cannot use this verse to try and convince people to eat leaves from your health food store today.

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**There shall be no more curse** (vs 3)

All the trouble in this world that resulted from the curse that fell upon man in the garden will be gone.

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## Seven looks at the city (Rev 21-22)

1. The bride (21:9)
2. The wall, the foundations with the names of the apostles (21:14)
3. No temple there (21:22)
4. No need of sun or moon (21:23)
5. Nothing that defiles shall enter the city (21:27)
6. A pure river of water of life (22:1)
7. No more curse (22:3).

These will all be interesting things to see in eternity, but there is one thing mentioned in each of these verses that makes eternity so glorious: **the Lamb!**

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## His servants shall serve him (vs 3)

In eternity, God will give us something to do that will give us a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. We will not sit around for eternity doing nothing. God does not slumber or sleep (Ps 121:4). We are made in the image of God (Gen 9:6). We'll be gainfully employed for eternity serving the Lord and worshipping Him (**Matthew 4:10**).

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## His name shall be in their foreheads (vs 4)

If you want to promote something or wear something for others to see, the best thing to do is stand up for Jesus. Instead of wearing a sports team or a clothing brand on your shirt or hat, let people read something about the Lord.

Biblical example: Jesus will let others see in writing (upon his own vesture) that He is King of kings, and Lord of lords (Rev 19:16) and The Word of God (Rev 19:13).

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## Seven complete and perfect statements about eternity (vs 3-5)

1. There **shall** be no more curse (vs 3).
2. The throne of God and of the Lamb **shall** be in New Jerusalem (vs 3).
3. His servants **shall** serve him (vs 3).
4. They **shall** see his face (vs 4).
5. His name **shall** be in their foreheads (vs 4).
6. There **shall** be no night there (vs 5).
7. They **shall** reign for ever and ever (vs 5).

God gave us His word that all these things are true and we can expect to see them.

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