NO MORE CURSE

In the heavenly Eden John saw no more curse (Rev 22:3).

Adam was cursed when he sinned. He'd toil in the soil, banished from the blessed ground of Eden. At earth-life's end, in the cursed dust he'd be buried (Gen 3:17-19).

However a worse curse was pronounced before Adam's disobedience.

"From the tree of knowledge of good and evil you must not eat. In the day you eat of it, you shall surely die" (Gen 2:15-17).

The very day he sinned, Adam became "dead in sin" (Eph 2:1-2).

Now in John's vision of the heavenly Eden, he sees no cursed tree, but only the tree of Life —no cursed ground, no cursed person, no more curse forever.

THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB

The source of the river is the throne of the Lamb —Jesus Christ.

He has conquered all sin and death and thrown it all into the lake of fire (Rev 20:10,14-15).

His kingdom is life eternal (Heb 12:22-29).

HIS SLAVES WORSHIP HIM

The word translated "bondservants" here is δοῦλος doulos, slave.

Joseph was a slave in Egypt yet at the same time reigned with Pharaoh as ruler of all Egypt.

Likewise the slaves of Christ reign with Christ. By calling his followers slaves, Christ expresses their level of devotion and obedience in response to his great love for them (1Jn 4:9-10).

THEY WILL SEE HIS FACE

A test of our present faith is that we do not see Jesus. A promises of our present hope is that we shall see him face to face (1Pe 1:8-9, 1Jn 3:2-3).

HIS NAME ON THEIR FOREHEADS

In the visions of Revelation, everyone is marked —either with the name of the beast (Rev 13:16-17, 14:9-11) or with the name of Jesus (Rev 3:12, 14:1, cf Rev 19:13,16).

God's decree and predetermined counsel has always been that every human being should wear Christ's name.

People wear the beast's name by their own choice in rebellion against God's will. God is able, and ever willing, to replace the mark of the beast with the mark of His Son's name.

GOD WILL SHINE ON THEM

After world's end, people will dwell where no sun shines —either in "outer darkness" (Mt 22:13) or in "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2Co 4:6).

Again this is our choice.

THEY'LL REIGN FOREVER

The thousand year reign (Rev 20:6) represents the reign of Christ on earth between his first and second comings.

After his second coming his kingdom does not end. Rather it continues in heaven where he and his faithful will "reign for ever and ever" (Rev 22:5).

“His slaves will worship him. They will see his face.”