

Revelation Series

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Inheriting the Kingdom
Rev. 21:7–8

**Isa. 55:1, “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes,
come, buy wine and milk without money and without
price.”**

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**Rev. 22:17, “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’
And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who
thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of
life freely.”**

Isa. 64:5, “You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved.

Isa. 64:6, “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”

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Seven Kinds of Death in the Bible

1. **Spiritual Death**
2. **Physical Death:** Matt. 8:22; 2 Cor. 5:1–8; Romans 8:38, 39; Phil. 1:21.
3. **Sexual Death:** Romans 4:16–21; Heb. 11:11, 12.
4. **Production Death:** James 2:16
5. **Carnal Death:** Romans 8:6, 13; Eph. 5:14; 1 Timothy 5:6; James 1:15; Revelation 3:1; Luke 15:24, 32.
6. **Positional Death:** Romans 6
7. **Second Death**

- 1. The term “second death” is used four times in the New Testament including our passage. All four are in Revelation.**

Revelation 2:11, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the **second death.**”

Rev. 20:14, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

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1. **Who are the unrighteous (ἀδικέω, *adikoī*)? (v. 9)?**
2. **What does it mean to “inherit the kingdom”? (v. 9, 10)**

1. **The concept of inheriting the kingdom is understood in two radically different ways, to “enter the kingdom,” and “to have a share in the privileges and possessions in the kingdom.”**



2. The term *inherit the kingdom* is used in 6 passages (Matt. 25:34; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5).



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1 Corinthians 6:11, “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”



Delphi

Patara

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Athens

Corinth

Isthmia

Olympia

Nemea

3

Peloponnese

3. Saronic Gulf
4. Gulf of Corinth

Mediterranean Sea

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- 1. Divisive, fractious, 1 Cor. 1:10ff**
- 2. Enthralled by Greek pagan philosophies, 1 Cor. 1:25ff**
- 3. Carnal: jealous, strife, 1 Cor. 3:1–3**
- 4. Self-important, 4:8**
- 5. Boasting, 1:29, 3:18, 4:7**
- 6. Arrogant, 3:6, 4:7, 4:18**
- 7. Licentious, morally permissive, ch. 5**
- 8. Sexually immoral, ch. 7**
- 9. Gluttonous drunkards, ch. 11**
- 10. Self-absorbed and pagan in their view of the gifts, 12–14**

Two Key Interpretive Words

ἄδικος *ádikos*; unrighteous or
unsaved

κληρονομέω *klēronoméō*; inherit,
possess

Cowardly
Unclean person
Sorcery
Contentious
Outburst of wrath
Dissension
Envy
Revelry
Idolaters
Homosexuals
Thieves
Drunks
Extortioners
Sorcerers

Unbelieving
Lewdness
Hatred
Jealous
Selfish ambition
Heresy
Murder
Fornicators
Adulterers
Sodomites
Covetous
Revilers
Detestable
Liars

Colossians 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:25, “But he who does wrong [*adikeo*] will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.”

Galatians 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Galatians 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,”

Galatians 5:21, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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