

Revelation New Heaven And New Earth

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New Heaven and New Earth! Chapters 21 and 22 is an explanation of the incomprehensible!

Revelation 21:1–4 (ESV) O/H

Then I saw a **new** (different) heaven and a **new** (different) earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, **new** (different) Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “**Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**” ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and **death shall be no more**, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for **the former things have passed away.**”

Heaven is the ultimate fulfillment of Scripture:

Leviticus 26:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. ¹² And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV)

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk
among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Revelation 21:5–8 (ESV) O/H

⁵ And God who was seated on the throne said, **“Behold, I am making all things new (different).”** Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. **To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.** ⁷ **The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.** ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers (drug use), idolaters (living for pleasure), and all liars, their portion will be in **the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**”

Everyone experiences death, but only unbelievers experience the second death in the Lake of Fire!

Revelation 21:9 (ESV)

Then came one of **the seven angels** who had **the seven bowls** full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, **“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”**

The parallelism with Rev.17:1 of the 7 angels and the 7 bowls of wrath is clearly oblivious. This contrasts the judgment of the Great Prostitute with the blessing of the Bride, the wife of the Lamb!

In Revelation, the last book of the Bible we see the Bride, the wife of the Lamb! In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, God established marriage covenant with Adam and Eve. The NT proclaims the divine nature of marriage. Ultimately through marriage we see the eternal picture of the oneness and the intimacy we will experience with Christ.

Attacks on marriage are attacks on God and HIS divine revelation of Christ and the church!

Ephesians 5:25, 32 (ESV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

³² **This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.**

The heavenly picture of the Bride of Christ!

Revelation 21:10–14, 22 (ESV)

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me **the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,** ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and **on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed. ...** ¹⁴ **And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...** ²¹ **And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.**

The composite of the Bride of Christ includes all OT and NT believers. In the OT, the temple was always a means to approach God. Here there is not a temple because God literally dwells among us!

In Heaven God is the essence of all things!

Revelation 21:23–26 (ESV) O/H

²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for **the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.** ²⁴ **By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,** ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ **They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.**

This is a picture of access, oneness, and intimacy with God. The totality of the city encompasses all the people who make up the Bride of Christ. Life in the Age to come will certainly involve continuing activities and relationships that will contribute to the glory of the Holy relationship throughout eternity. This is continual intimacy with Jesus with all evil eradicated!

Revelation 21:27 (ESV)

But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but **only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.**



In Genesis Paradise is created. In Revelation Paradise is Regained!

Revelation 22:1-2 (ESV)

Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb** ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life** with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

This may be literal, but it is also symbolic representing the continuous eternal, life giving, presence of God. In John 4:14, we are given insight to the life giving water:

John 4:14 (ESV)

Jesus said, "The water that I will give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The angel continues his description of the purity of heaven and our intimacy with God!

Revelation 22:3-5 (ESV)

³ **No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. (NIV) ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, **for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.**

Jesus shouts forth the truth of HIS return and to the importance of what is written in this Book!

Revelation 22:7 (ESV) O/H

And behold, I am coming soon **(swift, quick, imminent)**. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

John is instructed to speak about what has been shown to him because Jesus' return is imminent.

Revelation 22:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ And he said to me, **"Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.** ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

We are not to get bogged down with the evil of others. We are told to leave them alone and focus on living for God.

Again Jesus shouts forth the truth of HIS return when HE will bring judgment.

Revelation 22:12-13 (ESV)

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon (**swift, quick, imminent**), bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Jesus closes Revelation by declaring that HE is the author of this message!

Revelation 22:16 (ESV)

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

After Jesus proclaims Himself the author of this message, HE tell the church what to do!

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) O/H

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future