

# REVELATION

The New Heaven and  
New Earth

(Revelation 21:1~5)

2 Corinthians 3:16-18: So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us an **eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison**, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

*Revelation 21:5: And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

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make all things new.

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A. God will make a new heaven and a new earth.

❖ Revelation 21:1: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

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❖ Isaiah 65:17-18: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. **But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;** for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

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❖ Some doubted the Second Coming of Christ, but Peter pointed to Creation and the Flood to show that things have not remained the same since the beginning of time.

*2 Peter 3:10: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

*2 Peter 3:13: But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

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2. Some speculate about how God will make this new heaven and new earth.

- ❖ Some say God melts down and reuses the elements of this universe.
- ❖ Some say God again creates out of nothing.
- ❖ The Bible doesn't give the details, but the main point is that God makes it new.



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3. God says there will be no more sea.

❖ Geography will be very different than today.

❖ This doesn't mean there is no water at all (streams, rivers, lakes).

❖ Why?

❖ Perhaps one reason is simply to give more land for believers to inhabit.

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4. Why does God make a new heaven and new earth?

- ❖ We live in a sin-cursed world and see the effects of sin all around us.
- ❖ Has there ever been sin in heaven?
- ❖ Satan sinned in heaven, and Job 1-2 and Revelation 12 show God still permitted him some access to heaven.

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## B. God will also make a new Jerusalem.

- ❖ Revelation 21:2: And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- ❖ Revelation 21:9-22:5 gives much more detail about the new Jerusalem.
- ❖ The new Jerusalem is the focal point of this new creation: it receives far more attention than anything else.

## 2. God is restoring the relationship between Himself and humanity.

- ❖ Revelation 21:3-4: 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. 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.”

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- ❖ The whole Bible has been leading up to Revelation 21:3 ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden.
- ❖ God has often spoken of dwelling with His people, and the final fulfillment will be in eternity.

*Leviticus 26:3-4: If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.*

*Leviticus 26:11-12: I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.*

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- ❖ Israel failed to keep this covenant, and Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord depart.
- ❖ In Revelation 21, God will dwell with His people for all of eternity.

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❖ Revelation 3:12: The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.



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B. As God restores this relationship, He also removes sorrow.

❖ Revelation 21:4: 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.

### 3. God makes two announcements.

❖ Revelation 21:5: And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

A. God declares that He is making all things new.

❖ In Genesis 1-2, God created all things to be very good. But sin wreaked havoc in the world.

❖ The implication is that He is making things *better* than they currently are.

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B. God declared that these things are true.

- ❖ Since Revelation 1, John has repeatedly been commanded to write what he has seen.
- ❖ God declares these things to be trustworthy and true. They will happen.
- ❖ As we go through difficult times in life, we can hold on to God's promises.

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- ❖ 2 Peter 3:3-4: Knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”
- ❖ Contrary to their claim, God directly asserts that He will fulfil His promise to make all things new.

# **Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?**

- We see the creation of the new heaven, earth, and Jerusalem. We see the promise of no more sorrow as we dwell with God.
- We see Peter say this earth is destroyed by fire.
- 2 Peter 3:11: Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?

# Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- Knowing these things should change our priorities: we should invest in things that will last for eternity.
- *How* can we invest in things that will last for eternity?
- God will fulfill His promise to make all things new.

NEXT TIME:

Revelation 21:6-8

- Promises to the One Who Conquers