

Revelation 21:1-8  
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The New Heaven and the New Earth (1-4) (Isaiah 65:17-25)

***The earth is transformed for the millennium, but made completely new for heaven***

Old is passed away (II Peter 3:10 / Revelation 20:11)

***Even the elements are melted as earth & sky flee from His Presence***

Out of heaven from God ***we have already been gathered to heaven (I Thess. 4:17)***

Place that was prepared for us (John 14:1-3)

***Jesus is preparing a home for His Bride***

Prepared as a bride beautifully dressed (Ephesians 5:26)

***Living stones woven into the fabric of this city***

Order of things has changed

***Heaven is no longer separate from earth – death has been defeated (I Cor. 15:26)***

God dwells with us (Exodus 33:14-16 / John 1:14)

***More than His Presence, more than among us – He dwells with us!***

God wipes away every tear (I Corinthians 15:51-54)

***Every reason that would bring us tears is removed (except tears of joy)***

The One Seated on the Throne (5) ***our Lord Jesus Christ***

He makes all things new (II Corinthians 5:17)

***We are a new creation with new bodies given a new place to live.***

His words are trustworthy and true (Proverbs 30:5)

***He will do ALL that He has promised!***

The Work is Done by the Alpha and Omega (6-8)

***His plan from the beginning, every event orchestrated to this end (Ephesians 3:8-11)***

Offers us to drink without cost (Isaiah 55:1-2 / Revelation 22:17)

***Satisfying every desire of our souls – ALL through JESUS!***

Overcomers will inherit all of this (Revelation chapters 2&3 / I John 5:1-5)

***Those who have put their faith in Jesus***

Outer place – those excluded from heaven

The unbelieving ... resulting in: (I Corinthians 6:9-10/Galatians 5:19-21/

Ephesians 5:5) ***those who live according to the flesh***

***Including all liars – I'm so thankful for the CROSS***

The second death – the fiery lake of burning sulfur (II Thessalonians 1:8-9)

***Forever separated from God (Love, Light, Goodness)***

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In what ways is our final home in heaven even greater than the Garden of Eden and the Kingdom of Christ on earth? (Genesis 3:1 / Revelation 20:8 / John 14:1-3 / Psalm 73:23-26)

***Unlike the Garden – there is no tempter***

***Unlike the Millennium – there is no sin-nature***

***Unlike the Garden – every human soul has been redeemed (Revelation 5:9-10)***

***Unlike the Millennium – each person has a place specifically designed for them***

***We will dwell forever in the same place as our Creator and our Redeemer***

How can the Bride of Christ be both the church and the Heavenly City?

(Ephesians 2:19-22; 5:25-32 / John 14:1-3 / I Peter 2:4-5)

***God is creating a Bride for His Son through each redeemed person and transforming each one according to His purpose and design. The church is a part of His temple, each one a living stone to show forth His character and His Presence. The place being made for us is perfectly designed for each living stone. We are woven into the fabric of the New Jerusalem. (further explanation will be offered when we are there 😊)***

How can we know His Word is true? (Psalms 18:30; 119:89, 96; 138:2 / Proverbs 24:35 / Matthew 24:35 / John 17:17) (Joshua 21:45; 23:14 / Isaiah 44:24-26 / Ezekiel 12:28 / II Corinthians 1:20) (John 7:17; 8:31-32 / Hebrews 5:11-14 / James 1:21-22)

***We can know because of His testimony: His Word is flawless and perfect. His Word is eternal and boundless. His Word is truth.***

***We can know because of fulfilled prophecy: His completes every thing that He promises. He carries out the words of His servants and fulfills the predictions of His messengers. He will accomplish what is left undone. And every promise finds its 'YES' in Jesus.***

***We can know by walking in obedience to His Word: then we will know it is true, then we will be set free, then we will become mature, and then we will not be deceived***

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