

# THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

Rev. 21:1-8

Study #44

**Introduction:** Finally, the questions "What will eternity be like? What will it be like to live with God in person forever and ever?" will be answered. All bad and negative things will be gone. All things made new. The human mind cannot grasp the significance of God's statement that "all things will be made new." All mankind has ever know is tears, sorrow, crying, pain, corruption, sin, temptation and death. No one can possibly imagine a life without those things, yet, that is exactly the life and world that is coming. This study tells all about this wonderful time that is coming.

## I. THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WILL BE RECREATED

1. All the heavenly bodies and the immediate heavens above the earth that are known today will be destroyed and created anew. (Nothing will be the same)
  - changed weather, etc.
  - changed universe
2. This earth will be destroyed and a new earth created.
  - perfect for every living thing
  - the seas? Two theories: the sea will be gone; the sea will be remade.

## II. IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PERSON

1. God will bring down from heaven His capital city called the New Jerusalem.
2. God's presence will be forever upon the new earth, never more to be removed from His people.
  - He will dwell in His Tabernacle set up on earth in the capital city of New Jerusalem which God will bring down from Heaven.
  - For the first time since Eden, God will fellowship directly with His children.
  - All God's children will work, serve, fellowship, and play in His direct presence.

## III. ALL THINGS WILL BE PERFECT

1. Life will be perfect.
  - God's children will have new, perfect, everlasting bodies.
  - The lives of God's children will be perfect. Nothing will ever hurt them again.
  - The environment will be perfect.
  - Life will be the "utopia" every human has dreamed of, except far greater than any human ever dared dream or could even conceive in the mind.
2. There are three assurances that all things will be perfect:
  - God, Himself, assures us. God spoke the words Himself.
  - God's Holy Word assures us. God instructed the same in His written Word.

- God's Sovereignty assures us. God is God! He is the beginning and the end.  
All things have their existence and meaning in God. He has already  
spoken it. It shall come to pass. (What can stop it?)

#### **IV. NOT EVERYONE WHO HAS LIVED WILL BE THE CITIZENS OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND EARTH**

1. Those who have thirsted for the water of life will be the inhabitants of God's new heavens and earth.
  - thirsted after God
  - thirsted after the Godly life
  - thirsted after God's promises
  
2. Those who have "overcome" will be the citizens of God's new creation.
  - overcome the world
  - overcome temptations
  - overcome sin
  - overcome death and the grave
  
3. Those rejected from the new heavens and earth are identified by God:
  - the fearful, cowardly - rejected Jesus because of what others might say and afraid to give up the world - or afraid to take a stand for Jesus.
  - the unbelieving - refused to believe in Jesus with the heart
  - the abominable, polluted - worldly, lustful, refused to part from the world.
  - the murderers - killers, life takers
  - the whoremongers, immoral - sexually impure, fornicators, adulterers
  - the sorcerers - witchcraft, astrology, devil and demon worship, fortune telling, spiritism and the like.
  - the idolaters - idol worshippers, real and mental (anything taking God's place).
  - Any person who never entrusted him/herself into the hands of Jesus Christ for whatever reason will be denied entrance into God's new order but will have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone.

#### **CONCLUSION**

1. There is already in order an entire new order given by God, Himself. It remains only to be brought into existence by God.
2. Only those who are called by God, His Children, shall be citizens of the new Order.
3. All mankind that has not entrusted him/herself into the hands of Jesus, the Son of God, shall be denied citizenship in God's new earth and heavens and will be cast into the lake of fire for all eternity.
4. Only God's patience with and love for all mankind has delayed God's ultimate climax of human history. Now is the time for salvation. Only NOW.