

# THE NEW CREATION

Week Eighteen (Revelation 21:1–22:5)



A dramatic landscape painting. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright, golden light source is visible at the top center, casting a beam of light down. The foreground shows a lush forest with green trees and rocky terrain. The overall mood is one of awe and grandeur.

**LIBERTI**

# REVELATION

**COURAGE FOR TODAY,  
CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE.**

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*Now suppose both death and hell were utterly defeated. Suppose the fight was fixed. Suppose God took you on a crystal ball trip into your future and you saw with indubitable certainty that despite everything – your sin, your smallness, your stupidity – you could have free for the asking your whole crazy heart's deepest desire: heaven, eternal joy. Would you not return fearless & singing? What can earth do to you, if you are guaranteed heaven? To fear the worst earthly loss would be like a millionaire fearing the loss of a penny – less, a scratch on a penny.*

**Peter Kreeft**

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**21** 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

*Revelation 21:1–3*

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

*Revelation 21:1–3*

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<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

*Romans 8:18–21*

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<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

*Romans 8:18–21*

# THE NEW COMMUNITY

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<sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

*Revelation 21:7–8*



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<sup>9</sup> 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.” <sup>10</sup> 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,

*Revelation 21:9–11*

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<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

*Revelation 21:9–11*

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<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> 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.

*Revelation 21:22–23*

# THE NEW RELATIONSHIP

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**22** 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 <sup>2</sup> 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.

*Revelation 22:1–5*

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<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> 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.

*Revelation 22:1–5*

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<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have  
been fully known.

*1 Corinthians 13:12*

*We thus arrive at perhaps the greatest image of new creation, of cosmic renewal, in the whole Bible...It is the final answer to the Lord's Prayer, that God's kingdom will come and his will be done on earth as in heaven.*

**N.T. Wright**

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<sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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.”

*Revelation 21:4–5*