

The New Heaven and New Earth

Phil 3:20 Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Cor 2:9 But as it is written,

**What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived—
God has prepared these things for those who love him.^[a]**

John 14:1-3 “Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.

I. Getting there....

Heaven and earth will pass away

II Peter 3:10–12 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief;^[a] on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed.^{[b][c]} ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness ¹²as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming.^[d] Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat.

II. The new heaven and earth

--Everything will be new

Rev 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.

--Everyone will be satisfied

Rev 21:3-4 ³Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:^[a] Look, God’s dwelling^[b] is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples,^[c] and God himself will be with them and will be their God.^[d] ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things^[e] have passed away.

--The new heaven and earth will have a new city of Jerusalem

Rev 21:¹⁰ He then carried me away in the Spirit^[h] to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹arrayed with God’s glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

It will be huge!

Rev :15-17¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 *stadia*.^[i] Its length, width, and height are

equal. ¹⁷Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used. ¹⁸The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold clear as glass

It will be bright

Rev 21:11¹¹ arrayed with God's glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹², 22-23 I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

It will have high walls

Rev 21:12,¹²The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons were inscribed on the gates.

It will have 12 gates

Rev 21:12-13 The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons were inscribed on the gates. ¹³There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ,

It will have 12 foundations decorated with precious stones

Rev 21:19-20. ¹⁹The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of jewel: the first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

It will have streets made of gold

Rev 21:21 The main street[□] of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.