



HTV Cribs – New Earth Edition, Part 2

Revelation 21:1-4

Heaven In View

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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.

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

³ 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.

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."

1. New Earth – When and Where?

A. When? – After the great white throne judgment of Christ. (Rev. 20:11-15)

1. After the “thousand years” spoken of in Rev. 20:1-6. What is the 1000-year reign of Christ with His people?
 - a. Premillennialism (Jesus returns BEFORE a literal 1000-year earthly reign.)
 - b. Amillennialism (NO 1000-year earthly reign. Jesus reigns in Heaven now.)
 - c. Postmillennialism (Jesus returns AFTER a long Church Age where the gospel is spread and received almost entirely throughout the earth.)
2. What does “the first resurrection” spoken of in Rev. 21:5 refer to?
 - a. Premillennialism – The bodily resurrection of believers at Jesus’ second coming.
 - b. Amillennialism – The resurrection of believers at death from earth to heaven.
 - c. Postmillennialism – The spiritual resurrection of believers when they get saved.

B. Where? – On Earth, with Heaven coming down to join with Earth. (Rev. 21:1-3)

2. New Earth – Completely Recreated or Merely Renewed?

A. It's easy to think the earth will be destroyed before it is recreated. (Psalm 102:25–26; Luke 21:33; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 21:1)

B. But that is NOT the case.

1. The earth, though thoroughly impacted by sin, is not evil in and of itself. Rather, God said, “It was good.”
2. God's words to Noah after the flood prove that the word “destroy” does not necessarily mean to dematerialize.
3. Something does not have to be completely destroyed in order to be made new. (2 Cor. 5:17)
4. Just as believers will be renewed and refreshed at the return of Christ, so will the earth. (Rom. 8:18–22; Acts 3:19–21)

3. New Earth – Familiar or Not?

A. Yes!

B. It will be amazingly familiar! It will be home...!

1. It will be familiar.
2. It will be a place together with loved ones.
3. It will be perfectly safe and secure.
4. It will be a place where we are known and loved.
5. It will be made for us.
6. It will be where we belong.

3. New Earth – Familiar or Not?

A. Yes!

B. It will be amazingly familiar! It will be home...!

C. It will be wonderfully unfamiliar! It will be a heavenly home...!