

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

Revelation 21:1-8

Introduction: Utopia, a place where everything is perfect in life is no place on this present earth and only exists in our dreams. Every attempt by man over the years to make a place of Utopia on this earth has failed miserably. The problem is the only people we have to deal with on this earth are sinners: Romans 3:10. We somehow realize we were made for a better world. Our Lord taught us that Utopia will only come in one way: Matthew 6:10. This is the hope of every true believer: Hebrew 11:13-16. We are all homesick for the New Heaven and the New Earth.

I. THE PROMISE OF A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH!

Isaiah prophesied in his day of the New Heaven and the New Earth: Isaiah 65:17-19; Isaiah 66:22-23. Isaiah saw a bright future for his people and for Jerusalem. In the New Testament we see the same emphasis only expanded for our benefit: 2 Peter 3:7-13; Hebrews 1:10-12; Revelation 21:1-2.

II. THE PURIFICATION OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH!

Our Lord describes the final moments of this present world and the creation the New Heaven and the New Earth: 2 Peter 3:10-12. This will be a burning up of everything associated with sin, death, the curse, and the temporal. All evidence of death will be erased from this present earth. Revelation 21:5. The word for “new” here is the same word for “new” found in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Revelation 21:1; Matthew 22:32. Peter compared the new creation to the Flood of Noah’s day: 2 Peter 3:5-7. The world of Noah’s day was not destroyed in the sense it ceased to be, it was cleansed and purified by the waters of the flood. In the same way our Lord will cause the present earth to cease to exist by the fire that will come at the end of the age.

III. THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH!

We often wonder: “What will the New Heaven and the New Earth look like?” First there will be no more sea: Revelation 21:1. There will be bodies of water but no longer bodies of salt water: The surface of our planet is primarily water about 71 percent of it. The oceans hold over 96 percent of all the earth’s water, and these are vast wastelands of salt water. Salt is used primarily as a preservative and there will be no decay on the New Earth so no preservatives will be needed. Revelation 22:1. The curse on the earth and all creation will be gone! Revelation 22:3; Genesis 3:17-19. God sent His Son into this world not only to save our souls but also to redeem His creation from the results of sin! Romans 8:22-25. Our God will restore all things: Revelation 21:4-5; Ephesians 1:9-10. Heaven is God’s home. Earth is our home. Our Lord Jesus links God with mankind, and thereby forever links heaven and earth. This is the plan of God and is unstoppable and this is where all history is moving. Revelation 21:3 This will not be some manmade, make believe Utopia but will be the absolute reality revealed to us in our God’s Word. Revelation 22:20