

## Behold, I Am Making All Things New (Revelation 21:1-8)

- I. Introduction: All Things New (**5a, 6a**; Ps. 31:14-15; Mt. 16:18; Rom. 8:28)
  
- II. What Does This Look Like? (**1-4**)
  - a. A New Heaven and a New Earth, for the First Had Passed Away (**1a**; 2 Pe. 3:13)
  
  - b. No More Sea (**1b**; Rev. 4:6; Dan. 7:3; Rev. 13:1)
  
  - c. The Holy City: New Jerusalem (**2**; Eph. 5:25-27; Phil. 1:6; 2 Cor. 5:17)
  
  - d. Dwelling in the Presence of God (**3-4**; Mt. 28:20; Song 6:3; Ps. 16:11; 1 Cor. 2:9)
  
- III. Who Gets to Enjoy This? (**6-8**; Rom. 8:28; Rev. 3:16-17; Eph. 5:14; Acts 16:31; Isa. 55:1, 6-8; Rom. 8:37)
  
- IV. Conclusion: These Words are Trustworthy and True (**5b**)

### Questions for Family Discussion

- What are some ways that keeping eternity in perspective could help you throughout this New Year?
- What is the significance of there being “*no more sea*” in the new earth?
- What does “*the holy city, new Jerusalem*” symbolize? How do you know? (cf. Rev. 21:2, 9-14; 1 Pet. 2:5)
- According to vv. 3-4, what will be absent in glory? What will be present? Do **you truly** desire to be with God?
- Should people be **scared** of going to Hell? Consider the sinners listed in v. 8: why are such sins as these so serious? Who are the “*cowardly*” and “*faithless*”? How dangerous is it to be a hypocrite or pretender in the church?
- According to vv. 6-7, what are the qualifications for getting to glory? Who are the *thirsty*? How can **you conquer**?
- We cannot earn our way to heaven; v. 7 is clear that salvation is a free gift of God. Nevertheless, why should we earnestly strive, by God’s grace, to live in a heavenly way already now? Carefully consider Philippians 3:12-21.

## And They Will Reign Forever and Ever (Revelation 22:1-5)

- I. Introduction (Rev. 21:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:9)
  
- II. The River of the Water of Life
  1. Its Source & Distribution (**1**)
  
  2. Its Quality: Clean & Cleansing (**1**; Ezek. 47:1-12; 36:25-27)
  
  3. Life Full and Satisfying (Jn. 4:13-14; Ps. 46:4)
  
- III. The Tree of Life (**2**; 1 Pet. 2:24)
  
- IV. No More Curse, Because the Ever-Present God Rules over All (**3**)
  
- V. They Will See His Face; His Name on Their Foreheads (**4**; 1 Cor. 13:12; Jn. 17:3; 2 Cor. 4:6)
  
- VI. No More Night—He Is Their Light (**5a**; Isa. 60:19-20)
  
- VII. They Will Reign Forever and Ever (**5b**)
  
- VIII. This Glorious Benediction: How is It Possible for Sinners Like Us? (Num. 6:24-26; Heb. 12:22)
  
- IX. Conclusion (Jn. 6:47; 10:28)

### Questions for Family Discussion

- Identify some ways that the New Creation will be **even better** than the Garden of Eden in Genesis.
- Why is it so important to understand that God’s gift of eternal life is infinite both in quantity **and** quality?
- What do **you** think: did John intend for us to picture **one** tree of life, or **many**? Is it legitimate to see a connection to the cross of Christ, or is that an interpretative stretch? Why or why not? (Compare Rev. 22:2 with Ezek. 47:12).
- How do you expect that **you** will respond when you finally see the Lord Jesus face to face?
- Do you truly believe that you will “*reign forever and ever*” together with Christ, as a royal son or daughter of God—a prince or princess in His kingdom? If you truly **believe** this, what should it **change** about **the way you live now**?