

THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH Part 1 **Revelation 21:1-8**

The Appearance of The New Heaven and Earth (21:1)

And I saw = introduces the next chronological event. Compare with 20:11-12

For the first heaven and the first earth passed away – 2Peter 3:10-13

- The first heaven and earth being polluted by sin will be totally removed from existence. – Isaiah 24:5-6, Luke 21:33
- All the ungodly from all ages will also be gone. – Rev. 20:15

No longer any sea = the sea is the first of 7 things that will not exist in the new earth.

The other 6 are:

1. Death – 21:4
2. Mourning – 21:4
3. Crying – 21:4
4. Pain – 21:4
5. The curse – 22:3
6. Night -22:5

Note: the sea is numbered with six other things having negative and sinful connotations. The has been used in scripture to describe evil – Is. 57:20-21, Dan. 7:2-3, Rev. 13:1

- The oceans of the world has also served as a barrier separating people from each other, similar to the confusion of language at Babel (Gen. 11:8).

New Jerusalem (21:2)

The holy city = Jerusalem has historically been called “holy” because it was set apart for God’s purposes. – Neh. 11:1, Is. 52:1, Dan. 9:24, Mat. 4:5, 27:53, Rev. 11:2

- The New Jerusalem is called “holy” because all its inhabitants will be holy.

Coming down out of heaven from God. = Totally new and unrelated to this present heaven and earth.

Made ready as a bride:

- Bride is used of saved Israel – 61:10, 62:5
- Used of the church – Rev. 19:7-14
- Bride here refers to all the saved from all time. This moment is spoken of in 1Cor. 15:28

The Blessed Reality of The New Heaven and Earth (21:3-4)

I heard a loud voice (3) = an angel making another important announcement. Other examples: Rev. 14:9-10, 14:15, 14:18, and 19:17

The tabernacle of God is among men = prior to this the saved are taken up to God.

- John 14:1-3, 1Thes. 4:16-17
 - This is an answer to Jesus' prayer – John 17:24

The tabernacle of God is among men = This is a divine promise of God and the hope of all believers. – Lev. 26:11-12, Zech. 2:10-11, 8:8, 2Cor. 6:16

“God is among men” = refers to all men because all of remaining mankind will be saved.

He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes (4) = those things that bring about tears will no longer be part of our lives, such as death etc.

- They have all passed away – Rev. 20:11-15

God's Summarization (21:5-6a)

I am making all things new (5) = not merely a refurbishing of the existing.

These words are faithful and true = a guarantee from God this will come to pass. Compare with Rev. 19:11 & 22:6.

It is done. (6a) = Could be translated “they are done.”

- These words mark the end of redemptive history.

God's Invitation (21:6b-7)

I am the Alpha and Omega (6) = Rev. 1:8 & 17-19, Rev. 22:12-13

I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

- Compare with John 4:7-17 & 7:37-38

He who overcomes = refers to all who exercise saving faith. – 1John 5:4-5

God's Warning (8)

Compare Rev. 21:8 with 1Cor. 6:9-11

Compare Rev. 21:7-8 with Rev. 22:12-17