

“Then I Saw a New Heaven & a New Earth”

A Detailed Description

- **21:1** – Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Similarities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A city (21:2, 10) - A high mountain (21:10) - Walls (21:12) - Gates (21:12) - Compass directions (21:13) - Foundation stones (21:14) - Similar measurements (21:17) - The same precious stones and metals (21:18-21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streets (21:21) - Nations and kings (21:24, 26; 22:2) - Daytime (21:25) - River (22:1) - Trees with fruit and leaves (22:2) - Months, that is the passing of sequential moments (22:2) - Christian people (22:3)
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An Overview

- **21:1-4** – the initial vision of the New Heaven & Earth
- **21:5-8** – the absolute certainty of the new heaven and earth
- **21:9–22:5** – Detailed description of the eternal city of the New World.

21:1-4 – The Initial Vision of the New Heaven & Earth

- “There is no longer any sea.”
 - A Practical reason: ancient peoples feared the sea; so this pictures the absence of fear.
 - A Moral reason: the sea is frequently associated with evil in Revelation.
 - A Scientific reason: 70% of the earth’s surface is covered with salt water to clean the earth.
 - A Metaphoric reason: the sea has always by divine design separated the peoples of earth from each other.

21:1-4 – The Initial Vision of the New Heaven & Earth

- 21:2
 - A city coming down from heaven
 - Cf. John 14:1-3 – I go to prepare a place.
 - The New Jerusalem
 - Will serve as the capital city of the new earth
- 21:3
 - God will dwell or specially manifest His presence among His people on this new earth forever.
- 21:4
 - What will not be there.

	<p>21:5-8 – The absolute certainty of the New Heaven and Earth</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Based on the character of God—he is faithful and true. ■ And on the nature of God—he is the source and end of all things.

	<p>21:9–22:5 – Detailed description of the eternal city of the New World.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 21:11-21 – the architectural features of the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 11 – an overall impression – 12-14 – its walls and gates – 15-17 – its size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A perfectly symmetrical cube—1500 miles square. ■ From Dallas to New York City! ■ Connected to the new earth. – 18-21 – the materials

	<p>21:22–22:5 – What Won't Be in the New Heaven & Earth</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 21:22 – no temple ■ 21:23-24 – no cosmic light source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cf. Is. 24:23 – Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And <i>His</i> glory will be before His elders. ■ 21:25-26 – no danger

	<p>21:22–22:5 – What Won't Be in the New Heaven & Earth</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 21:27 – nothing evil ■ 22:1-2 – no needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – God's throne is there. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cf. Heb. 4:16 – let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. – A crystal clear river – The Tree of Life ■ 22:3 – no curse ■ 22:4-5 – no separation ■ Certain people – Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:14-15

	<p>Common Questions</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What will we be like? (1 Cor. 15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Imperishable (15:42) – In glory (15:43) – In power (15:43) – A spiritual body (15:44) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recognizable but different (John 20:20, 27) ■ Able to eat but without hunger (Luke 24:41-43) ■ Able to move through matter but still be touched (John 20:26) ■ Continuity with our old bodies yet new

	<p>Common Questions</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What will we do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Job 19:25-27—I will see God. ■ Matt. 5:8 – the pure in heart will see God ■ 1 Cor. 13:12 – we will know face to face ■ 1 John 3:2 – we will see him just as he is ■ Heb. 12:14 – without holiness, no one will see the Lord ■ Rev. 22:4 – we will see the face of the Lamb ■ <u>Rev. 22:3-4</u>

Common Questions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What will we do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Serve</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rev. 22:3 – The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him. - <u>Reign</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rev. 22:5 – there will no longer be <i>any</i> night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. ■ Cf. Rev. 3:21 –“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

What Will We Do?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Live perfectly human lives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eating and drinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Luke 22:18 – I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” ■ Rev. 19:9 –“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” ■ Rev. 22:1 – Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ■ Rev. 22:2 – in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve <i>kinds of</i> fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. - Music will also play a significant part in eternity. - Learning - Other normal human activities