NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH, NEW JERUSALEM

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL
Read specific passages of Scripture where the Bible describes the New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem. Each day’s reading sheds light on a few short passages drawn from the study notes in The King James Study Bible.

Day 1: The Old Heaven and Old Earth Will Pass Away
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Day 1

Revelation 21:1-2
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

2 Peter 3:10-13
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
The Old Heaven and Old Earth Will Pass Away

Revelation 21:1-2

Chapters 21 and 22 are a description of the eternal state (following the Millennium and the final judgment), centering in the new Jerusalem as the eternal habitation of the saved (compare. Hebrews 11:10; 12:22–24). The first heaven and the first earth are replaced by a new heaven and a new earth, predicted by Isaiah (compare. Isaiah 65:17; 66:22). The present universe will thus be cleansed from all the effects of sin (compare. 2 Peter 3:7, 10–13). Since there will be no more sea, the increased land space will be fully capable of handling large numbers of redeemed people from all ages. The New Jerusalem is fully described in 21:10—22:5. It is a holy city, totally separate from sin (compare. vv. 8, 27; 22:15). It is being prepared (Greek hetoimazó, compare John 14:3) as the habitation of the bride of Christ (compare verse 9). From God shows its divine purpose, and out of heaven its divine origin.

2 Peter 3:10-13

The day of the Lord here refers to the return of Christ in judgment, not the Rapture, since this day results in final apocalyptic judgment. The heavens that shall pass away with a great noise are the atmospheric heavens. The elements shall melt with fervent heat certainly could refer to a nuclear holocaust. Thus, Peter urges his readers to look beyond this present world to the new heavens and a new earth characterized by righteousness.
**Revelation 7:15-17**

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**Revelation 21:3-5**

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from off their faces; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

**Isaiah 25:8**

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.
No Sorrow, Crying, Sickness or Pain

Revelation 7:15-17
The temple may be either the earthly, millennial temple, or the throne and presence of God in heaven. Earthly sorrows will be over. Christ will give them spiritual sustenance. There will be absolutely no crying or sorrow in the presence of God, for He will have wiped away all tears from their eyes. The principal activity of the redeemed for eternity will be to serve God.

Revelation 21:3-5
Tabernacle of God: The presence of God will be with His people, and He will forever dwell with them. A primary purpose of redemption will be accomplished: the complete fellowship of God with His redeemed people. In the eternal state, there will be no tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain. Everything will become new. God’s promises are true, and He is always faithful to His Word (compare Revelation 19:11).

Isaiah 25:8
God will swallow up death in victory (compare 1 Corinthians 15:54) and the Lord God will wipe away tears. This act of His grace will then bring in the millennial kingdom.
Day 3

Revelation 22:1-4

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
God Will Dwell Among His People

Revelation 22:1-4

22:1-2. These verses depict the abundant life and continuous blessing of the New Jerusalem. One river, containing water of life (compare 7:17; 21:6; 22:17), comes from God’s throne and waters the entire city (compare. similar millennial blessings in Ezekiel 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:8). The tree of life pictures eternal sustenance and immortality (compare verse 14; Genesis 2:9; 3:22). Both the variety and abundance of fruit are emphasized. The healing of the nations may indicate physical healing during the Millennium (compare Ezekiel 47:12) or (figuratively) the blessings of God in the eternal state.

22:3-4. The effects of the post-Edenic curse (compare Genesis 3:14-19) will be totally gone forever. God’s saints will serve him (compare 7:15) and reign with Him forever (compare Daniel 7:18, 27). The greatest blessing of eternity is that they shall see his face (compare Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 12:14). Though this is now impossible for an unglorified human being (compare Exodus 33:20), it will occur in the eternal state. The name of God in their foreheads shows ownership and consecration (compare 3:12; 13:16; Exodus 28:36-38).
Day 4

Philippians 3:20-21
For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
We Will Have New Bodies

Philippians 3:20-21

3:20. For gives a second reason for the command in verse 17 to imitate Paul. It is because our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven. The apostle’s point is that if they emulate him, they will live like citizens of heaven. But if they fail to follow Paul’s example, and if they are unduly occupied with “enemies of the cross” (verse 18), the Philippians will not live like citizens of heaven.

3:21. When Jesus returns for His people, He shall change our vile [humble] body. The word change denotes external change—our “humble” bodies will undergo an outward transformation, without destruction of individuality. Our new bodies will be fashioned [conformed, made] like unto his glorious body. The word fashioned denotes internal change—we will experience an inward transformation of nature, as God makes us in character perfectly like His Son. That power by which God is able even to subdue all things [i.e., the universe] unto himself is the same power that will be used to transform believers.
Day 5

Revelation 21:23-24
And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

Revelation 22:5
And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.
Day 5

We Will See and Reflect God’s Glory

Revelation 21:23-24

There is no temple in the city, since both the Father and the Son will be present in their fullest manifestations. Its light will be provided by the Shekinah glory of God and of Christ (compare Exodus 3:3, 4; 24:15-17; 33:14-16; Luke 2:9; 9:29; Hebrews 1:3). The glory of God in the New Jerusalem will light the earth. Whether this is the new earth (verse 1) or the millennial earth is not clear. Perhaps the New Jerusalem will give light to the earth during the Millennium as a satellite city (compare Isaiah 60). The nations, ruled by various kings and levels of earthly authority, will honor the heavenly city as the dwelling place of God.

Revelation 22:5

Since in the New Jerusalem God is always present, His glory makes all other sources of light unnecessary (compare 21:23; Isaiah 60:19, 20; Zechariah 14:7).