

I. Introduction: John sees a vision of the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven onto a newly created Earth, where God lives together with mankind in perfection and harmony.

II. Heaven is Your Home (Rev 21:1-6).

A. The Creation of the New Heaven (v. 1).

1. God will create a new universe and earth, after He has destroyed our sin cursed reality. This new realm will have no sea and will have a new capitol city.

B. The Capitol of the New Heaven (v. 2).

1. The new Jerusalem is not heaven, it is the capitol city of the eternal state. It is the central gathering place where believers come to meet with God and others.

C. The Creator in the New Heaven (v. 3)

1. God once again dwells among His people as He did in the garden with Adam and Eve, because Jesus has destroyed sin, the barrier that separated God and man.

D. The Changes in the New Heaven (vv. 4-6).

1. The quality of life in heaven will be more enjoyable than anything we have ever experienced; there will be a perfect sense of community, love, health, and joy.

III Conclusion: God will create a totally new earth and a new universe, where He eliminates sin, death, and the curse forever. Everything about this new reality will be greater.

Questions About: Heaven is Your Home

1. What do you think of when you contemplate heaven? Do you think of floating clouds? Angels playing harps? Peter at the pearly gates? A white-haired man on a throne? Streets of gold?
2. What did Paul say about heaven? (**Phil 1:21, 23**) Is heaven *so* good that dying is better than living? How is heaven our home? (**2 Cor 5:8**) How had Paul experienced it? (**2 Cor 12:1-4**)
3. How will God uncreate the universe at the end of time? (**Rev 20:11; 21:1; 2 Peter 3:10-13**) Why does He destroy our physical reality? (**Gen 3:17; Rom 8:18-22**) What does He create?
4. What does John see coming down out of heaven? (**v. 2**) What is the metaphor that John uses to describe it? How was this city specially designed? (**John 14:1-4; Heb 11:10; 12:22-23**)
5. What is the greatest feature of this new reality? (**v. 3**) How is heaven a restoration of the Garden of Eden? (**Gen 2-3**) How does God's presence make heaven even greater?
6. What are some differences from our reality and the new reality? (**Rev 21:4-6**) How will God comfort us in heaven? (**v. 4**) Does this mean there will be crying in heaven? Why or why not?
7. How has Jesus dismantled sorrow, pain, and death? (**Is 53:4; 1 Cor 15:54-55; Heb 2:14; Rev 20:10, 14**) How have the "first things passed away"? (**v. 4**) How is that comforting to you?
8. What does it mean that "all things [are] new"? (**Rev 21:5-6**) What does Jesus offer to those who want it? (**v. 6**) What does water represent? (**Isa 55:1; John 4:10; 13-14; 10:10**)

Prayer

1. Will you ask God to show you how glorious and magnificent heaven truly is?
2. Will you pray that this truth might change the way that you are currently living your life?