

**“A NEW HOME FOR A NEW PEOPLE”
REVELATION 21:1-8; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE**

I. A NEW HEAVENLY HOME; GOD WITH US

A. New heavens and new earth for the first heaven and earth had passed away

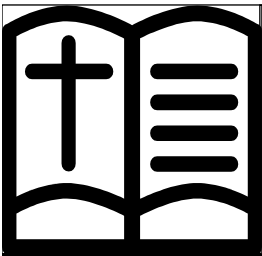
- 1. The earth when Jesus returns: 7 bowls*
- 2. The biblical promise of what happens at His return 2 Peter 3:10-13; Isa 34:1-4; Isa 24:19ff*
- 3. This is the start of the millennium discussed in Rev 20; similar to Genesis 1 and 2*
- 4. Perhaps the various judgments come first, followed by the new heavens and the new earth; but it may be reversed*

B. New Jerusalem is the city that is in heaven; the earthly Jerusalem is modeled after it

- 1. The things of earth are shadows of the true heavenly one*
- 2. There will be a new earthly Jerusalem as well*
- 3. This is the one that Jesus promised to prepare for us.*
- 4. This one does come all the way down to earth; it is suspended above the earth and is the light for those who dwell on earth*

C. The conditions and environment of the city

- 1. It is the dwelling of God...and His people with Him*
- 2. Those who live in this city are those who have believed God and His Christ*



3. *These are the faithful; those who suffered with Christ; those who did not deny Him; those who have walked in the Spirit*
4. *Because they have suffered, God Himself will wipe away every tear from their eyes and they will not cry again; they will never again experience death or the sorrows of this life; no more pain, for all the things of this current age have passed away; the Christ is making all things new*

II. THOSE WHO CAN LIVE IN THIS CITY

- A. *Those who thirst: He gives them freely of the fountain of the water of life; they are not satisfied with this world, knowing there is more and they want that more which this world cannot give; they look for righteousness*
- B. *Those who overcome: they will inherit all things and be God's people; they continue faithful when all threatened, lied to, tempted, rejected and on.*

III. THOSE WHO WILL NEVER LIVE IN THIS CITY

- A. *The cowardly who give up when the going is tough; the unbelieving who are self-sufficient; abominable who practice things God hates; murderers who destroy the image of God; sexually immoral who pervert God's reproductive plan; sorcerers who deceive people with drugs and demonic spirituality; idolaters who worship the created things or that of their imagination; all liars*
- B. *Destiny: lake of fire and brimstone*