God's Revelation of the Future

The New Earth into Eternity

New Things are Coming

- 21:1-8
 - A new earth
 - A new Jerusalem
 - A new dwelling place for God
 - New realities

A New Heaven and a New Earth

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¹ Then <u>I saw a new heaven and a new earth</u>, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, <u>and the sea was no more</u>.

A New Jerusalem

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² And <u>I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband</u>.

A New Dwelling Place for God

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³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

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⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

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 - These verses provide a "detailed" description of a city called "the new Jerusalem" and of the conditions that are present in it.

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The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

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²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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