

REVELATION—UNVEILING THE END, ACT III: THE FINAL CURTAIN

HEAVEN AT LAST
REVELATION 21:1–8



The Heart of the Matter

After the final judgment, God will create a new universe to replace the one He “uncreated” (Revelation 20:11). This “new heaven and a new earth” (21:1) is the future hope of all who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. All the things that cause us grief and sorrow will be no more . . . it will be filled with what we were created to enjoy: the presence of God.



Discovering the Way

1. A Biblical Description of Our Heavenly Home

John describes the new universe using familiar images and symbols to represent a reality that is far beyond what we can imagine.

2. What It Will Look Like (Revelation 21:1–2)

The “new heaven and a new earth” will not be new in merely a chronological sense but also in a qualitative sense.

3. How Life Will Be (Revelation 21:3–6)

Ever since the first people introduced sin into the world, we have struggled to fulfill our purpose against a cursed creation. In the new creation, at last we will be rid of all encumbrances that keep us from glorifying God and enjoying Him forever.

4. Who Will Be There (Revelation 21:7–8)

Believers and nonbelievers will live eternally, though in very different places.



Starting Your Journey

As we turn from study to application, pause to consider three simple statements.

1. Any place God plans to be, you want to be there.
2. Anything God removes, you don't need.
3. Anytime God makes an offer, you're wise to accept it.



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