

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-8

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. **3** I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." **5** Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring. **7** Those who emerge victorious will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my sons and daughters. **8** But for the cowardly, the faithless, the vile, the murderers, those who cast spells, the idolaters and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death."

Questions to Get You Thinking

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- 1) What do you think a new heaven would look like? Would it look different to the old heaven?
- 2) What do you think a new earth would look like? Would it look different to the Earth we know today?
- 3) At the end of the scripture it talks about punishment for certain groups of people. What do you think the punishment would look like? Do you think those people would be happy?

Now it's time for you to draw/paint what you think it might look like when Jesus comes back for a second time. Think about the title 'New Heaven and New Earth'. Use what you have learned from the Bible passage to help you.

You could also look at some of the provided pictures. These might help you to visualise what a new heaven and earth might look like.

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