

## X. Eternity

We have seen the eternity of the dead (those lost in sins) described under Point VIII of this study (“The Great White Throne Judgment”).

This study refers to the eternity that will be enjoyed by the saved. It can best be described by the word “new.”

### A. The New Heaven

“And I saw **a new heaven** and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” (Revelation 21:1).

#### 1. A Place the Lord is Preparing for Us Now

John 14:2b.

#### 2. A Place of Treasure Laid Up for Us

Matthew 6:20.

#### 3. A Place where the Names of the Saved are Written

Luke 10:20.

#### 4. A Place of Many Mansions

John 14:2.

#### 5. A Place where the Glory of God and Jesus can be Seen

Acts 7:55-56.

#### 6. A Place where All the Redeemed Live in the Presence of God and Christ

Revelation 7:9. This will include people from all nations, kindreds, people and tongues.

### B. The New Earth

“And I saw a new heaven **and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” (Revelation 21:1).

#### 1. No More Sea

Revelation 21:1.

#### 2. The Place where the New Jerusalem will be Transplanted

Revelation 21:1.

#### 3. A Place where God Himself Will be with Us

Revelation 21:3.

#### 4. A Place of No Tears, Death, Sorrow, Crying or Pain

Revelation 21:4.

## 5. A Place that will Continue to have Nations and Kings

Revelation 21:24-26 and 22:2.

Christians who have earned the right to do so will continue to reign forever (Revelation 2:26 and 22:5).

## C. The New Jerusalem

“For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.” (Hebrews 13:14). Read also Hebrews 10:9-10, 15-16.

### 1. Names

#### a. New Jerusalem

Revelation 3:12 and 21:2.

#### b. The Holy City

Revelation 21:2.

#### c. The Holy Jerusalem

Revelation 21:10. Note: the present Jerusalem has become very unholy - Revelation 11:8.

#### d. The Tabernacle of God

Revelation 21:3.

### 2. Location

Revelation 21:1,2. It will be transplanted from heaven where it is being built (John 14:2b) to the New Earth - Revelation 21:9,10. It is compared to twice as a bride prepared for her husband. Everything is perfect.

### 3. Description

All told in Revelation 21.

#### a. Lighting

Revelation 21:11,23,24 and 22:5. The brilliancy of God’s Being lights it.

#### b. An outer wall

Revelation 21:12,13. This wall goes around the city, on the outside.

##### i. It is four-sided

Revelation 21:13.

##### ii. There are three gates on each side

Revelation 21:13. Each gate has a name of one of the tribes of Israel on it. Angels are stationed at the gates at all times.

##### iii. It is approximately 216 feet high

Revelation 21:17. A man’s cubit is about 18”.

**iv. It is made of jasper**

Revelation 21:18.

**c. The City Wall**

The city is encompassed by a wall inside the outer wall. The dimensions of that wall are much greater than those of the outer wall.

**i. It's height, length, and width are equal**

Revelation 21:16. They are 12,000 furlongs. A furlong is approximately 1/8 mile. Thus, the dimensions are foursquare: 1500 miles wide, 1500 miles long, 1500 miles high.

**ii. It has 12 foundations**

Revelation 21:14. Each one has the name of one of the Apostles of Christ on it. (Don't confuse this with the outer wall!)

**iii. Each foundation is made of a different type of stone**

Revelation 21:19-21.

**d. Inside the City**

Described in Revelation 21:18-27.  
What is there?

**i. Pure gold and streets of gold**

Revelation 21:18,21.

**ii. The Lord**

Revelation 21:22.

**iii. Pure river of water of life**

Revelation 21: 22:1.

**iv. The tree of life**

Revelation 2:7 and 22:2,14.

**v. Many mansions**

John 14:1.

**vi. The saved**

Revelation 21:24 and 22:3-4.

Note: A comparison of Revelation 22:14 and 22:19 seems to indicate that not every Christian is going to have total access to the Holy City. Only those that have earned it in this life. Let us strive to keep His works until the end – not for salvation, but for reward's sake. (See Revelation 2:26.)

## **D. New Everything**

“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...” Revelation 21:5a. Compare Isaiah 65:17.

## **E. New Name**

“Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.” (Isaiah 56:5). See also Isaiah 62:2; Revelation 2:17 and Revelation 3:12.

In the Bible, whenever God gave a new name to something or somebody, it was an accurate description of that thing or person. What may God name you?

## **F. New Song**

“And they sung a new song....” (Revelation 5:9a). See also Revelation 14:3.