

## THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

Scripture Reference: Revelation 21:1 – 22:5

In the last session, we looked at the Great White Throne Judgment.

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>What had happened to Satan, the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and all the unsaved dead?</b>

From Sessions 9 and 10, we looked at God pouring out His wrath on the inhabitants of the earth. From that lesson, do you recall how much of the earth had been destroyed?

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Read **2 Peter 3:10-11**. When does this take place? \_\_\_\_\_

What purpose does the fire serve that comes to the earth from our discussions in past sessions? \_\_\_\_\_

So when we come to our main text this session of **Revelation 21:1**, there is about 2/3 or less of the earth remaining and the onset of the Millennium and lasts the duration of the 1000 years. The rest of the earth was burned up as God purified His creation.

Now read **Revelation 21:1-8**. What does John immediately see? \_\_\_\_\_

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It is interesting to study this Greek word for “new.” There are two words in the Greek that can be translated “new.” The first word is “neos.” This word is defined as...

*”pertaining to having been in existence for only a short time - 'new, recent.’<sup>1</sup>*

This term for “new” refers to anything that has recently been made, or to use our saying, is “brand new.” The other Greek word for “new” is *kainos*. This word means...

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*“what is new in nature, different from the usual, impressive, better than the old, superior in value or attraction”<sup>2</sup>*

The idea behind “*kainos*” is the concept of renovation or remodeling. The nature is new. It appears better and is better than the old. Much of the substance will remain. Let’s look at **2 Corinthians 5:17**.

What does Paul say about “those in Christ?” \_\_\_\_\_

We see a strong correlation here between what Christ does in mankind and God does in creation. He makes it new. John sees this renovated heaven and earth. He is about to witness the great moment in time when God restores His creation!

What does John see coming down out of heaven from God? \_\_\_\_\_

According to verse 4, what will end? \_\_\_\_\_

After God makes all things “new” (*kainos*) in verse 5, what is His statement to John in verse 6? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>What kind of people will experience the second death?</b>

Now let’s read **Revelation 21:9-21**

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<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>From John's description of the New Jerusalem, what strikes you the most?</b>

Now, let's read **Revelation 21:22-27**. Why is there no temple in the New Jerusalem? \_

Why is there no moon or sun? \_\_\_\_\_

What is brought into the city? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is admitted? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Revelation 22:1-5**

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>What two final objects does John describe in this passage?</b>

*"... And they shall reign forever and ever."* (vs. 5) Who is "they?" \_\_\_\_\_

Finally read **Isaiah 65:17-19 and 24-25**.

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>From Isaiah, what facts does he add about the new earth?</b>