

## REVELATION 21:1-5 NOTES – “New Heaven and a New Earth”

Review the [Timeline with the 4 major events](#) in history. After the Tribulation, John is shown [Revelation 21:1-5](#) – *THE ETERNAL STATE – ETERNITY CANNOT REALLY BE DESCRIBED IN HUMAN TERMINOLOGY* (but let’s try).

[Revelation 21:1](#) – “*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.*” A new replacement is presented here – the universe in which we now live will be totally destroyed ([2 Peter 3:3-13](#) – read).

The Bible actually presents three Heavens and three earths:

1. The original creation – [Genesis 1:1, 2](#); [2 Peter 3:5](#).
2. The restored earth – [Genesis 1:3-31](#); [2 Peter 3:7](#) – The original earth was created instantly; the restored earth was created in 6 days.
3. We have the new heaven and the new earth in [Rev. 21:1](#), and in [2 Peter 3:13](#) (The new heaven has been described as the eternal residence of the Church). The New Earth is the eternal residence of the Old Testament saints – the regenerate of Israel.

“Passed away” (aorist active indicative, 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural of ἀπέρχομαι)

“*And there was no more sea.*” – In this new heaven and the new earth, *GOD GAVE AND GIVES LIGHT* (Read [Gen. 1:1-10](#). A *Missouri Botanical Garden* article (Copyright 2002), describes ocean light (three “Light Zones” – [See full article](#)). In this New Heaven and Earth Jesus Christ is, and will be the Light, along with the light from resurrection bodies of believers. Also, the angels in their bodily construction have a certain amount of light.

[Revelation 21:2](#) – “*And I (John) saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*” Note: [Rev. 21:9-22:5](#) describes the Jerusalem of Eternity! It is a city 1500 miles high, 1500 miles wide, and 1500 miles long, suspended above the earth.

“*From God*” – *apo* – from the ultimate source – God is the ultimate source of the new Universe. The Holy City of the New Jerusalem fulfills 3 functions:

1. It is the headquarters for the universe of Eternity. It will be the personal residence of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. It fulfills the promise to Abraham – God said to Abraham “*I will provide for you by my Grace a city.*” And Abraham said: “*I believe that promise... therefore I will live in a tent until that promise is fulfilled.*” ([Heb. 11:9, 10, 13](#) – he died in a tent, but as we see in [Rev. 21:9-22:5](#), this city was worth waiting for – for Abe).
3. The third function of the New Jerusalem is that it reveals the glory of eternity! Eternity is all glory and glamour.

## REVELATION 21:1-5 NOTES – New Heaven and a New Earth (Continued)

[Revelation 21:3-5](#) – Here, we have the first of the 3 characteristics of the eternal state:

1. Verse 3 – Jesus Christ will be there (*PERSONAL PRESENCE*) – “*Tabernacle of God*”, an entire system of Christology; it is a presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This is Jesus Christ in Resurrection body – In the tabernacle, Jesus Christ dwelt in Shekinah Glory (“*And he shall dwell with them*” means the regenerate of Israel – this is the fulfillment of the unconditional covenants to Israel). “*And they (the regenerate of Israel) shall be His people and God himself shall be with them and be their God*”.  
(We will continue in verses 4 and 5 next week.)
2. Verse 4 presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristic of Eternity – *PERFECT HAPPINESS*. Tears of pressure are removed, with no more death, or sorrow (mental agony) or pain (physical agony).
3. [Verse 5](#) gives the 3<sup>rd</sup> characteristic of the eternal state: *PERPETUAL NEWNESS* (nothing will wear out or get old). In verse 5, John is told that these “*words are TRUE and FAITHFUL.*”

He is *pistos* (πιστοῦ) – *faithful*; He is *alethinoi* (ἀληθινοί) – *true*.

***HE WILL NOT GO BACK ON HIS WORD – HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES!***

Here, we have our Lord’s immutability and veracity.