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## What Does the Bible Say About Heaven? (#6): The Place

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### 1. God Will Start All Over

#### a. God Will Destroy the Old

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

#### b. God Will Create Everything New

Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- A new heaven
- A new earth
- A new Jerusalem (Rev 21:9-21)

<sup>9</sup> Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: <sup>13</sup> three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup> Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. <sup>16</sup> The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. <sup>17</sup> Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

<sup>18</sup> The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

### 2. God Will Live with Us

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

### 3. What Won't Be There

#### a. No Tears, or Any Cause for Them

Rev 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

#### b. No Sin or Sinners

Rev 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

#### c. No Temple: God Will Be Present

Rev 21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

#### d. No Sun or Moon: The Lamb Will Be the Light

Rev 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

#### e. No Night

Rev 21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

#### f. No Curse

Rev 22:3a <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse,

### 4. What Will Be There

#### a. The Water of Life

Rev 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

#### b. A Family Relationship with God

Rev 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

#### c. Kings and Nations

Rev 21:24-25 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>26</sup> And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

#### d. Eternal Enjoyment of God and His New Creation (22:1-5)