

# THE ETERNAL STATE

## “The Day of God” (2 Peter 3:12)

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**Revelation Chapters 21 and 22** introduces the eternal future planned by God. Though that which is revealed is a glimpse at what it will involve, we as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ can be assured that God has an incredible future for His blood bought children!

### **The (Three) Destructions of Earth**

The 1<sup>st</sup> destruction was the flood in the days of Noah, (ie atmospheric) (**Genesis chapters 6-8**)

The '2<sup>nd</sup> destruction' will be at the end of the 7 years of the tribulation: being the Day of the Lord (**2 Peter 3:4-14**)

( **NOTE:** “*Day of the Lord*” refers to any period when God acts in judgment)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> destruction will be at the end of Christ's Millennial Reign. (**Revelation 21:1**)

(**NOTE:** God will not destroy the 2<sup>nd</sup> stellar heaven or the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven God's throne room. But He will destroy the atmospheric heaven and earth where Satan and his hosts of wickedness contaminated with sin.)

### **Revelation 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.

### **The Destruction of the Atmospheric Heaven**

There are 'three heavens'

1) the atmospheric heaven around the earth (Satan's 'current' Residence)

**Ephesians 6:12** “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”

2) the stellar heaven which contains all the great galaxies

**Psalms 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

3) 'third heaven' or the throne room of God

**2 Corinthians 12:2** (Paul speaking)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

**Revelation Chapters 4-5** tell of the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven.

After the final rebellion of Satan and him being cast into the Lake of Fire, God will destroy the earth that is so marred and cursed by Satan's evil, and He will include the atmospheric heaven to guarantee that all evil has been destroyed!

### **The New Heavens and New Earth**

Better than anything this world has ever known, including the garden of Eden!

**Revelation 21:3, 4, 5**

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.

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.”

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

### **Many Wonderful Changes**

**Satan removed from further influence in history. Rev 20:10**

**No longer any sea. Rev 21:1**

**No longer any death, crying, or pain. Rev 21:4**

**All things made new. Rev 21:1**

**No longer any night. Rev 21:25**

**No longer any unclean, nor those practicing abomination, and lying. Rev 21:1**

**No longer any curse. Rev 22:3**

**No longer any sun. Rev 22:5**

**Believers are able to see His face (deity revealed visually in Christ), unrestricted access, perfect communion and communication. Rev 22:4**