

HEAVEN—What Glory Awaits Us! Revealed in the Book of Revelation

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Heaven is a place that escapes description. Human vocabulary falls short of doing it justice! The beauty of heaven exceeds anything we have ever seen or can even imagine. When I was a child, black and white TV was quite the invention—with all the fuzziness. Color came along, and then Technicolor. Technology has advanced at an amazing pace over the past few decades. Now there is HD—high definition. We see through a glass darkly (like looking at a fuzzy black and white screen), but someday we will see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face (can you imagine the high definition beauty of heaven!).



There are tons of questions about heaven: What age will we be? Will we stay that age forever or will we age? Will there be any animals in heaven? Will we look the same as we do now? (Will we be thinner? Will we have hair then? Will all the wrinkles be gone?) Will we eat meals besides the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? Will there be recreation in heaven? (golf courses, tennis courts, baseball fields, etc.) There is so much speculation about heaven—the Bible doesn't answer all those questions! I do know that we will have glorified, perfect bodies that will live forever. We will experience no pain, no sickness and no death. Praise God for what will be in heaven, and praise God for what will be absent in heaven!

Here's a partial list of what will not be there: police stations, jails, dentist's offices, hospitals, abortion clinics, funeral homes, cemeteries,

ambulances, fire trucks, IRS offices, corrupt politicians, brothels, bars, Gentlemen's clubs, pornography stores, Buddhist and Hindu temples, Muslim mosques, Mormon temples. I'm sure you can think of many other things that will be missing.

The purposes of this message are to share from Revelation what heaven will be like, to make us homesick for heaven, and to attract sinners to the Christ Who can take them to heaven. I can't answer all the questions we've listed here—and others that you might have, because it would just be my speculation. However, I can give you some positive answers from Revelation what heaven will be like.

Heaven will be a place—

1. With an Unrivaled Throne “Throne” is found 31 times in Revelation.

Presently Christ is on the Right Hand of the Father and is on the Throne of Grace (Hebrews 4:16); during the Tribulation period Christ will be on a Throne of Great Wrath. (Probably the same Throne/ but now in a different role.) He will defeat Satan's best shot at dethroning Him when He gets on His white horse and rides into the valley of Megiddo. (Revelation 19) The Anti-Christ attempts to take the throne, but he ends up in the Lake of Fire. During the 1,000 year reign, Christ will sit upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem, ruling in peace and righteousness and ruling with a rod of iron. (He will not need advisors, there will be no lobbyists and the United Nations General Assembly will not convene in Manhattan to help Him out!!) At the end of the Millennium, Christ will defeat Satan's final attempt to overthrow the King of Kings and LORD of Lords. One of the most triumphant verses in the Bible is Revelation 20:10. Christ now moves from the Throne of David in Jerusalem back to the Great White Throne in the New Jerusalem. (Rev. 20:11-15) The final throne we see is in Revelation 21 and 22 and is called the Throne of God and the Lamb. No more a throne of judgment—now a throne of glory and grace!! This Throne of God will be the centerpiece of heaven—like the Eiffel Tower is the centerpiece of Paris. We will gather around this glorious throne!

All enemies under His feet!!! The book of Revelation begins with Christ holding the keys of death and hell; in Revelation 20:11-15, He will use keys when He opens up the locked doors of death and hell and all souls and bodies will come forth. No one can or will overthrow Him. He conquered sin, death, the grave, hell, the Anti-Christ and False Prophet & Satan himself. All enemies will be under His feet!

2. Of Undying Praise

* We will look upon Him 22:4 * We will laud Him * We will love Him * We will labor for Him 22:3 There are many references to Worship in Revelation!!

Let's look at just a few: 4:8-11; 5:11-13; 7:9-12. (Turn with me to these passages, please.

“You mean, for all eternity we will do nothing but praise Christ on His throne—won't that get old after a few thousand years!” First of all, praising Christ will never get old, but that is not all we will be doing. We will serve Him (not in fatigue or exhaustion), and I'm sure we will fellowship with one another (just meeting each other and getting acquainted will take a few millennia), but the main activity will be praise! We'll never tire of it!!

The names of Christ in Revelation are many and majestic! These names all bring Him praise. Here are some of them: the Faithful Witness (1:5), the First Begotten of the dead (1:5), the Prince of the Kings of the earth (1:5), the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the ending (1:8), the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:5), the Root of David (5:5), the Lamb (5:12), KING of Kings and LORD of Lords (19:16), the Root and Offspring of David & the Bright and Morning Star (22:16).

You search for them throughout Revelation!! It makes a rich study.

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3. Of Undefined Saints

* No one is allowed in without a wedding garment (the parable found in Matthew 22:8-13) / the white linen robes of Christ's righteousness Rev. 19:7 and 8 Turn there with me.

* Glorification Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (Rom. 8:30) Immortal bodies will be ours for eternity.

* No more sin Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2) We will not become little gods as the Mormons would teach, but we will have His sinlessness!

* No temptation Satan in the Lake of Fire Rev. 20:10

1Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

4. Of Unmatched Beauty Revelation 21:9-21

The Emerald Rainbow is seen in Revelation 4:3. Quoting Warren Wiersbe in With the Word, "This emerald rainbow was around the throne, a complete circle, and not just an arc. On earth, we see the rainbow after the storm, but John saw it before the storm of judgment came."



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"I go to prepare a place for you" Can you imagine His handiwork??!

No more curse!! Everything ugly about planet earth is because of the Curse—now this curse is lifted and all is untainted by sin. Rev. 22:3 TURN “The first Adam brought the curse; the Last Adam bore the curse (Galatians 3:13). Adam’s sin caused thorns to grow (Gen. 3:18), but Jesus wore those thorns as a crown. (Matthew 27:29)”

Warren Wiersbe With the Word

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5. Of Unfading Light Revelation 21:23-25 The Lamb is the Light No night there. I believe heaven will sparkle with color as Christ’s Light hits the 12 foundation stones—all those beautiful colors will gleam and glow, adding radiant color to that glorious place.

Alaska and other parts of the Arctic region experience the Northern Lights! Heaven will be different!! You say, “I like the night, so I can go to sleep.” God never slumbers or sleeps—we will not experience fatigue. It also says, “No more sea.” 21:1

6. Of Unbroken Fellowship Revelation 7:13-17; 21:1-5

There will be a whole new relationship in heaven. There will be no marriage as we know it on earth (Matthew 22:30). There will be a spiritual union between all believers and the Lord Jesus, our “heavenly Groom.” We never have to worry about Him divorcing us! (Christ and the Church/ Ephesians 5) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (in Rev. 19) will be a wonderful time of fellowship. We fellowship around food don’t we?! There will be a Tree of Life with 12 manner of fruit (Interesting/ “and yielded her fruit every month” Rev. 22:2) There is no time in heaven, but this (every month) is here so we can relate! A dozen different heavenly fruits to sample and enjoy. Heaven’s variety will never grow boring.

There will be unbroken fellowship with Christ, because we won't sin and break that chord of fellowship; but there will also be unbroken fellowship with fellow believers because we will all have shed our old natures!! No more splits, no more divisions, no more denominations. What a day that will be!!!

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7. Of Unending Duration

No calendars or
watches in heaven!!



Revelation 22:5 ...”and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

This “everlasting life” starts now—the minute we repent of our sins and trust Christ as our personal Savior! (John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28)

Revelation ends with an invitation to salvation through Christ, the Water of Life. (Rev. 22:17) Listen to these descriptions of heaven again. Who in their right mind would not want to spend eternity in such a place?!

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2. Of Undying Praise
3. Of undefiled Saints
4. Of Unmatched Beauty
5. Of Unfading Light
6. Of Unbroken Fellowship
7. Of Unending Duration

Come to Christ and be assured of your place in this glorious place!