

## **The Eternal State**

Following the millennial kingdom and the final judgment of the unsaved in the lake of fire, God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

The present earth and heaven (universe - not God's abode), will be destroyed by fire and the eternal home of the righteous will be the new earth and new heaven (2 Peter 3:10-13). This was also predicted in Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22.

The passage that gives us the most amount of information regarding the eternal state of saved is Revelation 21:1-22:6. From this text we can gain a glimpse of what the future holds for believers:

### **Description of Heaven**

- There will be no pain or death (Revelation 21:4)
- God will dwell with His people (Revelation 21:3)
- There will be no marriage (Matthew 22:30)
- There will no longer be any sea (Revelation 21:1)
- There will be no night (Revelation 21:23; 22:5)
- God's glory will bring light (Revelation 21:23)
- God's throne is in the New Jerusalem (22:4)
- The curse is removed (Revelation 22:3; cf. Gen. 3)

### **Description of Man**

- We will have perfect knowledge (1 Corinthians 13:12)
- We shall be like Christ (1 John 3:2)
- We will be eternal and without pain (Revelation 21:4)
- We will all be holy (Revelation 21:27)
- We will reign for all eternity (Revelation 22:5)
- Christ will rule man (Isaiah 9:7; Revelation 11:15)

The New Jerusalem, the heavenly city, will be the abode of all the righteous for all eternity. Eternity will completely correct all imperfections that resulted from the fall of mankind in Eden. The cursed earth will be replaced and the fallen people will be perfected as death will have been eradicated.

In the final words of the apostle John, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).