

## Revelation 21: 1-5 A NEW Heaven and a NEW Earth

“In these verses, John the Revelator is speaking about the New Jerusalem that he saw coming down out of heaven from God. These are important words to people today who see changes in the world that are NOT favorable to God's teachings and God's laws. There is a NEW world coming, and God is still in absolute control of it!!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ”

You know, in the Bible when a Godly man or woman dies, it says that they are “gathered to their people or their families.” This means that while there is a funeral on this side of the grave, where we have lost someone who is very dear to us, especially when you have lost your father, your mother, or the love of your life, there is a family reunion going on over on the other side where that person is being reunited with all the other family members who have trusted and served the Lord.

These words are “trustworthy and true”: If someone WE love has been gathered to his or her family over on the other side, to THEIR family and loved ones, does this make us eager someday when the Lord calls our name, to be gathered to OUR loved ones? Trust the Lord with your life today!!

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