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 The Lord blessing to all. We are now in Autumn with cooler weather (in some places).

Hope you had a joyful summer and as for me, I’ll be enjoying the beautiful fall foliage in Colorado next week. With that said, the **Bible Scripture Letter** for this month is – **“The New Heaven and the New Earth”.** This letter briefly describes from the Book of Revelation Chapter 21 the end of this world as we know it. It’s at this time we will see Our God face-to-face along with Our Savior Jesus Christ. How great is that but as you know, not all people by their own choice will not be there. Time to think about our love ones who are not saved and maybe share these last few letters to them so they can never say they did not know the consequences at the White Throne Judgment. If you need verses on Salvation, drop me a line and I’ll get them to you right away.

So, let’s get started.

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Gonzalez

**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**“The New Heaven and New Earth**”

Bible Scripture Letter #18

The creation of the **New Heavens and New Earth** will be the eternal dwelling place of believers in Jesus Christ. **Revelation** chapter 21, along with Old Testaments scripture, God reveals to John the future that is to come. The bible also describes this time period as **“The Eternal State”** and **“The New Jerusalem”**. With this in mind, I will refer all three as one in the same time period.

So, when does all this happens? In the **Book of Revelation** and **1 Thessalonians** the recorded history of man is at its end. All of the ages have come and gone.

[**1 Thessalonians 4:15–17**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess%204.15%E2%80%9317) **. . .** *Christ has gathered His church in the Rapture*

[**Revelation 6—18**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%206%E2%80%9418) **. . .** The *Tribulation has passed*

[**Revelation 19:17–21**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2019.17%E2%80%9321) **. . .** The [*battle of Armageddon*](https://www.gotquestions.org/battle-Armageddon.html)*has been fought and won by our Lord Jesus Christ*

[**Revelation 20:1–3**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2020.1%E2%80%933) **. . .** *Satan has been chained for the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth*

[**Revelation 20:7–10**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2020.7%E2%80%9310) . . . The final rebellion against God has been quashed, and Satan has received his just punishment, an eternity in the lake of fire

[**Revelation 20:11–15**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2020.11%E2%80%9315) **. . .** *The*[*Great White Throne Judgment*](https://www.gotquestions.org/great-white-throne-judgment.html)*has taken place*, and mankind has been judged

In the **New Heavens and New Earth**, Scripture says, there are seven things notable for their absence—seven things that are “no more”:
[**Revelation 21:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.1)• [**no more sea**](https://www.gotquestions.org/no-more-sea.html)

* **21**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

[**Revelation 21:4**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.4) **• no more death, mourning, crying** and **pain**

* **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

**Revelation 22:3 • no more curse**

* **3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

[**Revelation 22:5**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2022.5) **• no more night**

* **5**  And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Old Testament also mentioned the **New Heaven and New Earth** in [**Isaiah 65:17**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2065.17)and[**Isaiah 66:22**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2066.22).

[**Isaiah 65:17**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2065.17)

* **17** “For behold, I create **new heavens and a new earth**, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. Neither will our existence in the **“eternal state”** be marred by bad memories of the old earth. Joy will swallow up all distress. Things will be completely new, and the old order of things, with the accompanying sorrow and tragedy, will be gone.

[**Isaiah 66:22**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2066.22)

* **22** “For as the **new heavens and the new earth**that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

As well as in the New Testament [**2 Peter 3:12–13**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Pet%203.12%E2%80%9313)**,** [**Romans 8:30**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%208.30)**,** [**1 Corinthians 2:9**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%202.9) and[**1 Thessalonians 4:17**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess%204.17)

* So, we will be with the Lord forever

[**2 Peter 3:12–13**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Pet%203.12%E2%80%9313)

* **12**  waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!
* **13** But according to his promise we are waiting for**New Heavens and a New Earth**in which righteousness dwells.

[**Romans 8:30**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%208.30)

* **30**  No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him

[**1 Corinthians 2:9**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%202.9)

* **9**  As it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him

 The **New Heaven and New Earth** will be free from sin, evil, sickness, suffering, and death. It will be similar to our current earth, but without the curse of sin. It will be earth as God originally intended it to be. It will be Eden restored. A major feature of the **New Earth** will be the [**New Jerusalem**](https://www.gotquestions.org/new-jerusalem.html)as describe on [**Revelation 21:2**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.2)**-3** and **22:3-4.**

[**Revelation 21:2**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.2)**-3**

* **2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
* **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**Revelation 22:2-4**

* **2** through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2022&version=ESV#fen-ESV-31067b)] with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
* **3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.
* **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

The **New Jerusalem** will be fantastically huge. John records that the city is nearly 1,500 miles long, and it is as wide and as high as it is long—a perfect cube - [**Revelation 21:15–17**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.15%E2%80%9317).

* **15** And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls.
* **16** The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.
* **17** He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement.

Who are the residents of the **New Jerusalem**? It is the place where God will dwell with His people forever.

[**Revelation 21:3**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.3).

* **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

[**Revelation 21:12**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.22)

* It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed

[**Revelation 21:22**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2021.22)

* And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb*.*

The **New Jerusalem** is the ultimate fulfillment of all God’s promises. It is God’s goodness made fully manifest. I hope the brief synopsis encourage you read **Revelation** chapter 21 and keep in mind, there is more to this chapter that will enlighten your mind of what is in stored for us in the **New Heaven** and **New Earth** . . .

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