

Happily Ever After: Exploring the Vision of the New Heavens and Earth

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This paper explores the vision of the new heavens and earth that will be established after Christ's return. While this vision is one experienced by John, who describes it in Revelation 21-22, the Bible from beginning to end speaks of the new heavens and earth and presents an image of what they will be. The image of the new heavens and earth starts in the Garden of Eden and continues throughout both the Old and New Testaments up until the last chapters of Revelation. While the Bible leaves many questions about this future home unanswered, it does allow Christians to get a glimpse of it. The Bible makes it clear that a new heavens and earth will be created as the eternal home of every believer. The new heavens and earth will be the union of heaven and earth. In them, believers will perfectly fulfill the job assigned to them at creation. The new heavens and earth will be the promised land and inheritance of the children of God, and finally this future home will be where believers will dwell in God's presence forever, growing in an infinitely deeper relationship with Him. Because of this glimpse, Christians can have hope for their future, knowing that one day they will dwell with God in a place created just for them, happily ever after.