

**Text: Revelation 21**

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Revelation 21:1-4

**A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH**

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Revelation 21:1

1. The word "heaven"

- a) First heaven  
The atmosphere
- b) Second heaven  
Outer space
- c) Third heaven  
The dwelling place of God

2. New heavens

- a) A reference to the first two heavens

- b) Not a reference to the abode of God

### 3. Literal new heavens and a new earth

## **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

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Revelation 21:2-4

### 1. The holy city, Jerusalem

- a) It comes from heaven
- b) It is prepared as a bride adorned for her husband

### 2. An announcement made

- a) The temple is the Tabernacle of God
- b) This Tabernacle is with men

### 3. God's Presence

- a) He will dwell with them
- b) They shall be His people
- c) The Lord will be their God

4. A special act of love

- a) He will wipe away all tears
- b) No more:
  - i) Death
  - ii) Sorrow
  - iii) Crying
  - iv) Pain
- c) The former things have passed away