

# A Theology of Heaven

## *Part Eight:* "Heaven on Earth"

"But according to His promise we are looking for *new heavens and a new earth*, in which righteousness dwells."  
– 2 Peter 3:13



Genesis 1-2	Revelation 21-22
Creation of the heavens and earth	New heavens and a new earth
No death	Death removed
Direct fellowship with God	God dwells with man on earth
Before the curse	The curse removed
Access to the tree of life	Access regained to the tree of life
Man ruling over the earth	Believers reigning with Christ on earth

## The Eternal State

### Renewed Creation

- "heaven and earth" – the physical, created universe
- "passed away" – fallen, corrupted creation is removed
- "no sea" – no disharmony or source of fear or evil in the new creation

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### The New Jerusalem

- Fulfillment of the prophetic promises of an eternal Jerusalem
- The dwelling place of God
- It comes down from heaven to reside on the new earth

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**The Presence of God**

**1. Fulfillment of the Covenant**

- the tabernacle and the temple were but shadows of this ultimate reality
- the incarnation of Jesus inaugurated this reality
- no physical temple; we shall "see God"

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**2. Effects of the fulfillment**

- intimate comfort and blessing
- the removal of all sources of sorrow – death, pain, suffering

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**Conclusion: God Speaks**

- God assures His word with sovereign omnipotence!

1. Gracious invitation
2. Sobering Warning