

What About Eternity?

Revelation 21:1-8

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What does the future hold?

Many people are fascinated, even obsessed with the future. They faithfully read their horoscopes, seek out Tarot card readers, have their palms read, feed on futuristic science fiction material, or call one of the many “psychic hot lines” advertised on TV.

But what about Eternity?

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Revelation 21:1-8 (NASB)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

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3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

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4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

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5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said*, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost."

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7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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1. When will it happen?

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;

- The phrase *Καὶ εἶδον* (*kai eidon, I saw*) is used throughout Revelation to indicate chronological progression.
- Progressively this would take place after the preceding events in Revelation.

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2. Where will it be?

2. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

- The new Jerusalem does not belong to the first creation, so it is neither the historic city, nor the millennial city; it is the altogether new eternal city.**

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2. Where will it be?

2. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

- But when God creates the new heaven and the new earth, the new Jerusalem will descend into the midst of that holy new universe (21:10).**

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3. What will be different?

4. there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

No death

No Crying

No Pain

He will make all things new.

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4. Who will be there?

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God and His People

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4. Who will be there?

7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

- Even in this life it is the believer's privilege to be the adopted son/daughter of the God of the universe
- We will live as His sons and daughters

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4. Who will be there?

**8But for the cowardly and unbelieving...
their part will be in the lake that burns
with fire and brimstone, which is the
second death.**

**Not all will spend eternity in heaven
Only those who have a believing faith
in Jesus.**

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servants, the things which must soon take place... Rev 1:1**

What about eternity?

It is coming

It is real

**It is for all who believe
and do not believe**

**The difference will be
where we spend it**

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