

Revelation Chapters 21 and 22

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(The things which will take place after this)	
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Paul – The Third Heaven 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (1 – Atmosphere, 2- Universe,3 - God’s Dwelling Place)

Re-creation - Of how much of the Universe? – First heaven and earth passed away!

Christian concepts of the original creation

Intelligent Design

Young Earth Theory

God’s Instantaneous creation by God’s Word – *ex nihilo* – out of nothing

7 Days – Genesis 1

Jesus (John 1:1-2, 14; Colossians 1:15-18; Hebrews 1:1-2, 10-12)

“Appearance of age”? – Chicken or egg? Was Adam a baby? Did he have a bellybutton?

“Gap Theory”? Genesis 1:1-2 – Darkness and Chaos at Satan’s rebellion? (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:11-18)

Theistic Evolution – not Biblical

Atheistic/ Agnostic Theory of Evolution – Not really scientific

No more sea (obstacle/separation – since the flood, danger, storms, changing ecology)

2E. New Jerusalem

21:2

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Prepared as a bride – See bride/wife in v. 9

3E. Tabernacle – God’s Presence **21:3-5**

“He will dwell with them.” – (John 1:1, 14) – Feast of Tabernacles
No more death, sorrow, crying, pain – former things have passed away.

4E. Inhabitants **21:6-7**

He who thirsts
He who overcomes - cf. overcomers in the Seven Churches (Revelation 2 & 3; 1 John 5:5)
My son – children of God

5E. Exclusions: Unbelievers **21:8**

“Cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars...”
The lake which burns with fire and brimstone. – the second death

2D. The Major Details **21:9-22:5**

1E. The Holy Jerusalem **21:9-21**

Coming down out of heaven
Jesus “I go to prepare a place for you...” (John 14:1-4)

1F. The Bride/ Wife **21:9-10**

The Church- the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-28) cf. v14 below
Israel – Jehovah’s wife (Ezekiel 16 etc.) cf. v. 12-13 below

2F. The Glory of God **21:11**

The Shekinah Glory (Exodus 13:20-22, Exodus 33) – see also “light” in vv.23-25
“Like a most precious ... jasper stone [diamond], clear as crystal”

3F. The Wall **21:12-14**

Twelve gates – names of the twelve tribes of Israel / Twelve foundations – names of the twelve Apostles

4F. The Dimensions **21:15-17**

Cube (some think pyramid or sphere)
Twelve thousand furlongs – nearly 1400 miles in all three dimensions

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Wouldn't "fit" on present earth (eg. from Canada to Mexico and from Colorado to the Atlantic)

Henry M. Morris calculates 75 acres on each side for each of the redeemed.

Three dimensional travel no problem for glorified bodies (including space travel).

5F. The Appearance

21:18-21

Its wall was of jasper; and the city [including streets] - pure gold, like clear glass

Foundations of precious stones

Gates – pearls

2E. The "Temple"

21:22

No physical temple – The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb [Jesus] are its temple

3E. The Light

21:23a-27; 22:5

God is light (1 John 1:5)

Let there be light (Genesis 1:3)

"I am the Light of the world." (John 8:12; John 1:1-5);

Brightness (effulgence) of (the Father's) glory (Hebrews 1:3)

"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14-16)

4E. The River – Water of Life/ Tree of Life

22:1-2

5E. The End of the Curse (Genesis 3; Romans 8

22:3-4

1C. The Necessary Considerations

22:6-21

1D. Final Instructions

22:6-12

1D. Final Invitation

22:13-21