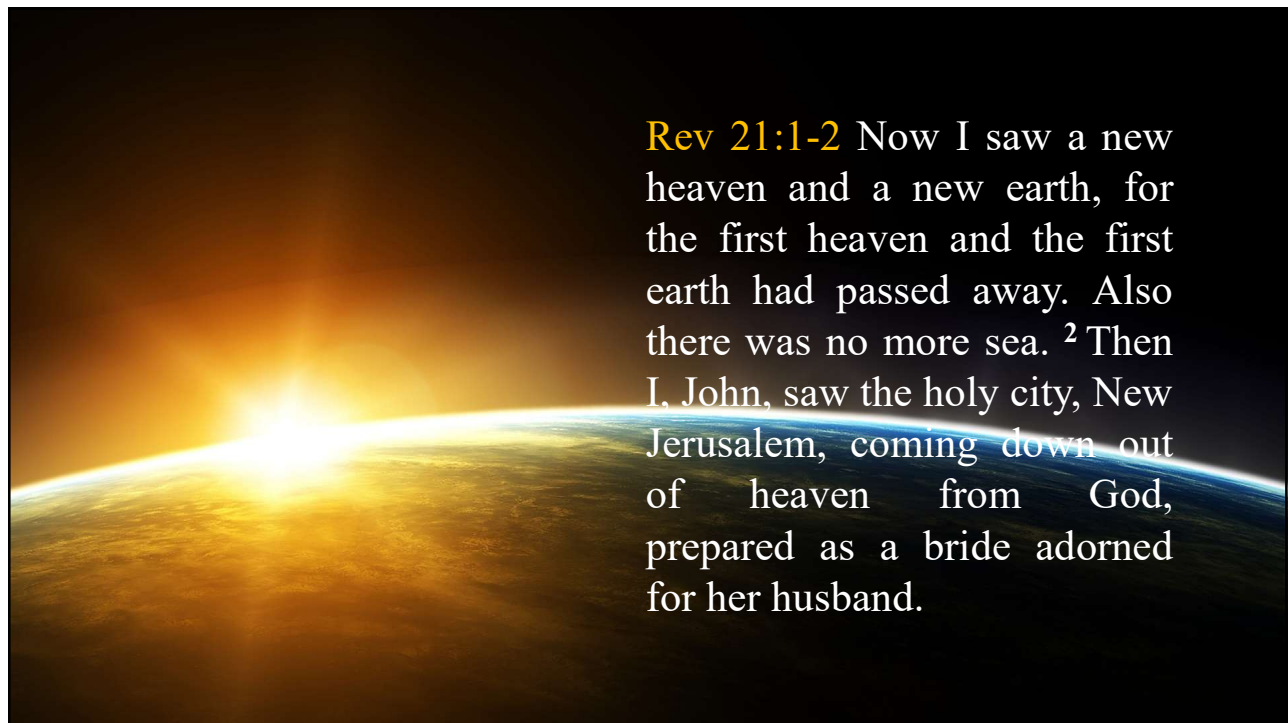
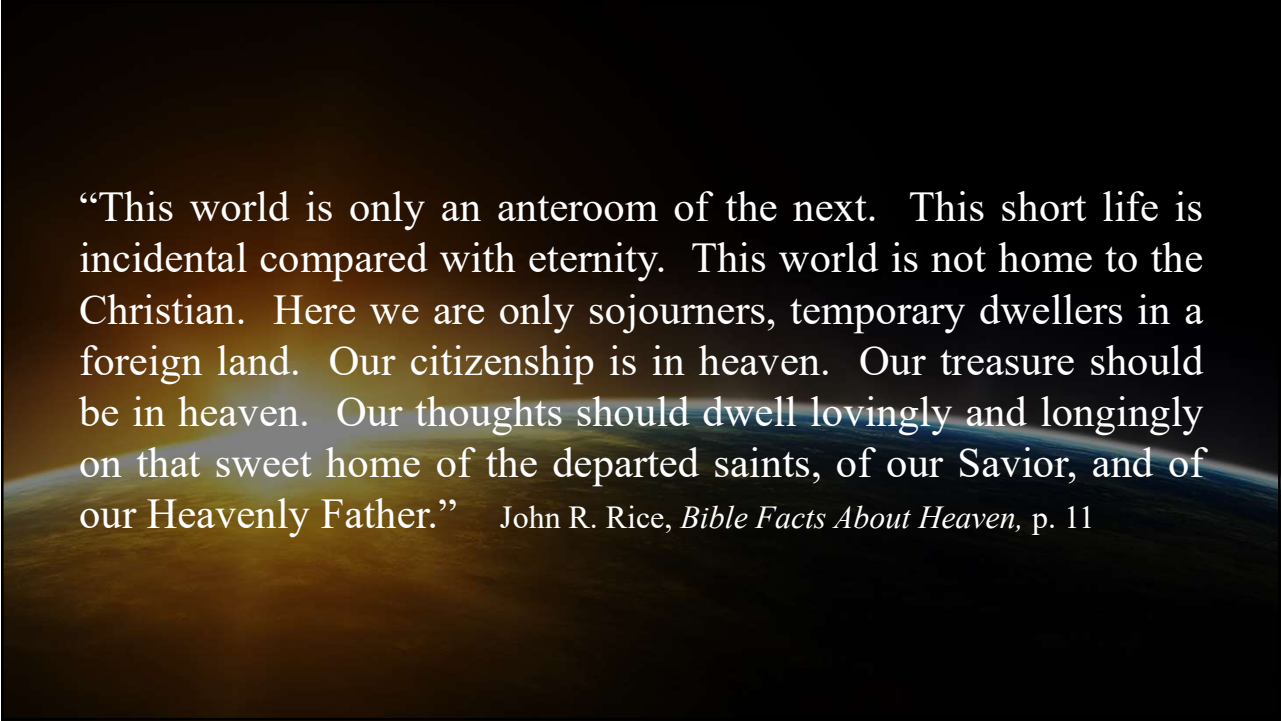




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“This world is only an anteroom of the next. This short life is incidental compared with eternity. This world is not home to the Christian. Here we are only sojourners, temporary dwellers in a foreign land. Our citizenship is in heaven. Our treasure should be in heaven. Our thoughts should dwell lovingly and longingly on that sweet home of the departed saints, of our Savior, and of our Heavenly Father.” John R. Rice, *Bible Facts About Heaven*, p. 11

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1. There's a new world coming

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“Despite the most earnest efforts, no one has been able to bring about Utopia on earth or to reproduce the Garden of Eden on this planet. The scourge of sin is too deeply ingrained in human hearts, and, as the Bible says, ‘There is none righteous, no, not one.’”

David Jeremiah, *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*, p. 197



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Rom 8:19-22 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

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Mt 6:10 “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Heb 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off ^[e]were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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Ps 102:25-26 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed.

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Is 65:17-19 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Is 66:22-23 “For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the Lord, “So shall your descendants and your name remain. ²³ And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord.

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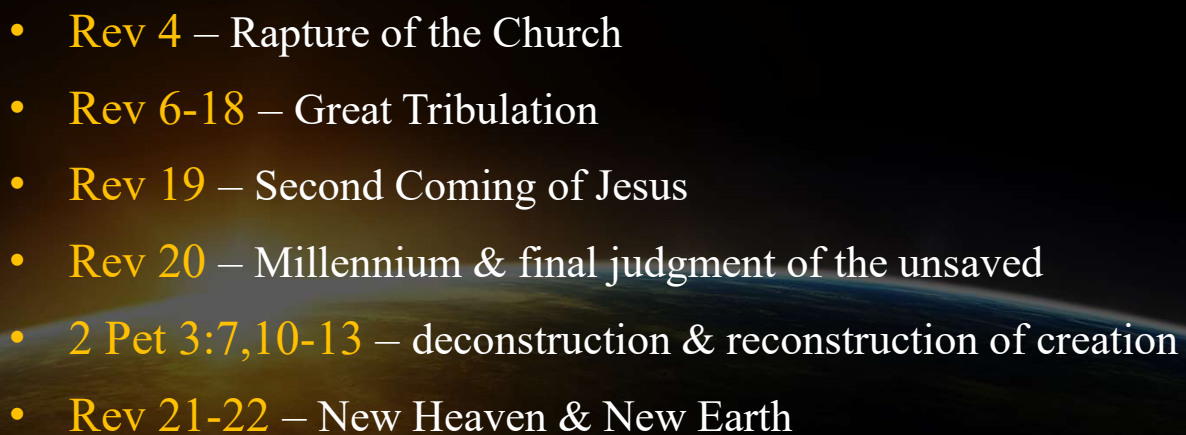
Heb 1:10-12 “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; ¹² Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

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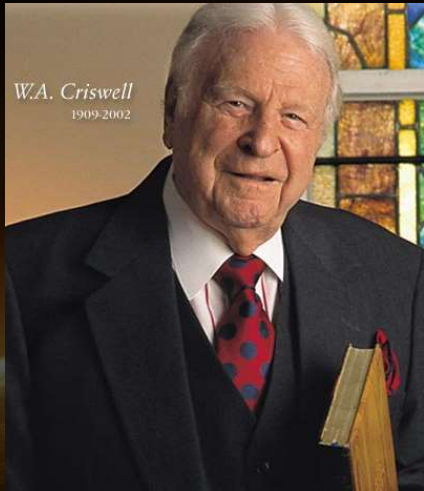


2. When will this new earth come to be?

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- **Rev 4** – Rapture of the Church
 - **Rev 6-18** – Great Tribulation
 - **Rev 19** – Second Coming of Jesus
 - **Rev 20** – Millennium & final judgment of the unsaved
 - **2 Pet 3:7,10-13** – deconstruction & reconstruction of creation
 - **Rev 21-22** – New Heaven & New Earth

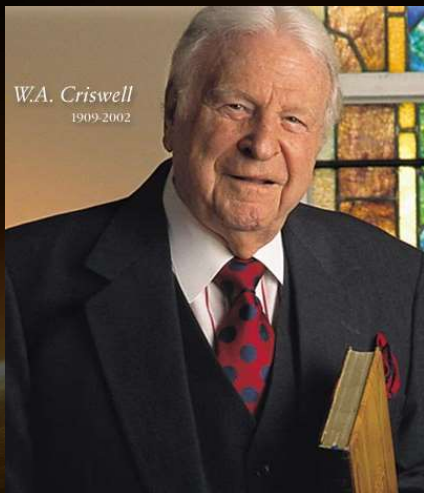
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W.A. Criswell, "The New Creation," 9/16/84:

"God someday shall purge this earth and this universe of all of its sin and unrighteousness and darkness and death. It will be dissolved in a fervent heat. The elements shall return to their primordial form, and that whole creation of God shall be burned with fire (2 Pet 8:10-12). It shall be cleansed. It shall be purged. Everything that is wrong and everything that is transgressing and sinful shall be taken out of it.

15



Then shall come to pass this ultimate and final revelation described for us in the twenty-first chapter (Rev 21). Out of this purged mass of God's creative work, He will reshape, He will remake, He will re-create all of the heavens and this earth. There will be no destruction of what God has made. It is a renewal. It is a renaissance. It is a regeneration. It is a re-creation."

16

2 Pet 3:5-6,10-13 by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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3. Why a re-creation?

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- It is a resurrection
- It denies Satan

Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*, p. 100: “God doesn’t throw away His handiwork and start from scratch – instead, He uses the same canvas to repair and make more beautiful the painting marred by the vandal. The vandal doesn’t get the satisfaction of destroying his rival’s masterpiece. On the contrary, God makes an even greater masterpiece out of what His enemy sought to destroy.”

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4. What will be some of the distinguishing characteristics of this new earth?

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Rev 21:1,4-5, 22:3 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ...
4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said ^[b]to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” ... 3 And there shall be no more curse,

21

- **No more curse**

Gen 3:17-19 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

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23

David Jeremiah, *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*, p. 217:

“The weariness that accompanies our work will be a forgotten memory. Nature will work as it should, the weather will always be in our favor, and the ground will grow flowers as naturally as it produces thorns and thistles today.”



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- No more sea

Approx. 71% of the earth's surface is covered by water

The oceans hold over 96% of all the earth's water

These vast saltwater wastelands are essentially inhabitable

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Henry M. Morris, *The Revelation Record*, p. 437:

“There will, in fact, be no need for a sea on the new earth. The present sea is needed, as was the original antediluvian sea, as a basic reservoir for the maintenance of the hydrologic cycle and the water-based ecology and physiology of the animal and human inhabitants of the earth.”

Dr. Henry
Morris

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David Jeremiah , *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*, p. 215:

“Give God a little bit of credit here, for if He made the seas so beautiful and pleasant in the first place, He will certainly design the new world with even greater levels of marvel and magnificence.”

27

- All things will be restored

Rev 21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

Eph 1:7-10 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,

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Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*, p. 101: "Heaven is God's home. Earth is our home. Jesus Christ, as the God-man, forever links God with mankind, and thereby forever links heaven and earth. As Eph 1:10 demonstrates, this idea of earth and heaven becoming one is explicitly biblical. Christ will make earth into heaven and heaven into earth. Just as the wall that separates God and mankind is torn down in Jesus, so too the wall that separated heaven and earth will be forever demolished. There will be one universe, with all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, Jesus Christ. God's plan is that there will be no more gulf between the spiritual and physical worlds. There will be no divided loyalties or divided realms. There will be one cosmos, one universe united under one Lord – forever. This is the unstoppable plan of God. This is where history is headed."

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Herbert Lockyer, *All God's Comfort*, p. 131:

"Social fellowship, so far from ceasing in heaven, will be vastly extended, and each of us will know intuitively the whole family of God. What a gathering of the ransomed that will be!"

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Rev 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

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Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915

“Blessed Assurance”

“Oh what a foretaste of glory
divine!”

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