

HEAVEN — What Will It Be Like? Pastor Steve

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Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. Romans 8:20-21 NLT

'If the 'wrong side' of Heaven can be so beautiful, what will the right side look like?' Randy Alcorn — Heaven

Key Thought of the Day

"Heaven" will consist of a **NEW** Heaven and a **NEW** Earth.

Key Verses of the Day

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:1-2 NIV

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:7 NIV

What Will Heaven Be Like?

Heaven will consist of a **NEW** Heaven.

Then I saw "a new heaven...

- Heaven will also consist of a **NEW** Earth.

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

...he (God) made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. Ephesians 1:9-10 NIV

- Heaven will consist of a capital city called **NEW JERUSALEM** that will be located on the New Earth.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and

found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. Revelation 21:1-3, 9-19 NIV

New Jerusalem...

Is the **RULING SEAT** of Christ.

God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people... Isaiah 65:18-19 NIV

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Revelation 22:4 NIV

New Jerusalem...

- Is a **MAJOR CITY**.

He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. Revelation 21:16b-17 NIV

Grab This!

New Jerusalem is roughly **1380 MILES** long, wide and high!

PIC — US MAP — I'll tell you when to put it up

PIC — Mount Everest — Put up when I start talking about it.

New Jerusalem Will Include:

- **RIVERS**, Lakes and Parks — Ezekiel 47:12, Revelation 2:7
- Trees, **FRUIT** and Plant Life — Ezekiel 47:12
- Many **ANIMALS** — Isaiah 11 & 65
- Mountains and **VALLEYS** — Revelation 21:10
- **STREETS** — Revelation 21:21
- Buildings — Isaiah 65:21
- Gardens — Isaiah 65:21-22
- **ANGELS** — Revelation 19:9
- A Vast Diversity of **PEOPLE** — Revelation 7:9
- Homes — John 14
- **JESUS!** Revelation 21 & 21

The Bottom Line

Heaven will feel like you have truly **COME HOME**.

"When you read that our heavenly home is similar to a bride, tell me, doesn't it make you want to go home." -- Max Lucado

The Challenge

How could a fresh perspective of Heaven change the way you view life today?