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THE NEW JERUSALEM

Most Christians believe (were taught) that when we die here on earth we ascend to heaven, and that we will live forever there in heaven. That is not true. Heaven will only be our temporary dwelling place.

After all of the events associated with the rapture, the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrections, the final war against Satan, then Satan and all of his followers are cast into the lake of fire. The dead (non-believers) are judged at the "Great White Throne." All those whose names are not found in the "Book of Life" are cast into the lake of fire.

Then what happens? This present earth and the present heaven where we were dwelling shall pass away. The old earth and its works are burned by fire as told in II Peter 3:10-13. ***"But the day of the Lord will come...in the which the heavens shall pass away...and the elements (of the earth) shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up...nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."***

In Revelation 21:1-2 John says, ***"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was (in the new earth) no more sea (oceans). And I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of (the new) heaven, prepared (in splendor) as a bride (the church) adorned for her husband (Christ)."***

Revelation 21:9-27 and 22:1-5 describe the holy city, New Jerusalem. Its gates will not close; we shall have full access to it as we dwell on the new earth, ruling and reigning with Christ. It will be a habitation for the righteous.

Yes, God will recreate the earth and the heavens for our permanent dwelling place. As we dwell and rule on this new "re-made" earth, we will have access to go in and out the open gates of the New Jerusalem wherein dwells our "husband" (groom) Christ Jesus.

The elements (surface areas) of the old earth have been destroyed, our new earth will look different. The New Jerusalem is gloriously described.

We can only imagine and speculate about these times since we are given limited information. This we know: it will be far better than anything we have yet known or foreseen.