

THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

REVELATION 21:01–08

Introduction

What will eternity be like? What will it be like to live with God forever and ever? This chapter of Revelation tells us. All the bad and negative things of this world are going to be conquered and destroyed. All the pollution and impurities, all the ungodliness and evil, all the suffering and pain, all the corruption and death — it is all going to be erased, eliminated, and done away with. The day is coming when there will be no more...

- impure government
- corrupt religion
- bad leaders
- painful suffering
- sin and temptation

This is the glorious message of Revelation. God is going to take Satan and all the ungodly and evil of this world and destroy them. God is going to make a new heavens and a new earth. God is going to make all things new. And when He does, there will be...

- no more tears
- no more mourning
- no more crying
- no more pain
- no more death

This is the great subject of this passage of Scripture: *the new heavens and the new earth*.

- I. The new creation, the new heaven and the new earth (v. 1).
- II. The new city of God (v. 2).
- III. The immediate fellowship with God (v. 3).
- IV. The perfection of all things (v. 4-6).
- V. The citizens (v. 6-8).

I. *Revelation 21:01 Creation of the New Heaven and the New Earth*

There will be the new creation, the new heaven and the new earth. The heaven (heavenly bodies in outer space) and earth that we know are going to pass away.

1. All the heavens above — the sun, moon, stars and planets — are going to be destroyed and remade. God is going to make a new heaven. Think what this will mean. There will be...
 - no more violent thunder storms, typhoons, hurricanes or destructive rains and weather.
 - no more stars or solar systems that are burned out.

All of the heavens above will be remade, created anew and made alive. Think how glorious and beautiful the heavens look now when we look up on a starry night. But imagine what they will be like when God recreates them in all the glory and

magnificence of a perfect universe. All things within the universe will be alive and reflect the glory and splendour of God Himself. The universe will be perfect, a place where nothing bums out or wears down or wastes away or dies. Think about the light and brilliance and splendour and glory of all the heavenly bodies when God recreates the heavens. Think about what it will mean to have a universe full of *living planets and stars and solar systems*. We cannot imagine the glory and beauty. It is beyond our finite minds. But note the significant point: the Scripture declares emphatically that the heaven is to be remade and recreated into a new heaven (see note, pt. 2, 2 Pet 3:10).

2. The earth is going to pass away. There is going to be a new earth. The present earth is defective; it is cursed. The earth suffers under all kinds of natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, destructive storms, floods, scorching heat, deserts, famines, diseases and death. But the day is coming when God is going to remake the earth. God is going to create a new earth. Think what this will mean.

=> No more disasters or destruction.

=> No more thorns or thistles or infertile and unproductive soil.

=> No more hunger or thirst.

=> No more disease, decay, erosion or death.

The new earth will flourish and be fruitful, bearing all the good that can be imagined. Think how beautiful, green, lush, productive and fruitful it will be. Think how peaceful, serene and comfortable it will be. Think of the security and provision, the abundance and overflowing of every good and perfect gift — the fullness of life that will be possible upon the earth. The earth will be new, perfected by God in every conceivable way.

Note the statement, “there was no longer any sea.” This can mean one of two things. The sea will be eliminated, done away with and the new earth will have no sea. Or it can mean the same thing that is meant with the heavens and the earth. The heavens and the earth and the sea are to pass away and be made anew and recreated. The sea that causes devastation and destruction will be destroyed right along with the earth and the heavens; but when they are recreated, the sea, being part of the earth, will be part of the new earth, part of the new creation.

A perfected earth is beyond our comprehension. But it is exactly what Scripture declares is going to happen. God is going to create a new earth as well as a new heaven.

Mat 5:18 *I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

Mat 24:35 *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*

2 Pet 3:10-13 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it*

will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives. As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Rev 21:1 *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.*

Psa 102:25-27 *In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.*

Isa 34:4 *All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shrivelled figs from the fig tree.*

Isa 51:6 *Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.*

Isa 65:17 *“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”*

Isa 66:22 *“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure.”*

II. Revelation 21:02 The New City of God

There will be the new city of God, the holy city, the New Jerusalem. The idea is that the New Jerusalem will be the capital city in the new heaven and earth. It will be the place where the very presence of God is symbolized. God’s presence, of course, will be manifested everywhere in the new heavens and earth, manifested in all of God’s glory and majesty. But the holy city will give believers a place with which to identify as they serve God throughout the universe. The next verse shows this. The heavenly city is the tabernacle, the very presence of God that comes down to dwell with man. The New Jerusalem is discussed in detail in the next passage (Rev 21:9f). The point in this verse is to show that God has prepared His own capital city to sit upon the earth. It will apparently be from the New Jerusalem that Jesus Christ will rule the universe and require His servants (believers) to occasionally visit and report on their work (see note, Rev 21:24-27). The Lord’s throne will sit in the New Jerusalem and from there He shall rule and reign throughout all eternity. Note that the city comes down out of heaven. It is not constructed here on earth; God has it built in heaven and then moves it to earth. Note also that it is said to be as beautifully prepared as a bride is for her husband. This points both to the beauty of the city and to our longing desire to have God’s presence right here on earth with us.

Remember that Jesus Christ told His apostles that He was going away to prepare a place for them. There is the possibility that He was referring to His preparing the New Jerusalem (Jn. 14:2-3).

III. Revelation 21:03 The Immediate Fellowship With God

There will be immediate fellowship with God. The very tabernacle of God will be set up right here on earth. The tabernacle is a picture of the tabernacle of the Old Testament, the worship centre of Israel, the place where the very presence and glory of God dwelt in a special way. The picture is this: when the New Jerusalem, the capital city of eternity, is moved to earth, then the very presence and glory of God will dwell and live right here upon earth. When the New Jerusalem is established upon earth, God's glory and presence will be forever upon earth. God's presence will never again be dulled or removed from the presence of people.

The one thing for which man longs is the presence of God, the glory and fullness of God in all the abundance of life. Man may not know it, but the longing of his heart is for God. Man tries to fill his longing with all sorts of worldly pleasures and possessions, but nothing satisfies — nothing but God, His presence and glory. Until man allows God to fill his heart, he goes through all kinds of negative experiences:

- => lack of purpose, meaning and significance
- => emptiness, questioning and wondering about life
- => routineness, dullness and feeling drained
- => insecurity and fear and failure

But when man gives his life to God, he begins to fellowship with God and to experience all the fullness of life. The point is this: in the new heaven and earth the presence and glory of God will dwell with man all the time. Man will never be without the presence and glory of God. He will always experience the fellowship of God's presence and glory. Note how strong the fellowship will be:

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

Four things are said:

- => The dwelling, the tabernacle of God, the very presence and glory of God, will be with men.
- => God will dwell with them.
- => They will be His people.
- => God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Thought 1. Think how wonderful it will be: we will never be without the presence and glory of God! We will be in His presence immediately and be able to talk and

share with God face-to-face. We will be able to fellowship and commune with Him, laugh and rejoice with Him, praise and worship Him, serve and work for Him — all face-to-face. God says He is going to live and dwell with us; He is going to take over the management of our lives, guiding and directing us day by day throughout all eternity. This is what eternity will be like, what the new heaven and earth will be like. The presence and glory of God will be living and dwelling with us right here on earth.

IV. Revelation 21:04–06 *The Perfection of All Things*

There will be the perfection of all things. Note two things.

1. Life will be perfected. This means that the body of man will be perfected; so will the environment and earth. Life will be totally different from what it is now. The very life and utopia for which man has longed will be a living reality. All the sufferings and evil of life and all the bad and negative experiences of life will be gone. Scripture explains the change in the most beautiful and striking way: it declares that “[God] will wipe away every tear from their [believer’s] eyes.” Imagine a world so perfected that there would never again be a tear shed. Look at what Scripture says:

Rev 21:4-5 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

- ⇒ There will be no more death: no more aging, murder, killing or war. No more miscarriages or dying children, no more dying mothers or dying fathers, and no more parents who have passed on. No more funerals or cemeteries or burial grounds. Every one will have a spiritual body, a body that will be perfected, made incorruptible and immortal, perfect in strength and honour. There will be no death in the new heaven and earth. God will wipe away the tears of death.
- ⇒ There will be no more mourning: no more brokenness, disappointment, regret, guilt, failure, weakness, inferiority, inadequacy, or incapability. No more homelessness, starvation, hunger, or thirst. There will be nothing to make us sorrowful. We will be capable and able, successful and fruitful, confident and secure. There will never be a regret or failure to make us sorrowful. We will be perfected. We will be able to live and serve to the fullest degree without any shortcoming whatsoever. God will wipe away all the tears of sorrow in the new heaven and earth.
- ⇒ There will be no more crying: no more disappointment, arguing, fussing, cursing, divisiveness, drugs, evil, immorality, separation, bitterness, burdens, or heartache — no more bad things that cut the heart and cause the heart and eyes to cry. Every life will be perfected. Everyone will be perfected and live together in love, joy, and peace — never causing hurt to another person. God will wipe away the tears of crying.
- ⇒ There will be no more pain: no more diseases, accidents, distress, pressure, abuse, beatings, fights, afflictions or agony. No more emotional or physical pain. No more of anything that causes pain of any kind. God will wipe away the tears of pain.

But note why. It is because God recreates the universe. It is because “the old order of things has passed away.” God cannot state it any clearer: the earth as it is now is going to pass away. Note again how clear and exact Scripture describes what God is going to do:

Rev 21:4 *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

How do we know for sure that God is going to recreate the universe? How do we know that God is going to perfect life for us? *The next point tells us.*

Thought 1. Just think! Life will be perfected. The day is coming when God is going to perfect human life. He is going to make a new heaven and earth, a perfect heaven and earth; and He is going to perfect all believers. Everything — all of heaven and earth and all that is therein — shall be perfected. There is no greater hope than this glorious promise of God, the promise that He is going to perfect the universe.

Rev 7:17 *“For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Rev 21:4 *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

2 Cor 4:17 *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

1 Cor 15:26 *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

1 Cor 15:54 *When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”*

1 Pet 4:12-13 *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

Isa 25:8 *He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.*

Isa 35:10 *And the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Isa 51:11 *Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Isa 60:20 *Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.*

2. God assures us that He is going to perfect all things, He gives us three assurances.
 - a. God Himself assures us. Note that God Himself spoke from the throne of heaven and declared emphatically that He was going to make everything new:
Rev 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
 - b. God's Word assures it. God gave a double declaration. He declared that His Words are true and faithful. By true, He means true as opposed to false. He is not lying. He is God; therefore, what He says will happen. By faithful, He means that He will do exactly what He says. We can all count on it. And note: God instructed John to write down all that He said. God wanted us to know about His promise of a new heaven and earth, of a perfected body and life, and He wanted us to be assured of His promise.
 - c. God's sovereignty assures it. How? By the power and sovereignty of God. God declares, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End." Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and means the *beginning*, and Omega is the last letter and means *the end*. God is declaring that He is the beginning and the ending, the Creator of all things. All things have their beginning in Him. And He is the end of all things, the consummation and goal and the end and objective of all things. All things find their meaning and being in Him. And He spans all things just as the beginning and end span all things. Therefore, He can do as He wills.

The point is this: God has willed a new heavens and earth. Therefore, He has already spoken it into being. He has already declared, "It is done." The clock is set and the event fixed. The minutes of time are ticking away, and the hour will come when the set time arrives.

1 Th 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

2 Tim 2:13 If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Mat 5:18 "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Luke 21:33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

1 Cor 1:9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

1 Kng 8:56 Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Psa 111:7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Psa 146:6 He is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — he remains faithful forever.

V. *Revelation 21:06–08 Citizens of the New Heaven and Earth*

There will be the citizens of the new heavens and earth. Note that God Himself is still speaking. What He is saying is important, so important that He must make the declaration Himself. It is too important to have an angelic messenger declare the message. (God tells us who the citizens of His new heavens and earth will be. But note something else as well: He tells us who will not be.) He warns us that not everyone will live in the new heavens and earth, not everyone will be acceptable to Him. But He shows us how to make sure that we are acceptable, that we do receive the right to become citizens of the new heavens and earth. How?

1. The citizens of the new heavens and earth will be those who thirst for life. God says that He will give the water of life to all those who thirst after it. That is, the person who thirsts after life will be the person who will receive the *water of life*. God is going to give life to the person who thirsts after it; He is going to give the spring of the water of life and give it freely.

To thirst after life means that one thirsts...

- to know the life that God wants man to live.
- to know the life that God gives.
- to know the fullness of life that is in God Himself.
- to know the hope of life that God has planned for man.
- to know the perfection of life that God longs for man to live.

Simply stated, to thirst after life means to thirst after the life that God gives, to thirst after God Himself. It means...

- to know God; to fellowship, commune, and share with God.
- to know the salvation, forgiveness, and cleansing of God.
- to know the hope, assurance, and security of God.
- to live for God, to obey and follow God.

The person who thirsts after God will be a citizen of the new heavens and earth.

2. The citizen of the new heavens and earth will be the overcomer. The overcomer is the person who overcomes this world and remains faithful and loyal to Christ. It means the person who remains pure and follows the Lord Jesus Christ. The overcomer is the person who conquers all the temptations and trials of life. Two great promises are made to the overcomer:

=> He will inherit all this, all that the new heavens and earth offer.

=> He will be a son of God.

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those — who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Rom 8:14-17 *Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Ga1 4:7 *So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.*

Phil 2:15 *So that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.*

1 John 1:3 *We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

3. The fate of those who continue in their sin and reject Christ is clearly spelled out. What a tragic list it is.

=> The *cowardly*, those who do not confess Christ because they fear what others might say; those who are afraid to give up the world and deny self; those who fear taking a stand for Christ; those who fear to fellowship or become identified with Christian people.

Mat 10:32-33 *"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."*

Rom 10:9 *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

2 Tim 2:12 *If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.*

Prov 29:25 *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*

=> The *unbelieving*: those who do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world; those who reject Jesus Christ and His death upon the cross for their sins; those who profess Christ, but live hypocritical lives, who show by their sinful behaviour that they do not really believe Him.

John 3:18 *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

John 8:24 *"I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."*

John 12:48 *"There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."*

2 Cor 4:4 *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God”*

1 John 2:22-23 *Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist — he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*

⇒ The *vile*: those who are worldly and who live worldly lives; those who reach out to touch and taste the impurities and lusts of the world; those who are stained and contaminated and polluted with worldliness; those who refuse to separate from the pleasures and possessions of this world and refuse to turn to God.

Luke 21:34 *“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.”*

Rom 12:2 *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

2 Cor 6:17-18 *“Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*

Titus 2:12-13 *It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

James 4:4 *You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

1 John 2:15-16 *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world.*

⇒ The *murderers*: those who kill and take away the lives of others.

Exo 20:13 *You shall not murder.*

Mat 19:18 *Jesus replied, “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony.”*

Rom 13:9-10 *The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.*

1 Pet 4:15 *If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.*

1 John 3:15 *Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.*

⇒ The *sexually immoral*: those who are sexually impure; those who commit sexual immorality or have sex before marriage; those who commit adultery and homosexuality and all other sexual acts that God forbids; those who look and lust, read and lust, think and lust.

Mat 5:27-28 *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

Rom 1:27 *In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.*

Rom 13:14 *Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

Eph 4:19 *Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.*

1 Pet 2:11 *Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*

1 Pet 4:2-3 *As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do — living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.*

⇒ The *ones who practice magic arts or sorcerers*: those who engage in astrology, witchcraft, devil worship, spiritism, seances, palm reading, fortune telling, and all other forms of false beliefs that claim to reveal and control one’s fate, life and destiny.

1 Chr 10:13 *Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance.*

Isa 8:19-20 *When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Consult God’s instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.*

Micah 5:12 *I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells.*

Gal 5:19-20 *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; Idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions.*

=> The *idolaters*: those who worship idols, whether idols made with one's hands or just conceived in one's mind; those who have an image of what God is like and worship and follow that image instead of following the God revealed by the Scriptures; those who put the things of this earth before God; those who give their primary attention and devotion to someone or something other than God.

1 Cor 10:14 *Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.*

Gal 5:19-21 *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; Idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions And envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Eph 5:5 *For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

Col 3:5-6 *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.*

Rev 21:8 *But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death.*

Rev 22:15 *Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

=> The *liars*: those who tell falsehoods and do not tell the truth; those who deceive and mislead others; those who are gossipers and talebearers and who pass rumours along.

Psa 63:11 *But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.*

Prov 19:5 *A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.*

Isa 44:25 *[The Lord] who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense.*

Rev 21:8 *But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death.*

Any person who does not repent and turn away from these things — any person who does not turn to God for forgiveness of these things — any person who does not forsake these things — that person will not enter into the new heavens and earth. He will not be a citizen of the new heavens and earth. Where does he go? Scripture is clear:

Their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death. (v. 8). ■