

New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21:1-8)

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Revelation 21:1-8

“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.”

Resurrection in the Old Testament

- Isaiah 25:8
- Isaiah 65:20
- Daniel 12:2-3
- Job 19:25-27
- Psalm 49:13-15

The Return to a Better Eden

- Revelation 21:5
- Revelation 22:1-5

What If Adam and Eve Never Sinned? Eden Was Still Not the Final Plan.

“Moses therefore in this place signifies to the spiritually minded that we were created unto a life far more excellent than, and high above, anything which this corporeal life could ever have been, even if nature had remained perfect and uncorrupted by sin. For godly teachers well affirm that if Adam had not fallen God would have translated him from an animal life to spiritual life after a certain number of saints had been perfected. For Adam was not designed by his creation to live without food, drink and procreation. But all these corporeal things would have ceased at an appointed time; after a number of saints had been completed; and Adam, together with his posterity, would have been translated to a life spiritual and eternal. These natural works of our corporeal life, eating, drinking, procreation, etc., would still have existed and would have been a service of gratitude to God; which service we should have performed without any of that corrupt concupiscence which cleaves to us since the sin of the fall and without any sin of our own or any fear of death. This would indeed have been a life of pleasure and of sweetness. Of such a life it is lawful for us to think; but such a life is not now possible for us to live. This however we have still left to us: We can believe and with all assurance look for a spiritual life after this present life; an end of this life in paradise; thought for us and destined for us by God through the merits of Christ.”

Which Religions Believe in a Resurrection?

Atheism	
Buddhism	
Hinduism	
Islam	
Judaism	
Christianity	

Discussion Questions

1. Will my pet animals be in heaven?
2. Will we be married in heaven?
3. Can you sin in heaven?
4. What happens when we die? Are we judged immediately, and is our soul sent to heaven or hell or what?
5. After we die, is our soul asleep until Judgement Day?