

Prophecy devo #37 – The eternal state

“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” (Revelation 20:10).

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH (Revelation 20:1). The universe will be destroyed to be cleansed from all the effects of sin (II Peter 3:7, 10). This means the atmospheric heavens and perhaps the stellar heavens, but not the third Heaven where God dwells. This is a fulfillment of Old Testament and New Testament prophecy (Psalm 102:25-26; Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Luke 21:33; Hebrews 1:10-12).

THE NEW JERUSALEM. It will be holy (2). It will be the antithesis of earthly Jerusalem, which is called Sodom, because of its moral and spiritual corruption (Revelation 11:8). The New Jerusalem is not Heaven. It will come down out of Heaven (2). It appears this city had already been created and coming to earth. Jesus said, “I go and prepare a place for you” (John 14:3). The New Jerusalem will be over the earth during the millennium, and it will descend to earth in eternity (Isaiah 65:1-25). From creation God has wanted to dwell with His people. He will be their God and dwell with them in the New Jerusalem (3). There will be no death, no sorrow, no crying, and no pain. The New Jerusalem will be the inheritance of those who those who believe in Christ whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament (4-7). Unbelievers will have their own place in the Lake of Fire, which is the second death (8).