

The Book of 1 Peter

The Believer's Eternal Hope (1:3-2:10)

Parenthesis: What and Where is Heaven?

1. The Need for a Study of Heaven
2. The Origins of a Spiritualized View of Heaven
3. A Redemptive View of Heaven
 - A. Genesis 1-3, Another Test Case
 - 1) Man – Designed to Rule the Physical World on God's Behalf
 - 2) Man – Designed to Commune with God in the Physical World
 - 3) Man – Designed to Commune with Christ in the Physical World
 - B. Revelation 21-22, The Consummation of God's Design (A Physical/Spiritual Eternity in The New Creation)
 - 1) The Prophet Isaiah (Isa. 65:17-18; 66:22-24)
 - a) The Need for a New Creation
 - b) The New Creation
 - 2) The Apostle Peter (2 Pet. 3:10-13)
 - a) Implicit Examples of the New Creation
 - b) Peter's Explicit Reference to the New Creation
 - dwells taking up residence, settling down, being at home
 - 3) The Apostle John (Rev. 21-22)
 - a) The New Creation (21:1)
 - b) The Descent of the Heavenly City (21:2-4)
 - c) The Water of Life (21:6; 22:1)
 - d) The Continuation of Physical Life (21:24-26)
 - e) The Rule of Man (22:5)

John MacArthur

Israel's future kingdom will include a temporal kingdom of a thousand years (see notes on Rev. 20:1–10) and an eternal kingdom in God's new creation (51:6,16; 54:10; 66:22; cf. Rev. 21:1–8). The prophet uses the eternal kingdom here as a reference point for both. Isaiah's prophecy does not make clear the relationship between the kingdom's two aspects as does later prophecy (Rev. 20:1–21:8) (The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed).

Revelation 21:24-26:

- In the eternal state we see the existence of nations (eternity is not homogenous)
- In the eternal state we see the existence of kings/rulers/leaders
- In the eternal state we see the existence of produce

- In the eternal state the heavenly city is the storehouse of the nations

Wayne Grudem:

For that reason, it should not strike us as surprising to find that some of the descriptions of life in heaven include features that are very much part of the physical or material creation that God has made. We shall eat and drink at “the marriage supper of the Lamb” (Rev. 19:9). Jesus will once again drink wine with his disciples in the heavenly kingdom (Luke 22:18). The “river of the water of life” will flow “from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city” (Rev. 22:1). The tree of life will bear “twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month” (Rev. 22:2) (1427-1428).