

## Major Event: Eternity

### Lesson 1: New Heavens and New Earth

**Scriptures:** Revelation Chapters 21 and 22

**Central Text:** Revelation 21:1-6; 22:3

#### Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

God's dwelling place among His people (no need of temple). The final destiny of the lost (21:8). The end of the curse, suffering and death (21:4). The epilogue promise of blessing, curse for the handling of this book, and the coming "soon" of Jesus to fulfill these prophecies (22:12-21) The book ends of God's creation:

<b>Genesis</b>	<b>Revelation</b>
Heavens and earth created (1:1)	New heavens and earth (21:1)
Sun created (1:16)	No need of the sun (21:23)
The night established (1:5)	No night there (21:25; 22:5)
The seas created (1:10)	No more seas (21:1)
The curse announced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death enters history (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man driven from the tree (3:24)	Man restored to paradise (22:14)
Sorrow and pain begin (3:17)	No more mourning, crying or pain (21:4)

#### Suggested Attributes For Teacher to Cover:

Of God: Veracity (2 Pet. 3:10-12; Isa. 65:17), Omnipotence

Of man: Immortality of Believers and Unbelievers (Rev. 21:6)

**Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:** 2 Peter 3; Revelation 21, 22

**Notes:** The end of evil, suffering and death is uniquely dealt with in the Christian Worldview by an Omnibenevolent and Just God. No other Worldview sufficiently deals with the problem of evil. For the Atheist and Agnostic nature is "red in tooth and claw" and always has and always will exist. For the Eastern mystic the answer lies in the extinction of self. For Islam and contemporary Judaism God is reduced to less than Just as no Substitutionary work of Redemption is achieved for sinners. Only in the Biblical Worldview is evil bracketed: It began in Genesis with Creature rebellion, and is ended in Revelation with the Creator "making everything new". Note also, the distinction between salvation by faith (21:6 cf. John 4) differs from reward which is by works (22:12).