

# HALLOWEEN BY THE NUMBERS

A pumpkin grown in 2010 weighed  
**1,810 POUNDS**  
—as much as a dairy cow or roughly  
half the weight of a small car.



U.S. growers produce over  
**1.5 BILLION POUNDS**  
of pumpkins per year. That's more than twice  
the weight of the Empire State Building.



Top pumpkin  
production states are  
Illinois, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania,  
New York, and Michigan.



Pumpkins are a member of the gourd family,  
which includes cucumbers, honeydew melon,  
cantaloupe, watermelon, and zucchini.  
**THESE PLANTS ARE NATIVE TO  
CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO,  
BUT NOW GROW ON SIX CONTINENTS.**

There are  
**36 MILLION CHILDREN**  
in the United States between the ages of 5 and  
13—the prime trick-or-treating age group.

More than  
**35 MILLION POUNDS**  
of candy corn are sold  
annually. That equates to  
nearly 9 billion pieces—  
enough to circle the moon  
nearly 21 times if laid  
end-to-end.

**50%**  
of Americans decorate  
their yards for Halloween.

**30%**  
of kids report that they sort their candy after  
returning home from trick-or-treating.

Nearly  
**120 MILLION AMERICANS**  
(children and adults) dress up  
in costumes for Halloween.

**11.5%**  
of Americans  
dress up  
their pet for  
Halloween.



**72%**  
of adult Americans  
report handing out  
candy on Halloween.



The average  
American consumes  
**24 POUNDS**  
of candy each year. That's  
equal to the weight of  
2,366.5 HERSHEY'S KISSES®.

**46%**  
of American adults carve  
a pumpkin for Halloween.

Each pumpkin  
contains about  
**500 SEEDS.**



Pumpkins are low in calories,  
fat, and sodium and high in  
fiber. They are good sources  
of Vitamin A, Vitamin B,  
potassium, protein and iron.

**SOURCES**  
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# God Makes All Things New

**A**nd he who was seated on the throne said,  
*"Behold, I am making all things new."*

**A**lso he said,  
*"Write this down, for these words are  
trustworthy and true."*

Revelation 21:5 (ESV)

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# 1

## A New Heaven And New Earth (21:1-4)

# Revelation 21:1-8

## Notes

- A. Since the beginning, sin has plagued humanity, the earth, and even Heaven (Romans 5:12-14). But now, Satan has been defeated (Revelation 20:10), mankind has been rightly judged (20:12), Death is no more (20:14), & evil is defeated!
- B. Revelation 21-22 is the apex of Revelation -- and the Bible! The stage is finally set for the fulfillment of the hopes and dreams of God's people, the promise through history to overcomers (Isaiah 65:17, Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21).
- C. With evil eternally judged, God renews both heaven and earth (20:1). The universe will be destroyed by fire (cf. Zephaniah 1:8-2:2; 2 Peter 3:5-7) as God redefines reality in a newly minted universe which has similarity to our own, but is distinctive (note the absence of Shamu and Flipper, 20:2) in its unique spiritual/physical combination.
- D. The descent of a "new Jerusalem" (20:2) captures the singularity of Heaven and Earth in the future, with God's people constituting Jerusalem (we will explore this more in the next couple of weeks), and Jerusalem being the dwelling place (tent) of God (20:3), where a heavenly relationship with mankind occurs in perfection (20:4).
- E. The dwelling of God and mankind in the midst of one another captures some of Heaven's splendor and beauty as a place of peace, joy, and perfect relationship. In every manner, Heaven is a wonderful place full of beauty, the great Gospel reward!

# 2

## It's About The Gospel Reward! (21:5-8)

- A. With resounding affirmation from the throne of a new universal order (21:5), God/ Christ Himself, the Beginning & the End (Greek - Alpha & Omega, 21:6), fulfills His promise of the "water of life" (21:6, also 7:17; cf. Isaiah 55:1; John 4:13-14). This is the focus of the Gospel message, it is water for the thirsty, and life for the dead!
- B. But with this reference to the free offer of the eternal-life-giving Gospel, there is also the direct reminder that the inheritance of the "water of life" is for the "conquerer" (21:7) and not the "cowardly" (21:8). The Gospel is not a transaction producing an unchanged life of self-guided decisions which lead to death (21:8). The Gospel is an abiding life of true communion in Christ, His dwelling in our lives as owner.