

New Heavens And New Earth

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I. GOD CREATES A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH, 65:17-19

A. Bible References

1. 2 Peter 3:13 *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*
2. Isaiah 66:22 *For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.*
3. Revelation 21:1 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

B. Interpretations

1. One interpretation is that this refers to the new age of grace, returning Israel from captivity in Babylon back to Jerusalem and to their land and introducing a new means whereby God will deal with his chosen nations, Israel, through which the Messiah will come and the mystery of the Gospel will be revealed.
2. Another interpretation is a spiritual interpretation in the sense that this signifies God's heavenly or spiritual kingdom whereby upon receiving Christ as Savior a person is raised to the level of citizen in Heaven.
 - a. Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*
 - b. Ephesians 1:20 *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*
 - c. Ephesians 2:6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*
 - d. Ephesians 3:10 *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*
3. Then there is the literal (or natural) interpretation of this.
 - a. Since we have read three Scriptures in the beginning of this message concerning a new heaven and a new earth which God will make or create, then it seems to me that this interpretation must have at least a partial literal interpretation if not a complete literal one.
 - b. So let's continue to read in Revelation 21:2-5:
 - (1) Revelation 21:2-5 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*
 - c. This seems literal to me. If it is not, then we do not have much to look forward to. To

make this spiritual seems to belittle the promise of God weak. Perhaps, then, our own bodies will not be literally resurrected; yet Job said in Job 19:26 *And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:*

- d. And, although the Bible says that our resurrected bodies are spiritual bodies, yet that does not mean that it is not a real body, although not a moral body, for this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible shall put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15).
 - e. So, perhaps we should call this a literal interpretation rather than a natural interpretation.
- C. God Creates New Heavens And A New Earth, 17
1. This will be a literal creation, created in some way from the old earth.
 2. 2 Peter 3:12 *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*
 3. The new creation of the earth is like the resurrection of our bodies. This sameness is shown in the following verses:
 4. Romans 8:19-23 *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*
 5. The former things will not be remembered nor come into our minds. Verse 21, which we just read, says in part, “. . . the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption . . .”
 6. The creation will be delivered the same way that our body will be delivered.
- D. We Are To Rejoice In Whatever God Creates, 18
1. God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning; in that we should rejoice.
 2. God created a body as you and I were born into this world.
 3. God made us a new creation when he saved us: 2 Corinthians 5:17.
 4. God will create a new heaven and earth and give us new bodies like unto his glorious body - Philippians 3:21.
 5. In these things we should rejoice.
 6. Jerusalem is a rejoicing, because it is from there that the Gospel was first preached in its New Testament context. It is from there that the churches of Jesus Christ were sent out and missionaries were sent all over the world.
 7. It was there that the Holy Spirit came upon that first church.
- E. Weeping Will Not Be Heard Anymore, 19
1. A time will come, when the earth is created anew, that there will be no weeping in Jerusalem.
 2. Many in the times of the Babylonian conquest the Jews wept for their own blood that was shed from men, women, boys, and girls alike, even infants died by the sword and other cruel ways.
 3. Jerusalem wept when during the 1100's and 1200's the Musselmen, or the

Mahommadens, or the Muslims ravaged Jerusalem over the city, and in the most holy Jewish place there today is held by the Muslims, and a Muslim mosque stands there.

4. But one day, there will be no voice of crying in the streets of Jerusalem, no weeping and wailing of mothers who have had their babies slain by a man like Herold, but there will be joy, complete spiritual joy in Jerusalem.

II. AGE, PROSPERITY, AND COMFORT IN THE NEW EARTH, 65:20-25

A. No Child Will Die Before 100 Years Of Age, 20

1. Both infants and old people will fulfill their days.
2. They will not be shot down in war nor ravished with disease nor murdered nor have accidents to bring forth death.

B. An Infant Will Die At 100

1. This is not to mean that a child will die at 100 automatically.
2. It simply means that there is nothing in this new earth that will bring death.
3. In other words, the infant will still be alive and well at 100 years, and he will live eternally.
4. There will be no difference between an infant and a man of 100 years old.
5. At 100 the infant will not be cursed, but an old man of 100 who is a sinner will have been accursed.

C. Prosperity Will Be In The New Earth, 21-23

1. The people in this new earth will build houses and plant vineyards, and they will actually eat the fruit of their vineyards, because there will be nothing that will destroy, and there will be no decaying of the fruit.
2. When they build, not other person will not inhabit that house.
3. They will not plant only to see another person enjoy the fruit of the planting.
4. People will live long (eternally) and will enjoy the work of their hands, not by the sweat of the face as Adam and his offspring.
5. People will not produce only to have corruption destroy their production. There will be no corruption (trouble), 23
6. Even their children will not be destroyed by war or disease, for they are the blessed of the Lord.

D. Communion And Comfort Of The Lord, 24-25

1. Before a person calls, God will answer, 24
2. While they are yet speaking, God will hear (and answer), 24
3. Even the animal kingdom will be tame literally.
4. Wolf and lamb will feed together, 25
5. Lion will eat straw like a bullock (cow), 25
6. The serpent will eat dust, 25
7. The enemies of the Lord will not destroy anything in God's holy mountain.
8. The Lord has said so, and that makes it real, true, and perfect.