

God has promised in His Word that He will create a new heaven and a new earth. Sin has marred planet earth, and the curse rests upon it. However, one day God will blot sin from the universe and remove its curse forever. He will restore earth to its original Edenic beauty, and it will surpass anything that the human eye has ever seen. Undoubtedly, God will far exceed our expectations and more than satisfy our most vivid artistic imaginations. It's hard for human beings to imagine living in a world free from sin. It's hard to imagine living in an environment where love, joy, peace, and harmony will exist throughout eternity. Yet, it's true! God will make all things new. He will even remove the slightest possibility of sin ever entering into the world again. The new earth will be the home of the redeemed where God will dwell with His people. They shall be His people, and He shall be their God (Revelation 21:3). In this study, we will learn about the new earth and many of the unimaginable joys that await the overcomer. Let's study and discover What God Says About…"The New Earth."

"ALL THINGS NEW"

1. **What wonderful promise does God make in the book of Revelation?**

   "And he that sat upon the throne said, _____, _____ _____ _____ _____ _____. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." *Revelation 21:5*

2. **According to Isaiah 65:17, what does God promise to create?**

   "For, behold, I create _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." *Isaiah 65:17*

   Note: *The prophet Isaiah indicates that God promises to create new heavens and a new earth. John the Revelator indicates that he saw them in vision. The new heaven and new earth will be more beautiful than anything we have ever seen. Oh, how glorious is the creative power of God!*

3. **According to God's promise, what do Christians anticipate? What dwells therein?**

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____, wherein dwelleth _____." *2 Peter 3:13*

4. **As it pertains to the heavens and the earth, what did John the Revelator see in vision? What passed away?**

"And I saw _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____: for _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____ were passed away; and there was no more sea." *Revelation 21:1*

5. **According to Revelation 21:4, what else will pass away after God destroys and recreates the heavens and earth anew?**

"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 _____ _____ _____ are passed away." *Revelation 21:4*

Note: *John indicates that God will wipe away all tears from our eyes! We will no longer experience death, suffering, sorrow, or the slightest discomfort or pain. The former things will be removed and will not even enter into our minds. God will indeed make all things new!*

THE FIRST DOMINION RESTORED

6. **What special privilege did God give Adam or mankind when He created the earth? Adam was given dominion over how much of the earth at creation?**

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have _____ over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and _____ _____ _____ _____, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." *Genesis 1:26*

Note: *God created man to have dominion over all the earth, creatures, and the works of His hands (Genesis 1:26, Psalm 8:4-8). However, when Adam sinned, Satan usurped the dominion over the earth that was originally given to Adam. The first Adam, held captive by Satan's power, was now powerless to regain the dominion. However, Jesus—the last Adam, would successfully carry out the plan of salvation promised in Genesis 3:15. Jesus would recover and restore the dominion that was taken by Satan. Christ's redemption would not only impact humanity, but also the earth itself.*

7. According to the prophet Micah, what was prophesied to be recovered or restored?

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even _____ _____ _____; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." *Micah 4:8*

Note: *According to Micah 4:8, Micah prophesied that "the first dominion" would be recovered or restored. This text primarily refers to the recovering of the glory of Jerusalem as it once was under King David and King Solomon's reign. Micah was the first prophet in scripture to predict the destruction of Jerusalem (Micah 3:12). His prediction was fulfilled when the Babylonians took Judah into captivity in 586 B.C. However, Micah would not only forecast the approaching judgment that Judah would face, but he would also speak words of hope and restoration due to the coming of the Messiah who would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). While the recovering of "the first dominion" has a primary application, in a broader sense, it aptly applies to Christ recovering "the first dominion" from Satan who usurped the dominion from Adam in the Garden of Eden.*

THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS

8. For what purpose did God create the earth?

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, _____ _____ _____ _____ _____: I am the LORD; and there is none else." *Isaiah 45:18*

9. To whom has God given the earth?

[15]"Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. [16]The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to _____ _____ _____ _____." *Psalm 115:15, 16*

Note: *God created the earth and formed it to be inhabited by human beings. While it is true that sin has marred planet earth as a result of the fall in the garden, it doesn't alter God's original intention for the earth and humanity. Jesus, who redeemed the fallen race and the earth from Satan, will recreate it anew and establish it as the final home of the redeemed of all ages.*

10. According to Jesus, what shall the meek inherit?

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit _____ _____." *Matthew 5:5*

Note: *According to Jesus, the meek will inherit the earth. In other words, those who reflect Christ's character, possessing traits such as humility, gentleness, patience, and a teachable spirit, will inherit the earth.*

11. How shall the meek delight themselves in the new earth?

[10]"For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. [11]But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Psalm 37:10, 11*

12. How long will the righteous dwell in the new earth?

"The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein _____ _____." *Psalm 37:29*

13. In what way does God indicate that the land inherited by the saints is a direct result of His doing? Why does God allow the righteous to inherit the land?

"Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the _____ _____ _____ _____, the _____ _____ _____ _____, that _____ _____ _____ _____." *Isaiah 60:21*

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW EARTH

14. According to the prophet Isaiah, who and what will God comfort in the earth made new? How will He make her wilderness? How will he make her desert?

"For the LORD shall comfort _____: he will comfort _____ _____ _____ _____ and he will make her wilderness _____ _____, and her desert _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." *Isaiah 51:3*

15. Who shall be glad for God's redeemed people? What shall rejoice? What shall happen to the desert?

"The _____ and the _____ _____ shall be glad for them; and the _____ shall rejoice, and _____ _____ _____ _____." *Isaiah 35:1*

Note: *In Isaiah 35, the prophet Isaiah portrays the renewal of the earth. The effects of sin that caused waste, decay, and death will be completely removed. Indeed, the desert will blossom as a rose. What a beautiful picture of the condition of the future home of the redeemed!*

16. Figuratively, how does the prophet Isaiah further describe the desert or earth made new?

"_____ _____ _____ _____, and _____ even with _____ _____ _____: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God." *Isaiah 35:2*

17. What will happen to the parched ground and thirsty land?

"And the parched ground _____ _____ _____ _____, and the thirsty land _____ _____ _____: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes." *Isaiah 35:7*

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW EARTH

18. According to the prophet Isaiah, what shall we build and inhabit? What shall we plant and eat?

"And they shall build _____, and inhabit them; and they shall plant _____, and eat _____ _____ _____ _____." *Isaiah 65:21*

Note: *The redeemed will engage in physical labor in the new earth. We will build houses and live in them and plant vineyards and eat from them. Indeed, we will be active in the new earth. In addition to the mansion that Christ has built for us in the holy city—The New Jerusalem (John 14:1-3), we will also have a home in the country (Isaiah 65:21).*

19. To what will the length of our days be compared? What will the redeemed enjoy as they engage in physical labor?

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for _____ _____ _____ _____ ___ _____ are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Isaiah 65:22*

20. The inhabitants of the new earth shall not do what in vain?

"They shall not _____ in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them." *Isaiah 65:23*

PEACE IN THE VALLEY

Note: *There will be perfect peace and harmony in the new earth. No one will be afraid. No animal will attack. There will be no weapons, violence, or war in the new earth. We will forever dwell with Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).*

21. The meek shall experience the abundance of what in the new earth?

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of _____." *Psalm 37:11*

22. What shall never be heard in the new earth?

"_____ shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." *Isaiah 60:18*

23. What will the wolf and the lamb do together in the new earth? What will not happen in the new earth?

"The wolf and the lamb shall _____ _____, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD." *Isaiah 65:25*

24. Who shall lead large animals around without fearing any harm or danger?

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and _____ _____ _____ shall lead them." *Isaiah 11:6*

WE WILL RECOGNIZE ONE ANOTHER

25. What kind of body did Jesus have after his resurrection? What did Jesus show his disciples?

[36]"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. [37]But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. [38]And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? [39]Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not _____

and _____, as ye see me have. [40]And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his _____ and his _____." *Luke 24:36-40*

Note: *Clearly, Christ had flesh, bones, hands, and feet when He rose from the dead. In John 20:17, He told Mary Magdalene not to touch Him because He had not yet gone to His Father. If He didn't have a real body, He couldn't have felt a touch. We, like Jesus, will have a real body in the new earth.*

26. How will God fashion our body after changing it?

[20]"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. [21]Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." *Philippians 3:20, 21*

Note: *Christ is immortal. His resurrected glorified body is composed of flesh and bones, and it cannot deteriorate. When Jesus returns, the saints will be clothed with immortality—cannot die. They will have flesh and bones, and their bodies, like Christ's, will not decay.*

27. How does 1 Corinthians 13:12 indicate that the redeemed will recognize one another in the earth made new?

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then _____ _____ _____: now I know in part; but _____ _____ ____ _____ _____ ____ _____ ___ ____ _____." *1 Corinthians 13:12*

Note: *Presently, we see through a glass darkly. Our knowledge and understanding of the ways, workings, purposes, and providences of God are limited in our sinful condition. Also, the perplexities of life often baffle our understanding. However, all will be made plain in the earth made new. We will obtain spiritual knowledge and understanding and also have clear mental faculties and perceptions. Indeed, the redeemed will recognize one another in the earth made new. The dark glass impeding our spiritual and natural perceptions will be removed. In other words, we will be able to see with perfect vision without any veil or glass hindering us.*

NO SICKNESS OR MOURNING IN THE NEW EARTH

28. The inhabitants of the new earth will not say what?

"And the inhabitant shall not say, ____ _____ _____: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." *Isaiah 33:24*

29. What will happen to the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf? What will the lame do? What will the mute do?

[5]"Then the eyes of _____ _____ _____ ____ _____, and _____ _____ ____ _____ _____ _____ ____ _____. [6]Then shall the lame man _____ as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb _____: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." *Isaiah 35:5, 6*

30. What will not happen to those that wait on the Lord?

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and _____ _____." *Isaiah 40:31*

31. According to Isaiah 60:20, what shall come to an end?

"Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and _____ _____ ____ _____ _____ shall be ended." *Isaiah 60:20*

THE CURSE IS FOREVER REMOVED

32. What shall forever be removed in the earth made new?

[3]"And there shall be no more _____: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: [4]And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." *Revelation 22:3, 4*

33. According to the prophet Nahum, what will never rise again?

"What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: _____ shall not rise up the second time." *Nahum 1:9*

Note: *The only reminder that sin ever existed in the new earth will be the marks of the nail prints in the hands of Jesus (Zechariah 13:6).*

SUMMARY

God promised in His Word to create new heavens and a new earth. He will blot sin from the universe and remove its curse forever. Indeed, God will restore the earth to its Edenic beauty, and it will surpass anything that the human eye has ever seen. The meek will inherit the earth and enjoy the abundance of peace. The redeemed will engage in physical labor and be active in the new earth. We will live forever, and no one will ever say "I am sick." We will have real bodies, like the resurrected body of Jesus. The only reminder of sin will be the nail prints in the hands of Jesus.

34. Dear friend, will you surrender your life to Jesus so that you can live forever with Him in the new earth? _____

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