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The New Heavens and New Earth, Forever, part 1

Revelation 21 – 22:5



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CREATION

- Fall into Sin
- FLOOD
 - Tower of Babel (after the Flood)
 - Abram → Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - Exodus → Israel, Mosaic Covenant
- Messiah of Israel → Life, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension of Christ
- Church AGE (almost 2000 years)
 - RAPTURE → Church and all believers in Heaven
 - Great Tribulation (some folks are saved)
- Millennium, Satan is released, Great White Throne

The New Heavens and New Earth, Forever, part 1

Let's Read Revelation 21 – 22:5



1. NEW? Brand Spanking New? – OR – Renewed?

Let's Examine this statement:

“Now I saw a **NEW HEAVEN** and a **NEW EARTH**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was **NO MORE SEA.**”

Revelation 21:1

Does God mean Brand New (never been before) or Renewed?

Two Words in Greek for New: **NEO** (νέος – G3501) and

KAINOS (καινός – G2537)

NEO → Brand New – First Time Ever, never before

KAINOS → NEW, LIKE NEW, RENEWED – RESTORED to ORIGINAL,
Qualitatively NEW

Answer: The words used here are **KAINOS**.

There are three main passages in the Bible that use the term

“**New Heavens and New Earth**”: Isaiah 65; 2 Peter 3; Rev. 21

1. NEW? Brand Spanking New? – OR – Renewed?

Answer: The words used here are KAINOS. RENEWED

This is seen, also, in 2 Corinthians 5:17 → “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW Creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become NEW.” Brand New – OR - Renewed in Righteousness and Holiness? → Renewed, Transformed, Restored

We are New Creations awaiting the New Heavens and Earth

What about 2 Peter 3:10-13? “the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up... the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat ... we, according to His promise, look for NEW Heavens and a NEW Earth in which Righteousness dwells”

Does this sound like Heaven and Earth are Being Renewed or Destroyed and Replaced with something Brand New? KAINOS

1. NEW? Brand Spanking New? – OR – Renewed?

What is described in 2 Peter 3:10-13 - When will this happen? This will happen – probably during the time of the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15) → it is a Renewing, Purging, Purifying, Cleansing Effect on all of Creation. Every taint of SIN and its Effects must be taken out and loosed from all of creation:

Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the children of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be DELIVERED from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

1. NEW? Brand Spanking New? – OR – Renewed?

2 Peter 3:10-13 – describes the Renewing, Purging, Purifying, Cleansing Effect on all of Creation.

Thus, it is still the **Originally Created Universe**, the original Heavens and Earth, but it will be **TRANSFORMED**. **2 Peter 3:10-13** matches perfectly with what we see in Revelation 21 & 22. **Righteousness Dwells there. No more sin, no more death, no more curse (from sin), no more pain, no more suffering, no more effects from Adam and Eve's sins and our sins.** It will be perfect, pure, holy, and righteous, full of the Glory of God. It will be **PHYSICALLY** mostly the same and yet different.

It is a **Cleansing Renewal and Restoration**, and it will be **Different**, but based upon the **Original Creation**.



Isaiah 65:17-25 (excerpts)

For behold, I create **NEW** heavens and a **NEW** earth;

And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

²⁰ “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days,
Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;
For the child shall die one hundred years old,
But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isaiah 65:17-25 (excerpts)

**25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
And dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,"
Says the LORD.**

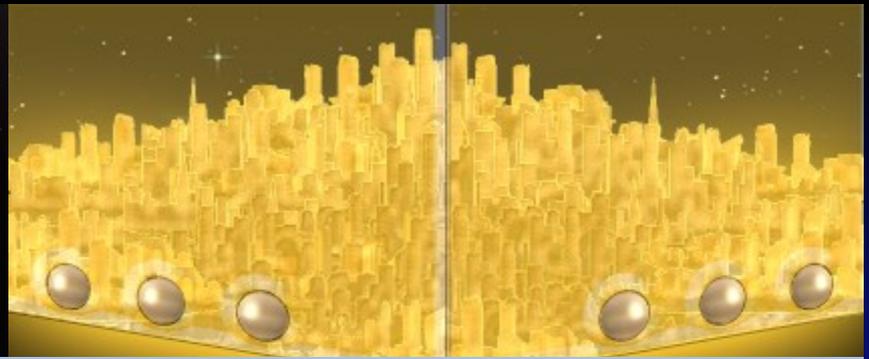


2. Does Isaiah 65:17-25 match Rev. 21 & 22 → “New Heavens and New Earth”? **Short Answer: NO & *Yes (kind of)*.**

Isaiah 65:17-25 is descriptive of the Messianic Millennial Kingdom. That matches Revelation 20:1-6 (as we discussed last week)

Since, it is a New Order of things (LXX uses “kainos”), yes, kind of. In Isaiah 65:17,25 – some of the hurtful things are removed or transformed. We see this mostly in the Animal Life. No more Predatory Behavior. No animals will harm anyone. No more “Meat Eating Animals” ... but people will eat fish. It will be a time (see Psalm 2:7-12; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15) in which the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will Rule the nations with a Rod of Iron. And, there will be Sinners – Isaiah 65:20 (thus the need for the Rod of Iron).

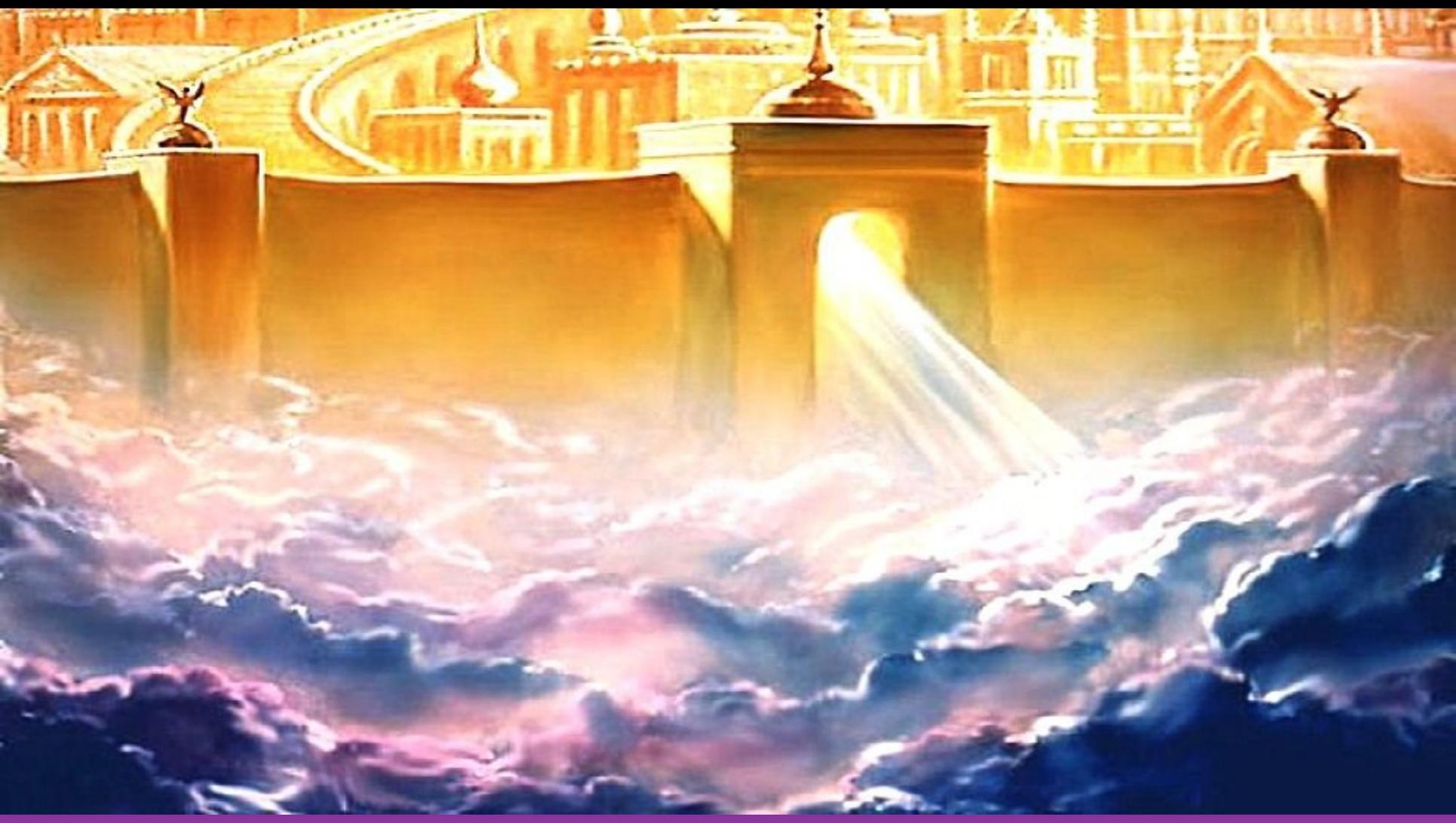
There will be No More Wars of Nations fighting Nations, either. It is NOT, yet, the Time in which Righteousness Dwells, forever.



Jesus said,
“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14:2-3







3. Our Home, the New Jerusalem – Physical Beauty and Physically Enormous: 12,000 stadia or furlongs = 1,500 miles. -| 144 cubits → 220 feet (approximate) Why the need for a wall with Gates? Is the wall 220 feet high or 200 feet thick? Is it a Pyramid Shape or CUBE? It does say Square ... but the Base is Square. It has the same Length, Width, & Height. Is it 1,500 miles (each dimension) or 375 miles? Either way, it is Huge. AND The Bible never says that it lands after descending.

The Orbiting Holy CITY of God – the New Jerusalem

The nations that are saved (still living on earth) receive light from it, instead of from the sun and moon – which hints at it being in the sky, orbiting. God's Glory is the Light and it shines from the New Jerusalem onto all the earth or all over the earth. →

The FORVER Home of the Bride of Christ

John 14:2-3 → He's Prepared a place for us

**3. Our Home, the New Jerusalem – Physical Beauty and Physically Enormous:
It is constructed with translucent Gold and Expensive Precious Stones**

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Each of the 12 Gates are Pearls, and each Gate is named for one of the 12 Tribes of Israel. (suffering produces Pearls ...)

Each of the 12 foundation stones/gems relate to each of the 12 Disciples of the Lamb (Israeli). (Gems → Aarons Breastplate of Gems)

And we are Kings and Priests unto our God, forever ... Rev. 5:9-10

Why is God, still, tying His Name AND the New Heavens and Earth to Israel into Eternity? To Remind us of His Faithfulness to His Word

Our Future Home, the New Jerusalem is something we do not deserve ... but Jesus Christ wants us there, victorious

The New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem are our Destiny, in Christ ...

We are New Creations in Christ Jesus awaiting this upcoming New Creation in the Future ...

we will finally be HOME → and God will be with us ...

God the Father and the Lamb, His Throne will be in our midst & we will be close to Him - Dwelling together Forever

Next Week we dig deeper and find more Gold and Precious Jewels as we finish this series: Jesus Reveals the Future

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

