

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

MOVING INTO ETERNITY

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PART 10: THE NEW CREATION

DIFFERENT DWELLING PLACES

The Bible teaches there are different dwelling places for angels and humans but God doesn't reside in any of them. He resides in a place that the Bible describes in different terms:

1. The Throne of God. **Isaiah 6:1-4; Daniel 7:9-10; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:14**
2. The Third Heaven. **2 Corinthians 12:1-4**
3. The most detailed description of God's dwelling place is found in the Book of Revelation. **Revelation 4:1-11**

GOD HAS A HOUSE

Jesus revealed that God has a house in which are many dwelling places or mansions. Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for us. **John 14:1-3**

God does not reside in this house but He has created dwelling places within it that are so huge that man cannot understand their vastness.

THIS CREATION

NEW CREATION

LAKE OF FIRE

To gain perspective of our immense universe, let's examine the speed of light. We know that light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second; therefore it would take 100,000 years for light to travel from one end of the Milky Way galaxy to the other. To the north of our galaxy is a swarm of galaxies that are 42 million light years away from us. This swarm has a diameter of five million light years and we really have no idea how many additional dwelling places there are in God's house.

THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR CURRENT DWELLING PLACE

God began to reveal as early as 700 B.C. that the earth and this creation will be dissolved one day. **Isaiah 51:6**

The apostle Peter received a more detailed description of how this destruction would be carried out. The atoms of every planet and star will dissolve creating fervent heat. This is a description of a molecular conversion from a solid form to energy. **2 Peter 3:7-12; Hebrews 1:1-3**

This dissolving of our universe will take place after the Great White Throne Judgment is completed.



THE NEW CREATION

The new creation was completed a long time ago but the Bible doesn't say when. It is obvious that Satan and his fallen angels never set foot in this beautiful place. There has never been any sin in it and there will never be any sin committed in it.

The new creation will be set up in a similar manner to our current universe with a special planet called earth, but this earth will be different in that there will be no oceans of water on it, just a river of living water. **Revelation 21:1**

There will be a New Jerusalem but it cannot be compared to the current city. This new city will be designed and built in the dwelling place of God and then transported into the new creation and placed upon the new earth. **verse 2**

The city will not be like any city we have on earth now. It will be in the shape of a cube with foursquare measurements of 1,333 miles. To give you an understanding of the sheer size of this city, the distance from San Francisco to Denver is comparable to one of its measurements. **verses 15-16**

DETAILS OF THE NEW EARTH

Here are eight details about the new earth:

1. Up to this point in time the resurrected believers in Christ have only seen Jesus, but once we have been transferred to the earth in the new creation, we will see God the Father for the first time in His full glory. The first thing He will do is to remove our memories of the people who were cast into the Lake of Fire. God will also remove all memories of suffering on the old earth, wiping away all tears, so we can live a life of total happiness for eternity. **Revelation 21:3-4**
2. This is a message given to the apostle John to convey for the people living on the old earth. **verses 5-8**
3. One of the angels was given the assignment to reveal more details about the New Jerusalem. **verses 9-23**
4. For many years ignorant people have talked about life in heaven consisting of sitting on a cloud and playing a harp. This is a false stereotype. John was told there will be nations on the new earth with kings and this indicates there will be a civilization where people are working and developing things on the new earth. **verse 24-26**
5. Only those who had their names written in the Book of Life will be on this new earth. **verse 27**
6. Then we are given some very interesting details. There will be a River of Life flowing out from the throne of God that runs through New Jerusalem with streets on both sides. On the sides of the river will be trees of life whose leaves are going to be used for healing the people living on this planet. **Revelation 22:1-2**

My interpretation is that eating these leaves will be a preventive medicine that will hinder people from getting sick.

7. This planet became cursed when Adam and Eve sinned. **Genesis 3:17-19**

There will be no curse on the new earth. **Revelation 22:3-4**

8. We currently receive our light from the sun that is distributed by the earth's rotation. The new earth will be lit by a supernatural light coming from God and there will be no night. Since there is no more death, the rulers on this new earth will reign eternally. **verse 5**

A STRONG WARNING FROM JESUS

In the remainder of this last chapter, we are told to pay attention and to patiently wait for this time period to arrive. **Revelation 22:6-17**

The chapter ends with two strong statements from Jesus:

1. If any person adds to what is written in this prophecy, God will add the plagues that are listed in the Book of Revelation.
2. If any person takes away from God's Word, the punishment will be extremely severe, loss of salvation and their name removed from the Book of Life. Meaning, that if a Christian tampers with the Bible, he will be lost and will be sent to the Lake of Fire after the Great White Throne Judgment. **verses 18-21**

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?