

THE NEW EARTH

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TRUE OR FALSE

After Jesus comes back here, we'll live forever in heaven with Him.

False. We'll spend 1,000 years in heaven (see *FUN-da-Mental* #27), but we'll spend most of eternity here on earth.

God's people will spend eternal life as spirits floating on clouds.

False. We'll be real people in a very real place, the New Earth. It will be a lot like the world we have now, but perfect.

? We won't get bored in the New Earth, even after 4,536,787 years with no TV or Internet.

True! We'll always find new things to do and new places to explore.



BULLY-FREE ZONE

We'll never feel lonely or unloved in the New Earth—not when we're surrounded by kind, caring people plus millions of angels! We'll make new friends from all times and places.

A few people who will be there for sure:

- Enoch, Moses, and Elijah—they're in heaven already! (Genesis 5:24; Matthew 17:3)
- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Matthew 8:11)



EXTREME HOME MAKEOVER

After the fiery blaze of hell destroys every bit of sin on this earth, God will create "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1).

Just as He created a beautiful home for Adam and Eve in the beginning, He'll recreate a perfect home on this planet where His people can live forever (Matthew 5:5).

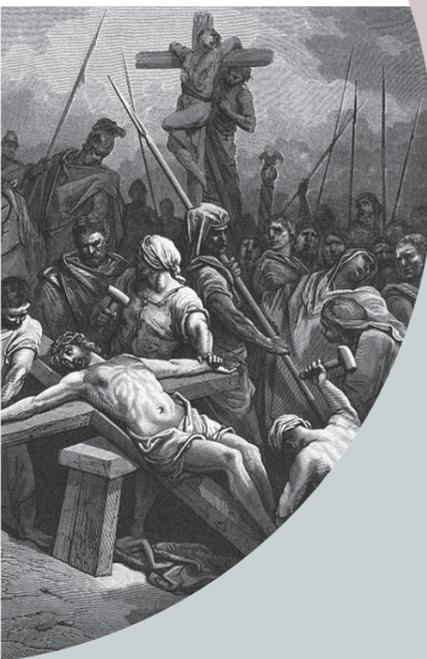
To make it even more amazing, God will move His throne room—His heavenly headquarters—to earth (Revelation 22:3). He's really serious about making His home with us.

GOOD RIDDANCE WHAT'S MISSING?

In the New Earth, "things are no longer the way they used to be" (Revelation 21:4)—and that's great! All the bad stuff will be missing:

- sin
- temptation
- death
- sadness
- pain
- sickness

We'll still have one reminder of sin, though. Jesus will carry the scars from His painful death for our sins (John 20:25-27).



THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS

The New Jerusalem, the capital city of the New Earth, will be a beautiful place (Revelation 21:9–22:5).

- The wall and foundations are made of precious gems.
- Each gate is a single huge pearl.
- The buildings and the main street are made of gold that you can see through, like glass.
- God's glory shines so brightly in the city that it never gets dark.
- A crystal-clear river full of "the water of life" flows through the city.
- The tree of life provides fruit every month.

We won't spend all our time in the New Jerusalem, though, because we'll have the whole earth to enjoy.



HIS MAJESTY'S SERVANTS

We won't need heart surgeons or FBI agents in the New Earth, but we'll still have jobs to do.

God's people will serve as officials in His government (Matthew 25:21; Revelation 22:5). We'll keep using our God-given abilities to work for Him in bigger and better ways than we ever did on earth.

Will we each be responsible for a certain part of the earth, as Adam and Eve were? Will we be in charge of a distant galaxy? Who knows? But whatever job God gives us, it will be a lot of fun!

Other careers or hobbies we might have in the New Earth:

- architect
- farmer
- musician
- builder
- gardener

(Isaiah 65:21; Genesis 2:15; Revelation 14:3; 15:2)



IT'S REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN

"He who was sitting on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true'" (Revelation 21:5).

BACK TO EDEN

In the New Earth, nature will be perfect, the way it was before Adam and Eve sinned. Animals won't eat each other or harm people (Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25).

Our new, perfect bodies will always be healthy and strong (1 Corinthians 15:42, 43). Our brains will probably work a lot better too!

We'll have endless opportunities to learn new things, express our creativity, and try new activities.



HANGING OUT WITH THE KING

The best thing about the New Earth is that God will be there! We'll be able to talk to Him face to face (Revelation 22:4). Spending quality time with our Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who love us so much, is going to be incredible.

Imagine a Sabbath worship service where literally everyone on earth shows up (Isaiah 66:23)! You might need to arrive early to get a spot near God's throne.

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD

God wants us to get excited about the great life He has planned for us in heaven and the New Earth (Matthew 5:12). It's way better than anything we could get by following Satan's way now (Hebrews 11:24-26).

The reward God gives us will make any hard times we've gone through on this earth seem totally worthwhile (2 Corinthians 4:17, 18).

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

What will life be like in the New Earth? The Bible doesn't tell us many details, but we can get hints from what it says about

- life in heaven
- life on earth before sin
- God's promises to Israel that will be fulfilled (somewhat differently) in the New Earth.