

Exploring God's Home



Original Heaven: Garden

- A. Genesis 1:1 God created the heavens and the earth.
- B. Genesis 1:2-25 Everything God created was good.
- C. Genesis 1:26-31 God created humankind in his image and commissioned them to rule and fill the earth.
- D. Genesis 2:4-9 God formed man, placed him in a garden, and provided every type of tree. Two were unique: (1) the Tree of Life; (2) the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- E. Genesis 2:10-14 A river flowed out of the garden to water the earth.
- F. Genesis 2:15-17 God commissioned man to work the garden and prohibited him from eating of the tree of knowledge.
- G. Genesis 2:18-20 The one thing not good about creation was that man was alone.
- H. Genesis 2:21-25 God made the woman as a suitable companion for the man. They became one flesh.
- I. Genesis 3:8 God walked in the garden during the cool of the day.

Present Heaven: Paradise

- A. Luke 23:43 Jesus promises a thief on a cross that he will be with Him in Paradise that very day.
- B. 2 Corin. 5:6-10 At death, we are away from the body but present with the Jesus.
- C. 2 Corin. 12:1-4 Paul was somehow transported to the third heaven, which is Paradise.
- D. Revelation 6:9-11 Martyrs under the altar in heaven cry out for justice, asking "How long?"

Almost Heaven: Millennium

- A. Revelation 20:1-6 Satan is bound for one-thousand years, while Jesus and resurrected martyrs rule on the earth.

Eternal Heaven: New Earth

Revelation

- A. Revelation 22:14-15 Only those with washed robes may enter through the gates of the New Jerusalem and have access to the Tree of Life.
- B. Revelation 22:1-6 The River of Life flows from the throne of the Father and Son through the middle of the New Jerusalem. The Tree of Life spans the river and provides fruit each month. We believers will see God's face and his name will be on our foreheads. There will be no night, because God will provide light. We will rule with him.
- C. Revelation 21:9-27 The New Jerusalem is protected by a high wall with twelve angels guarding the twelve gates. It is a cube-shaped city measuring 1,380 miles in each direction. The Father and Son are its temple. They provide light for the city, so there's no need for the sun or moon. Kings will bring their glory into the city. Only those with names in the Book of Life may enter.
- D. Revelation 21:1-8 God makes all things new by recreating the heaven and the earth. The New Jerusalem comes down from heaven to the earth. God will dwell with humankind and we believers will be his people. God himself will wipe away our tears. There will be no death, mourning, crying, or pain. We will freely drink from the Water of Life.
- E. Revelation 2-3 Jesus makes incredible promises to overcomers, including: eating from the Tree of Life; not being hurt by the Second Death; given hidden manna and a white stone with a new name; given authority over the nations; given the morning star; clothed in white garments; name not erased from Book of Life; Jesus will confess their name; will be a pillar in God's temple; name of God, Jesus, and the New Jerusalem will be written on them; sit on throne with Jesus.

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Isaiah

- A. Isaiah 66:22-24 The New Heavens and New Earth will endure. All mankind will come and worship God from week to week and month to month.
- B. Isaiah 65:17-25 God will create New Heavens and a New Earth. He will create Jerusalem for rejoicing. Neither the sound of weeping or crying will be heard. No one will die before one hundred years. They will build houses and plant vineyards. They will not work in vain or bear children who experience disaster. God will answer before they call. Wolves and lions will graze and no longer be predators. Nothing will cause harm on God's holy mountain.
- C. Isaiah 60:1-22 Zion will light the world. Nations will walk in its light and bring in their wealth. Their camels will bring gold and praise to God's glorious house. The city gates will always be open. Violence will never be heard again in the land. God will be the everlasting light. All the people will be righteous and possess the land, so that God may be glorified.
- D. Isaiah 51:1-8 God will comfort Zion and make her like Eden. Joy and gladness will be found in her. The heavens will vanish, and the earth will wear out, but God's salvation and righteousness endures forever.
- E. Isaiah 35:1-10 The dessert will rejoice and blossom when it sees the glory of God. The blind, deaf, lame, and mute will be healed. The thirsty dessert will become springs of water. Those ransomed by God will travel on the Holy Highway to joyfully enter Zion. No lion or beast will attack them along the way. Sorrow and sighing will flee.
- F. Isaiah 25:1-12 God will throw a feast on Mt. Zion with rich food and well-aged wine. He will swallow up death forever at Mt. Zion. He will wipe away tears from all faces. His hand will rest on Mt. Zion.
- G. Isaiah 11:1-10 The Spirit will rest on a "branch" from David's father, giving him wisdom. He will judge with righteousness and fairness. Wolves, leopards, lions, and bears will graze and no longer be predators. Children will play with snakes without danger. Nothing will cause harm on God's holy mountain. The earth will be full of the knowledge of God.
- H. Isaiah 9:1-7 A son will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. He will rule justly on the throne of David forever. God's zeal will ensure this happens.
- I. Isaiah 2:1-4 God's Mountain will be the head of all the mountains. Ethnic groups will stream to it so God can teach them his ways. He will render just decisions and there will never again be war. War implements will be converted to farming tools.

Other

- A. Ezekiel 47:1-12 A river flows out of the temple, watering the dessert and making the Dead Sea fresh.
- B. 1 Corin. 15:1-8 Five hundred eyewitnesses confirm the truth of Jesus' resurrection. If there is not a resurrection for believers, then Jesus didn't rise, our faith is worthless, and we will perish. But since Jesus did rise, we will be made alive in him. God will destroy all enemies and will swallow up death. Our mortal bodies will put on immortality.
- C. Romans 8:19-23 Creation longs for the resurrection of believers, because it will also be liberated.
- D. 1 Thes. 4:13-18 We give comfort knowing we will be reunited with resurrected believers at Jesus' return.
- E. 2 Peter 3:7-18 Like God destroyed the world with a flood, this time he will destroy it with fire. He will come like a thief to melt the heavens and lay bare the earth. We look forward to a New Heaven and a New Earth where there is only righteousness. Therefore, we live righteously with nothing to hide.