

the new earth

“one generation passes away,
and another generation comes: but
the earth {our planet} abides for ever”
(Eccles. 1:4; Psa. 119:90)



THE BIBLE TEACHES:

■ That "...The LORD, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: ..." (Isa. 45:18 NKJ).

■ That God created Adam, "the first man" (not as a spirit being, but as a human being), "of the dust of the earth, earthy" (1 Cor. 15:45, 47; John 3:31). He was formed [not of spirit substances, but of elements found on the earth] and "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; {life's energizing power} and man became a living soul" (a living being Gen. 2:7).

■ That God promised Adam and his race a home on earth (Gen. 1:28), not in heaven. A home in heaven was promised to the Church only, and Jesus did not prepare it for them until after His ascension (John 14:2).

■ That the one true Church was to consist only of those, regardless of race, social standing or sex (Gal. 3:28), who would follow in Jesus' footsteps (1 Pet. 2:21), present themselves to God as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1), and become new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17); who were accepted to live and reign



with Jesus (Rev. 20:4, 6) in heaven as spirit beings.

■ That Jesus since His resurrection, is a Divine spirit being, so the Church (Rev. 21:2, 9; 19:7) was changed also, from human to Divine beings in the first resurrection (1 Cor. 15: 49-54).

■ That the “elect,” of the Christian Age, the Church, will, during the Millennial Kingdom (Acts 3:21), be used by God as Abraham’s Heavenly descendents, {“stars of the heaven”} in blessing all the families of the earth {“sand on the seashore”} (Gen. 22:17) which is (the non-elect; Gal. 3:8, 16, 29).

■ That Jesus “is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, {the Church} and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). That by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone” (Heb. 2:9).

■ That Abraham’s human descendents were promised a portion of this earth (not heaven!) as their ever-lasting possession (Gen. 13:15; 17:8, Amos 9:15).

■ That God will eventually destroy {not keep alive and torment} all the willfully wicked (Psa. 145:20), including the devil himself (Heb. 2:14).

■ That just as “the old world” (the order of affairs among men before the Flood) “being overflowed with water, perished” (2 Pet. 2:5; 3:6), but the literal earth did not end because we are still living on it; “this present evil world” (its social orders of affairs) Gal. 1:4, with its symbolic heavens and earth {its false secular and religious control}, is “reserved unto fire,” to “pass away with a great noise,” to be “devoured with the fire of my jealousy” (2 Pet. 3:7, 10-12); but note! The literal earth is to remain, “for then will I {God} turn to the people {who will remain after the “fire” - the trouble} a pure language that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent” (Zeph. 3:9).

■ That in “the world to come,” {the new order of affairs in the Millennium} (Heb. 2:5), according to God’s promise, will be a “new heavens {new religious ruling powers Christ and the Church} and a new earth {human society reorganized on justice}, wherein dwells righteousness {justice, and love, not injustice, and hatred}” (2 Pet. 3:13).

■ That in the “new-earth” “the ransomed of the Lord {the non-elect} shall return {from the grave. John 5:28, 29 R.V.}, with songs and everlasting joy... and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped” (Isa. 35:10, 5); “they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them”... “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox” {not in heaven, but in the new earth}... “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain {kingdom}, says the Lord” (Isa. 65:21-25; Micah 4:4).

■ That God’s kingdom will come and His will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven and His way will “be known upon earth.” among all nations; that “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death”; “there shall be no more curse” (Psa 67; Rev. 21:4: 22:3).



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