

The New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New City Jerusalem

Hebrews 1:10-12

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and **they all shall wax old as doth a garment**;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Notice closely what we are told here. The earth and the heavens shall perish and wax old as does a garment. But look very closely here. **“And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed**: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.” The heavens and the earth shall be changed. This changing we are told **is the same as them perishing from verse 11**.

Many times we think when we read that **“the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”**, that this must take place when God creates the New Heavens and the New Earth. We then make the conclusion that this must happen after the Millennial reign of Christ upon the Earth. But if we take the time to look closer at all that is written from the Apostle Peter when he speaks this, we get a different picture.

2 Peter 3:1-13

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be **mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles** of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 **For this they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**:

This is very important to take notice of here. This just told us that in the days of the flood of Noah “the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**”. Yet it is the same earth that you and I live upon. That earth **did perish** in the sense of **the destruction that took place** from the flood. Such as the death of all men except for Noah and his family, that being eight souls. Also when this flood took place “in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the **fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened**. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.” (Genesis 7:11-12) **This breaking up of “all the fountains of the great deep” as well as the “the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights” completely changed the landscape of this earth.** “And God remembered Noah, and

every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and **God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually:** and after the end of **the hundred and fifty days** the waters were abated.” (Genesis 8:1-3)

This is what the Apostle Peter was speaking of when he said, “the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**”. He then continues and says...

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,** as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

This is important to take notice of. Just as the earth that then was perished, being overflowed with water “**the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up**”. This is the destruction or perishing of the earth taking place even as he says “**the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**”

11 **Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved,** what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 **Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

Here the Apostle Peter is asking the question of what manner of persons ought we to be “**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved**”, and **this dissolving took place in the Day of the Lord.** “**But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**” Notice it was **the works of the earth that was burned up** and remember what was spoken in Hebrews chapter 10 “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.”

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

This New Heavens and New Earth took place when the Day of the Lord took place and from that point forward dwells righteousness as this is the millennial reign of Christ.

Look again at what takes place **on the Day of the Lord** and you will see a complete **topographical changing of this planet** even as there was also the same in the flood of the days of Noah.

Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, **there was a great earthquake**; and **the sun became black as sackcloth of hair**, and **the moon became as blood**;

13 And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And **the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together**; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places**.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, **Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb**;

17 **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

This is only a portion of what is taking place on the Day of the Lord. But you are talking about the same word that is “**kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**” “**For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**” What you see here is a **restructuring of this planet**. “**The stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And **the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places**”.

Isaiah 24:19-23

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and **the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again**.

21 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that **the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth**.

22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

23 **Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.**

Ezekiel 38:18-23

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time **when Gog shall come against the land of Israel**, saith the Lord GOD, **that my fury shall come up in my face**.

19 **For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;**

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, **and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.**

21 **And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains,** saith the Lord GOD: **every man's sword shall be against his brother.**

22 **And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.**

23 **Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.**

Jude 14-15

14 **And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

15 **To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.**

This is the time that the Apostle Peter is speaking of!

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It is also the same time the Apostle Paul is speaking of!

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when **the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

8 **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

9 **Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;**

This is the New Heavens and the New Earth being formed just as the days of Noah took place and “the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**”. Just as this earth is “**reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**” “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: **They shall perish;** but thou remainest; and **they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou**

fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.”
(Hebrews 1:10-12)

So, if the New Heavens and the New Earth is here during the Millennial reign of Christ, what about the New City Jerusalem? **Pay close attention to the scriptures that speak of the New City Jerusalem and the scriptures that also show that this city is here during the Millennial reign of Christ.**

Isaiah 65:17-25

17 For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth:** and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever **in that which I create:** for, behold, **I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.**

19 And **I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.**

“And **I saw a new heaven and a new earth:** for the first heaven and the first earth **were passed away;** and there was no more sea. And I John **saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,** prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”** (Revelation 21:1-5)

Revelation 21:9-10

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, **Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, **and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

After describing this city the Apostle John then writes from this same chapter...

Revelation 21:21-27

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And **the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

“Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, **I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings:** and thou shalt know that **I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.** For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace,

and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. **The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.**" (Isaiah 60:15-22)

24 And **the nations of them which are saved** shall walk in the light of it: and **the kings of the earth** do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And **the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.**

26 And **they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.**

27 And **there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

"Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 60:11-14)

Revelation 22:1-5

1 And he shewed me a **pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

2 **In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

"Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the

brink of the river. Now when I had returned, **behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.** Then said he unto me, **These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.**” (Ezekiel 47:1-8, 12)

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:13-15

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

As you can see from Revelation chapters 21 and 22 along with Ezekiel chapter 47 and Isaiah chapter 60 **the New City Jerusalem is here during the Millennial reign of Christ.** “**And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**” (Revelation 21:24-26) “**And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.** For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee **shall perish**; yea, those nations shall be **utterly wasted**. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, **to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.** The sons also of them that afflicted thee **shall come bending unto thee**; and all they that despised thee **shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**” (Isaiah 60:3, 11-14) “**And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.** (Revelation 22:1-2) “**Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow**

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Therefore the New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New City Jerusalem are here during the Millennial Reign of Christ according to the scriptures!