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## **Isaiah 65:17-19**

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing and her people for gladness. I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and there will no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

† Isaiah's prophecy pointed to the time when God would bring forth a completely renewed creation.

† The language of "new heavens and new earth" is covenantal, describing the replacement of the old order with the new.

† The new Jerusalem represents the redeemed community where God dwells among His people.

† This joy-filled creation was never about a new planet, but about a new relationship between God and man.

## **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

† Paul declares that the new creation already existed in his day. It was not future but present in Christ.

† To be in Christ is to have passed from the old covenant into the new.

† The "old things" that passed away were the shadows of the law, the sacrifices, and the temple system.

† In Christ, every believer becomes part of the new creation where God's Spirit reigns.

## **Colossians 1:19-20**

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

† Through the cross, God reconciled heaven and earth, the separation between God and humanity was removed.

† The "all things" refers to the covenantal world, angels, nations, and people united under Christ's headship.

† The fullness of divinity dwelt bodily in Christ, making Him the bridge between heaven and earth.

† This reconciliation brought peace and established the eternal new creation.

## **Revelation 21:1-2**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

† John saw the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, the arrival of the new creation in its fullness.

† The first heaven and earth (the old covenant) passed away when Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70.

† The new Jerusalem symbolizes the Church, the bride of Christ, joined eternally with her husband.

† The "sea" represents separation, its absence shows complete reconciliation between God and His people.

## **Revelation 21:3-4**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

† The tabernacle of God among men means His permanent dwelling within His people, no temple made by hands.

† The promise of "no more death" refers to the end of covenantal death, separation from God.

† The "first things" that passed away were the old covenant conditions of sin and condemnation.

† The Church, as the bride and city, lives in the reality of complete reconciliation and life eternal.

## **Revelation 21:5**

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful

and true."

† This declaration seals the promise, everything has been made new in Christ.

† The phrase "I am making" shows an active, ongoing renewal that began with Christ's resurrection and completed with the fall of the old world.

† Nothing about this is future or partial, the new creation stands complete and unending.

† These words remain faithful and true because the new covenant age will never fade.

## **2 Peter 3:13**

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

† Peter's expectation was fulfilled in the first century when righteousness came to dwell permanently in the new kingdom.

† This promise echoed Isaiah's, showing continuity between the prophets and Christ's finished work.

† The new heavens and earth represent the reign of righteousness through the indwelling Spirit.

† This is the eternal condition of the redeemed, a world where God's righteousness is the atmosphere we live in.

## **How it applies to us today**

† We live in the completed new creation, not waiting for it to arrive.

† The former world of sin, death, and separation has passed away forever.

† Every believer is a living witness of the reconciliation between heaven and earth.

† Our role is not to anticipate a future renewal, but to walk in the fullness of the one already revealed.

† In Christ, all things have truly been made new and that reality will never fade.

# † This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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