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Introduction

† When did the new world began? What changed so dramatically in 70 ad please let us know. These questions go straight to the heart of fulfilled prophecy. The change wasn't geological, political, or atmospheric. It was covenantal. What shifted in AD 70 was the world defined by Scripture, the world God spoke of when He planted the heavens and laid the earth upon forming Israel. That covenant world collapsed, and a new one took its place. The apostles expected it, Jesus promised it, and history records it.

The Covenant World Explained

† Everything changed in AD 70. Not the geography, not the landscape, but the covenant world. The Bible defines heaven and earth as covenant structure, not the physical planet. Isaiah 51:15-16 says God planted the heavens and laid the earth when He formed Israel as a people. So when that covenant world collapsed, a new one began.

Additional Covenant Explanation From Isaiah 65-66

† Isaiah 65 and 66 describe a new heavens and a new earth tied directly to Israel's covenant transition, not a destruction of the planet. These chapters show the end of the old rebellious Jerusalem and the birth of a new covenant people. This matches perfectly with the events of AD 70, where the Old Covenant world passed away and the New Covenant world stood in its place. Scripture consistently uses heaven and earth as covenant language, which is why the physical world didn't need to be burned or destroyed for a new world to begin.

What Changed In AD 70

† The temple was destroyed. The entire Old Covenant system depended on it. Once the temple fell, the sacrifices, the priesthood, the rituals, and the entire law-based relationship with God ended forever. Hebrews 8:13 said it was about to vanish. AD 70 is when it did.

† The priesthood ended. No temple means no priests, no sacrifices, no Levitical system. That's why the New Covenant priesthood of Christ and His body now stands alone (Hebrews 7:11-12).

† The law of Moses ended as a covenant. Colossians 2:14 says the old law was nailed to the cross. AD 70 was the visible judgment that closed that age completely.

† The kingdom arrived in fullness. Jesus said some standing there would see Him coming in His kingdom (Matthew 16:28). That happened in the judgment on the Old Covenant world.

† Access to God changed forever. With the Old Covenant gone, there's no more veil, no more distance, no more earthly mediator. Hebrews 10:19-20 says the way into the holiest place is now open.

† The bride and groom were united. Revelation 19 says the marriage of the Lamb comes right after Jerusalem (Babylon) falls. That happened in AD 70, marking the full arrival of the New Covenant.

† The resurrection life Jesus promised was fully revealed. Not physical corpses coming out of graves. Paul said it was spiritual, the life giving Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:44-45).

† So yeah, a new world began in AD 70. Not a new planet, but a new covenant world where nothing stands between God and His people. The dramatic change wasn't in geology. It was in relationship, access, and covenant reality.

† That's the world you and I are living in right now.

Why Removing The Old Covenant Means The World Changed

† The Old Covenant wasn't just a set of laws. It was an entire world, a heaven and earth structure built on temple, priesthood, sacrifice, genealogy, land, covenant curses, and covenant blessings. When that world collapsed, a new world had to rise. Jesus said the old wineskins couldn't hold the new wine. AD 70 was the moment the old wineskin finally burst, and the New Covenant stood alone as the everlasting kingdom.

The Daniel 12 Connection To AD 70 And Resurrection

† Daniel 12 tied the resurrection to the time of Jerusalem's destruction. It said the power of the holy people would be shattered, and then the resurrection would be fulfilled. That happened in AD 70, not in our future. Jesus quoted Daniel in Matthew 24, tying the same events together. The resurrection life Paul described wasn't about corpses climbing out of dirt. It was about covenant transformation, passing from death to life through Christ.

Why This Matters For Understanding New Heaven And New Earth

† Revelation 21 isn't about a new planet. It's about a new covenant. John saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride. That only happens after the first heaven and first earth pass away, which was the Old Covenant world. AD 70 wasn't a cosmic reset of creation, it was the covenant reset God promised through the prophets and fulfilled through His Son.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr wrote of the temple's destruction as the sign of God's judgment on the Old Covenant order.

† Eusebius detailed the fall of Jerusalem as the fulfillment of Jesus' words in Matthew 24.

† Josephus recorded the collapse of the temple system, confirming the very shifts Hebrews and Revelation foresaw.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We aren't waiting for a new world to come, we're living in the one Christ established. There's no temple blocking access, no veil separating man from God, no priesthood standing between us and His presence. We stand inside the fulfilled kingdom, the completed covenant, the restored relationship God promised from the beginning. Everything the prophets longed for is the world you're already breathing in. The question isn't when the new world will come, it's whether we'll walk in the fullness of what Christ already delivered.

† The new world isn't something we're waiting for. It's here. It arrived when the Old Covenant world fell in AD 70, just like Jesus said it would. We live in the fulfilled kingdom, the everlasting covenant, the New Jerusalem reality. The promises are completed, the kingdom is established, and every barrier between God and His people is gone forever.

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

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