

THE NEW
HEAVEN
— AND —
NEW EARTH

REVELATION 21:1

“Behold, I make all things new.”



What Will We Be

- 1. Resurrection in the O.T.**
- 2. The Resurrection of Jesus**
- 3. Our Resurrection**

Where Will We Be

New Heavens and New Earth

The Curse Removed

Meeting in the clouds?

“I go to prepare a place”

Acts 1:1-11

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ***“Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”*** ⁷ He said to them, ***“It is not for you to know times or seasons*** that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, ***he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*** ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, ***will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.***”

Acts 3:12-21

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But ***what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.*** ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ ***whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.***

Acts 3:21

NKJV – “whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

NASB – “whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”

NIV - Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

NRSV – “who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.”

New Heaven and New Earth



Isaiah 65:17; 66:22

2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 21:1



Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ “For behold, *I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.* ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, *I create Jerusalem* to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; *no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.*

“New” (ha-dash) – “new, fresh” - HALOT

Isaiah 66:22-24

²² “For *as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me*, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, *all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.* ²⁴ “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

2 Peter 3:1-14

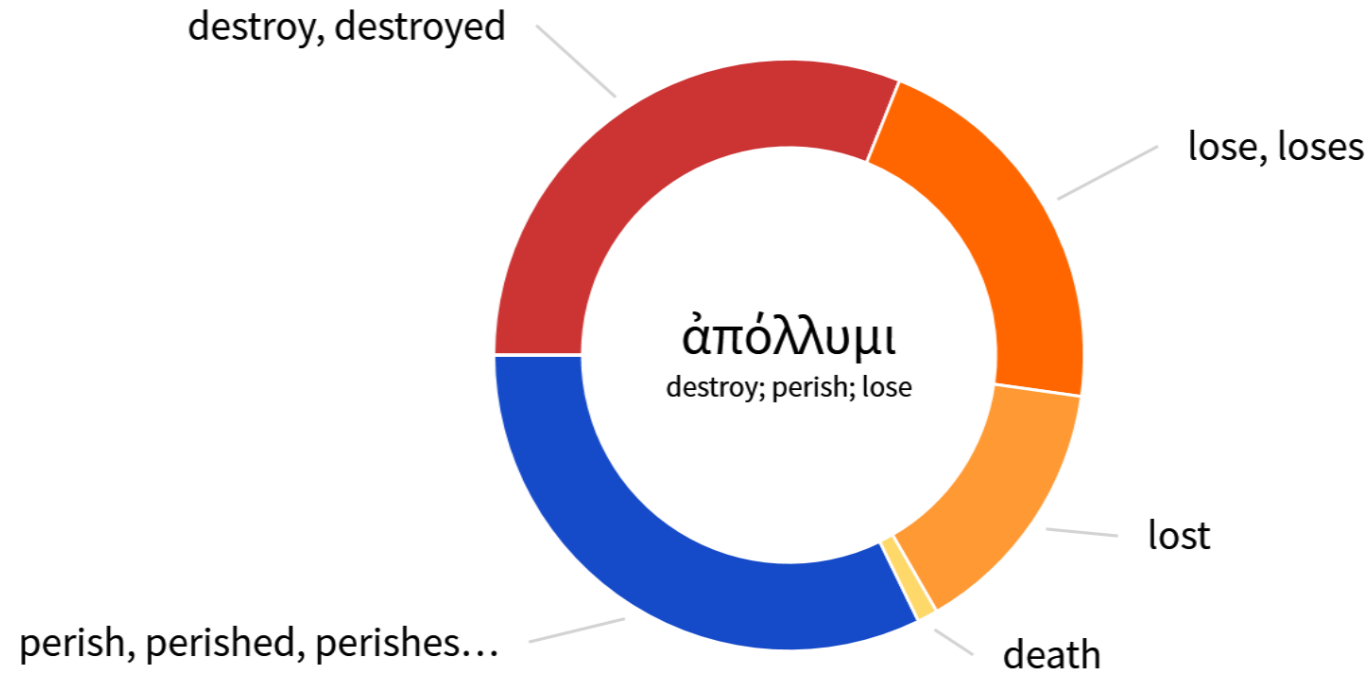
¹ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

⁴ They will say, ***“Where is the promise of his coming?”*** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, ***all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”***

2 Peter 3:1-14

⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed *out of water and through water by the word of God*, ⁶ and that by means of these *the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.*

“Perished” (*apollymi*) – “to cause or experience destruction” - BDAG



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Then Existed***



By the word of God and
Water it was destroyed.

2 Peter 3:1-14

⁷ But **by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire**, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. ⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then **the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.**

2 Peter 3:1-14

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which ***the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!***

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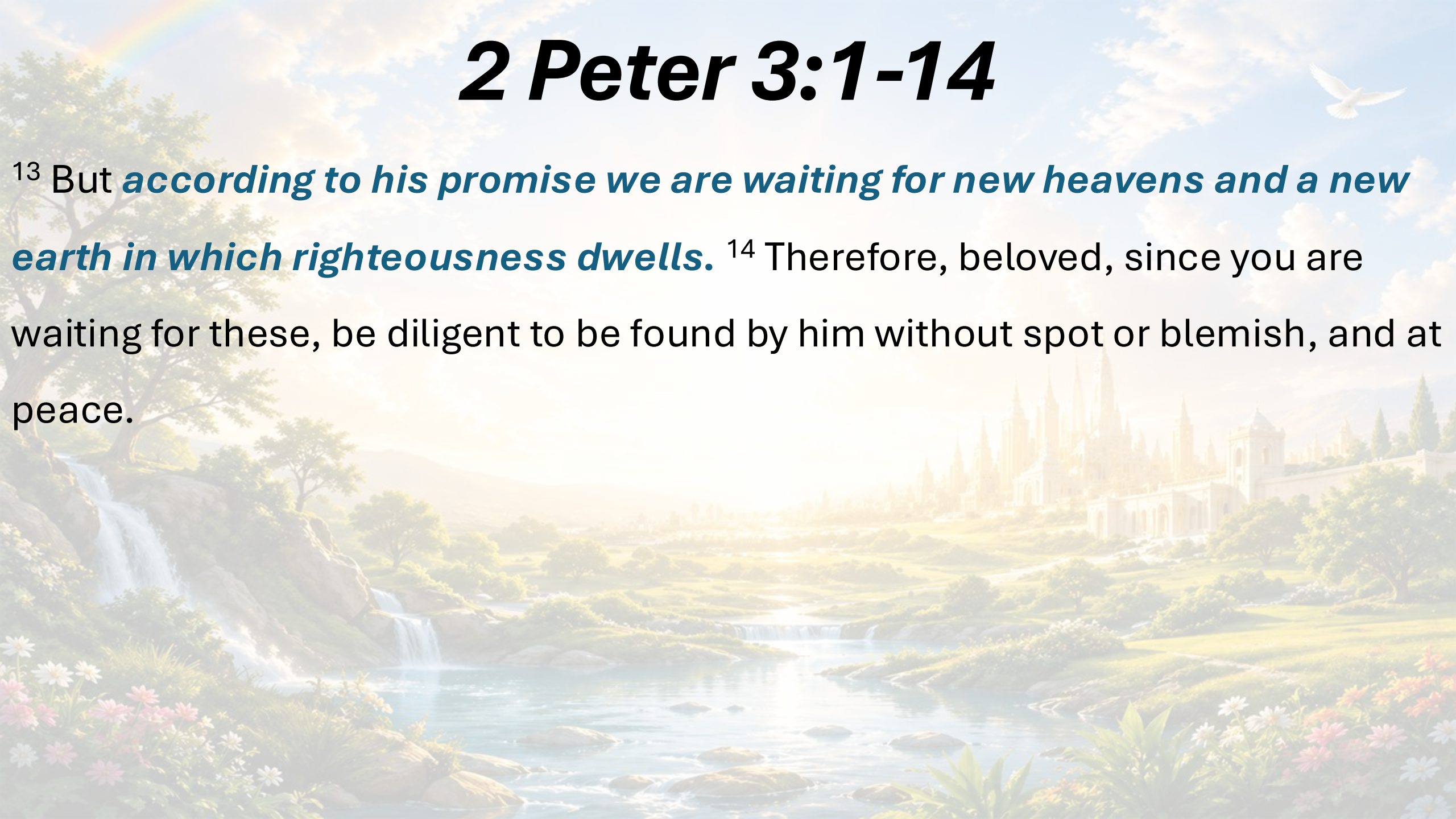
***The Heavens and
Earth that Now Exist***



By the same word it
will face the same
fate. This time by fire.

2 Peter 3:1-14

¹³ But *according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.* ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.



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***New Heaven and
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Where righteousness
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Revelation 21:1-5

¹ Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth** for the **first heaven and the first earth had passed away** and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,** and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, **Behold, I am making all things new.**’ Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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“New” (*kainos*) – “usually indicates newness in terms of quality, not time; newness in time is a typical nuance of νέος, though the two words could sometimes be synonymous.” – NIGTC

“pertaining to that which is recent in contrast to something old.” – BDAG

Example: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:21-24, Colossians 3:7-10

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All Things New

Genesis 1-2

- Creation of heaven and earth
- God dwells with humanity
- Garden of Eden
- Tree of life
- No curse initially
- No death initially
- River flowing from Eden
- Humanity reigns over creation

Revelation 21-22

- New heaven and new earth
- God dwells with humanity
- Paradise / New Jerusalem
- Tree of life
- Curse removed
- Death no more
- River of life
- Saints reign forever

