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## **The Glorious New Creation**

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## **Isaiah 65:17-21, 23-25**

**Introduction:** This chapter, along with the final chapter, deals with a number of different subjects, regarding some of the most remarkable of the themes Isaiah has discussed throughout the prophecy.

Regarding the divisions of this chapter, we have (1) God's reply to the complaints visible in Israel's prayer for deliverance (Isaiah 65:1-7); (2) regardless of the total destruction awaiting the irreligious majority, a faithful remnant shall be redeemed (Isaiah 65:8-12); (3) a mingling of threats to the unfaithful and promises to the faithful (Isaiah 65:13-16); (4) a glorious depiction of the **age of Messiah** (Isaiah 65:17-25).

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament [classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/](http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/))

**Isaiah 65:8-12**, Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for **my people** that have **sought me**.

But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that **troop (Fortune, a Babylonian deity)**, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the **slaughter**: because when I called, YE did not answer; when I spake, YE did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

**NOTE:** Here we have an outcropping of the Jews propensity for worshipping "the host of heaven" (Acts 7:42). "The planet Jupiter was worshipped as the god Fortune; and the planet Venus was worshipped, sometimes as Second Fortune, or as Destiny." "In due course, those who worship Destiny will indeed receive their well-merited destiny. Note the word-play." Note the stern words, "I will destine you to the sword." (Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament [classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/](http://classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/))

**Isaiah 65:13-20**, Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, **my servants** shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, **my servants** shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: Behold, **my servants** shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall **slay thee**, and call **his** servants by another name: That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself

in the **God of truth;** and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the **God of truth;** because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, **I create** new **heavens (sky)** and a **new earth:** and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 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. 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. There shall be no more thence an **infant** of days, nor an **old man** that hath not filled his days: for the **child** shall **die** an hundred years old; but the **sinner** being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

**Thought 1.** The fact that during this time death and sinners are still in the earth proves the new sky and earth that Isaiah saw will be during the thousand year reign of Jesus on the earth. In the new earth that John saw, there was no death, nor sinners because they had been cast into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 20:7-9,** And when the **thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the **nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And **they** went up on the breath of the earth, and compassed the camp of the **saints** about, and the beloved city: and **FIRE** came down from God out of **heaven (the sky)**, and devoured them.

**Thought 2.** These are those sinners that refused to accept Jesus during his thousand-year reign. Even then, they'll have a choice.

**Revelation 20:11-15,** And I saw a great **white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the **dead (sinners: spiritually dead)**, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life:** and the **dead** were **judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the **dead** which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the **dead** which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And **DEATH** and **hell** were cast into the **lake of fire.** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Thought 3.** After this, the elements that make up the sky and earth shall melt and God then creates a new sky and heaven where only righteousness exist.

**2 Peter 3:10-13,** 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. Seeing then that **all** these things shall be **DISSOLVED**, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 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 (liquefy)** with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new** heavens and a **new** earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (conformity of heart and life to the divine law).

**Elements defined 4747, constituent** [applied to parts of a thing that are essential to it; Oxygen and hydrogen are the constituent parts of water].

**Melt & Dissolved defined 3089, unloose** (to lose all connection or union), **dissolve** (1. to liquefy 2. to disunite [to disunite particles of matter ]).

**Revelation 21:1, 4**, And I saw a **new heaven (sky)** and a **new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away...  
 ...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**.

**Isaiah 65:21-24**, *And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall **not labour in vain**, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

**NOTE:** The millennial reign of Jesus Christ will not only be a time of biological and social transformation. It will also be a time of profound spiritual transformation and **intimacy**. There will be an immediate and constant sense of the **presence** of God, and His knowledge will cover the earth (Isaiah 11:9).

i This does not mean that every one on the millennial earth will be saved; only that the *opportunity* for such close relationship will be widely enjoyed. We know that not all will be saved during the millennial earth because:

At the conclusion of the time of the millennial earth, Satan is released from his confinement and finds many willing servants on the earth (Revelation 20:7-9), whom he gathers for one last - and strikingly futile - rebellion against God.

· Zechariah 14:16-19 and Psalm 2 describe the **firm rule** of the **Messiah** during the **millennial earth**, dealing decisively with those who do not surrender to His reign, enforcing righteousness all over the earth.

ii. Though not all will be saved on the millennial earth, we may suppose that the **proportions will be reversed**. Today, it is but a remnant that are saved, because *many are called but few are chosen* (Matthew 22:14) and *broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few who find it*** (Matthew 7:13-14). In the millennial earth, the *few* will be those who don't know the LORD and are not saved.

(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible [classic.studylight.org/com/guz](http://classic.studylight.org/com/guz))

**Isaiah 65:25**, *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall **not hurt nor destroy** in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

**NOTE:** This is the glorious result of the transformation that happens during the millennial earth. The **world will be different biologically, spiritually, socially, and ecologically**.

i The Bible speaks powerfully to other aspects of the millennial earth. Tragically, the Church through history has often ignored or denied the promise of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The early church until Augustine almost universally believed in an earthly, historical reign of Jesus, initiated by His return. Tyconius (in the late 300's) was the first to influentially champion a spiritualized interpretation, saying that this Millennium is now (amillennialism). His view was adopted by Augustine, the Roman Catholic Church and most Reformation theologians. Growing out of *amillennialism* is the doctrine of **postmillennialism** is an outgrowth of amillennialism, saying the millennium will happen in this age, before Jesus' return - but that the church will bring it to pass. But the clear teaching of the Bible **isn't amillennialism** or *postmillennialism*, but what is called **premillennialism** - the teaching that Jesus Christ will return to this earth **before** the millennial earth, and He is establish and govern it directly. There are more than 400 verses in more than 20 different passages in the Old Testament which deal with this time when Jesus Christ rules and reigns personally over planet earth.

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