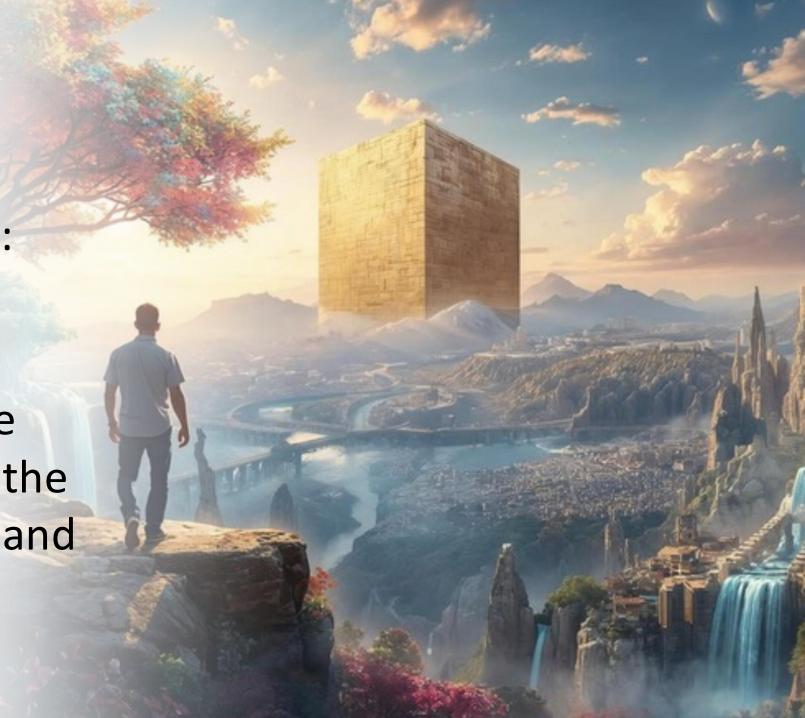




 Heaven Comes Down: God's Final Act of Redemption

 Objective: Explore the eternal New Earth as the believer's final home and the nature of the resurrected body



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- Revelation 21:1-5 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," [a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
- ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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- See, I will create
 new heavens and a new earth.
 - The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
 - ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
 - for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.
 - ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.
- 20 "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years;
 - the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;
 - the one who fails to reach^[a] a hundred will be considered accursed.
 - ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 - ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in

them,

or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;

my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;

for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

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 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that ^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children

of God.

 ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

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God's Plan throughout the Bible: Restoration, not replacement

Redeem: To buy back; to reclaim ownership. (Eph 1:7)

Restore: To bring back to original condition. (Acts 3:21)

Recover: To regain what was lost. (1 Sam 30:18)

Return: To go back to the original source. (Zech 1:3)

Renew: To make new again. (Rom 12:2; Isa 40:31)

Regenerate: To impart new life; rebirth. (Titus 3:5)

Resurrect: To rise again from the dead. (1 Cor 15:52)

Reconcile: To bring back into relationship. (2 Cor 5:18–19)

Theological Confirmation

Randy Alcorn (Heaven):

"Heaven and Earth will no longer be separated as they are now, but will be merged together into one."

- Heaven, p. 57

Wayne Grudem (Systematic Theology):

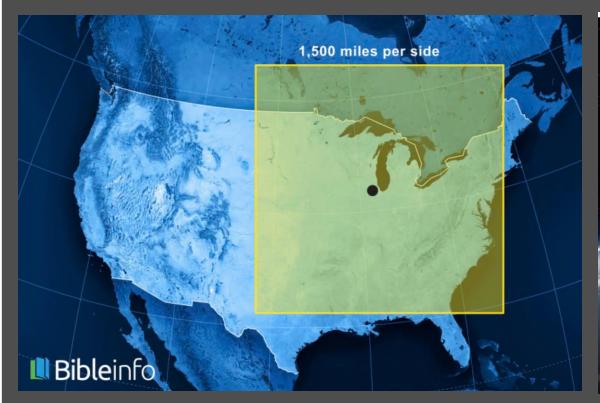
"The new heavens and new earth will be a place where God fully dwells with His people. There will no longer be any separation between Heaven and Earth."

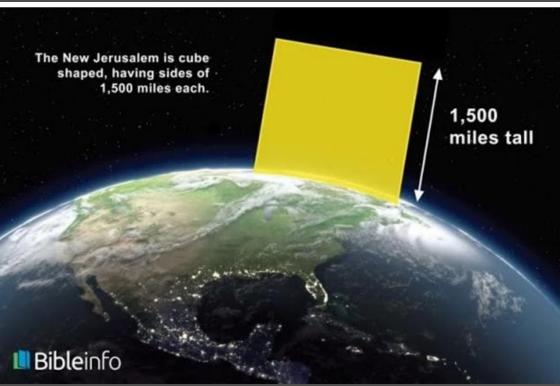
— Ch. 57, The New Heavens and New Earth

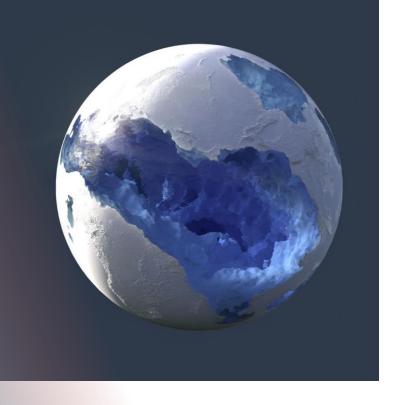
Anthony Hoekema (*The Bible and the Future*):

"God will make the new Earth his dwelling place... there will be continuity between the present Earth and the New Earth, just as there is continuity between our present bodies and our resurrection bodies."

The Footprint of New Jerusalem, capitol of the global Eternal Heaven







Continuity: This Life & the Next

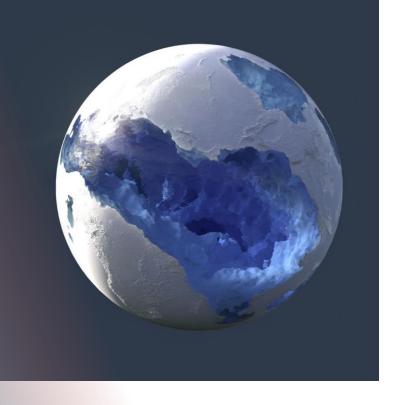
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I Cor 15

• ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

I Cor 15

- ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ^[h]
- 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" [i]
- ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



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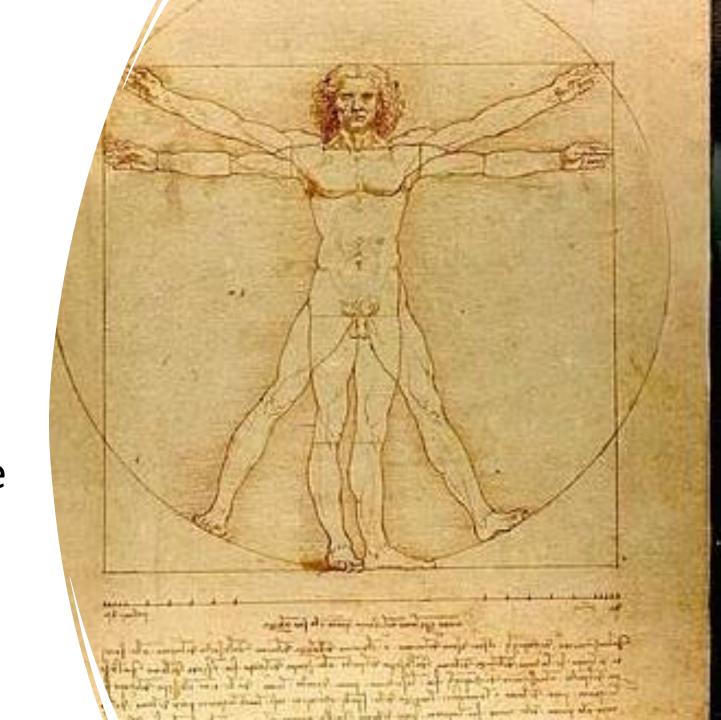
• ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

What Makes It New?

- God dwelling with His people (Rev. 21:3) ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.
- No death, pain, or sorrow (Rev. 21:4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
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- No curse (Rev. 22:3) ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
- Perfect justice and peace

The Resurrected Body: The Risen Jesus is the Prototype

- Philippians 3:21 He will transform our body to be like His glorious body.
- I John 3:2 "We shall be like Him..."
- Jesus' resurrection body is the prototype for ours.



1. Physical and Tangible

- Luke 24:39 'Touch Me and see... flesh and bones'
- John 20:27 Jesus tells
 Thomas to touch His
 wounds
- Not a ghost or spirit—fully physical.



2. Recognizable, Yet Glorified

- Luke 24:31, John
 21:12 Recognized by disciples and Mary
- Continuity of identity with added glory.



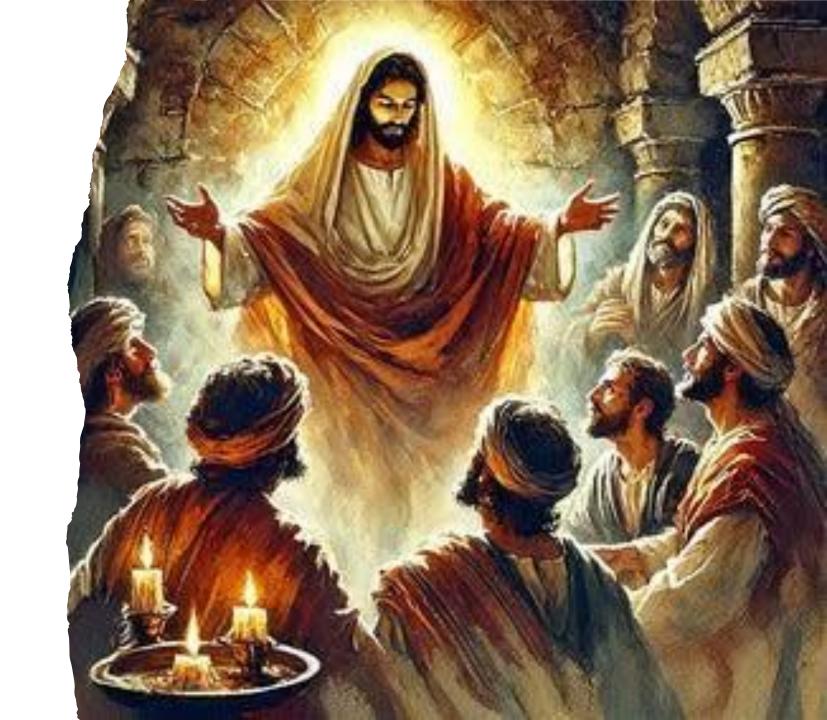
3. Capable of Eating

- Luke 24:42–43 Jesus ate broiled fish
- John 21:12 "Come and have breakfast..."
- Enjoys food, not dependent on it.



4. Not Limited by Space or Time

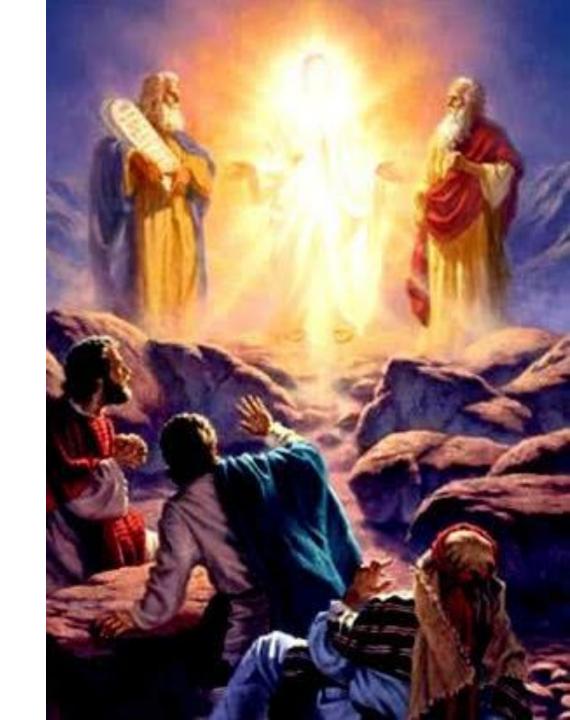
- John 20:19, 26 –
 Appeared in locked rooms
- Luke 24:31 –
 Disappeared from sight
- Material body with glorified abilities.





6. Glorious and Radiant

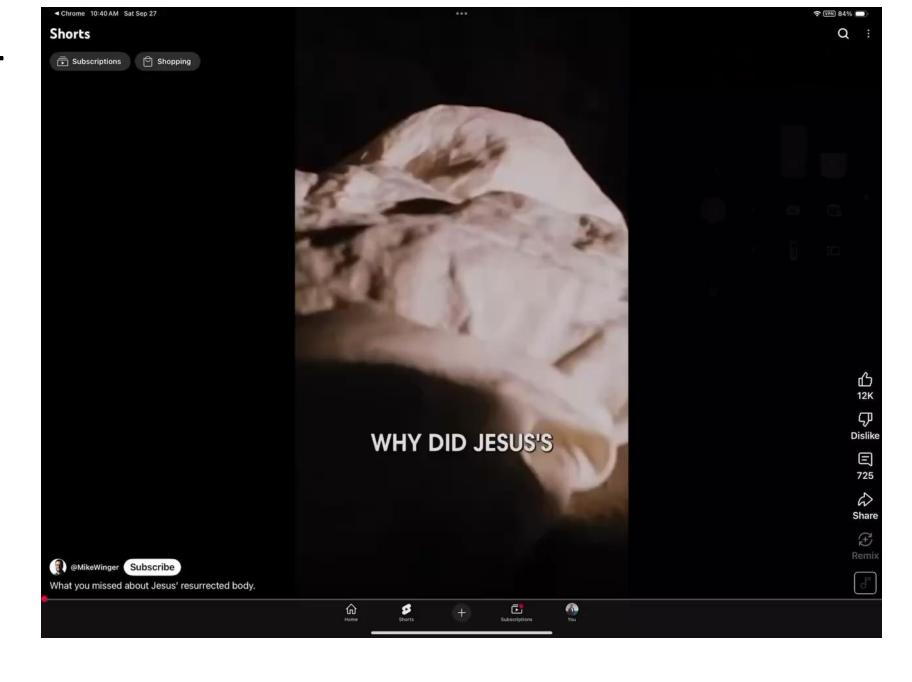
- 1 Corinthians 15:43 'Raised in glory'
- Matthew 17:2 Jesus shone like the sun at Transfiguration.





8. Retains History – Redeemed Scars

- John 20:27 'Put your finger here... my side'
- Wounds became witness—not erased but glorified.



Summarizing the Resurrection Body

- Physical, tangible, and immortal, incorruptible, no defects or disease
- - Glorified, powerful, and recognizable
- Not limited by space/time
- Retains meaningful history
- 1 John 3:2 'We shall be like Him'

Discussion & Reflection

- What excites you most about the New Earth?
- How does this reshape your view of eternity?