

Kingdom of God

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach about where the New Kingdom will be. Most churches teach that the New Kingdom is in heaven, other churches teach that it is on earth, which is the truth? First let us look to what God says about the earth.

Isaiah 45:18

Verse 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

God created the earth to be inhabited. So, why are there so many churches teaching that we are to leave this earth to be with God in heaven forever? This scripture states that "*he created it not in vain*", to have the earth sit empty seems in vain. You may say this is Old Testament and the earth played its roll and therefore it is not in vain. So, we asked you to consider these scriptures.

Matthew 5:5

Verse 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

I Corinthians 10:26

Verse 26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

II Peter 3:13

Verse 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Revelations 5:10

Verse 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelations 21:1

Verse 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

All these scriptures together say that there will be a new heaven and a new earth and that we will inherit that new earth as kings and priests. So, if the earth was made not in vain and is a part of our inheritance as children of God, then it is fair to say it is not to be done away with but purged.

II Peter 3:5-7

Verse 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Verse 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Verse 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Peter tells us of the flood and says the earth perished, but the earth is still here. Peter then goes on and says that this heaven and earth are being kept in store for the judgment of fire.

II Peter 3:10-13

Verse 10 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.

Verse 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Verse 12 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 with fervent heat?

Verse 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Here Peter tells us that this earth will pass away by fire; but as like the first earth remained after the flood, so will this earth remain. Only by scorching the world will it be pure again. Now let us head to Isaiah which tells us of a new heaven and a new earth

Isaiah 66:22, 23

Verse 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Verse 23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah speaks on the new heavens and new earth as Peter has. He also ties together that they are not just for the Israelites or the Gentiles, but that all flesh will come and worship him. These scriptures all prove that there will be a new earth but will the kingdom of God be on earth?

Matthew 25:31-34

Verse 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Verse 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

Verse 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Verse 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Here we see that Jesus and his holy angels will come, but come where? To the earth to gather the righteous to inherit that which was prepared for them from the very foundation of the world.

I Corinthians 15:24, 28

Verse 24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Verse 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

After subduing the earth, Jesus gives all power and glory back to God, including the New Kingdom which is on earth.

Revelations 21:1-4

Verse 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Verse 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Verse 4 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.

We believe the scriptures are very clear on where the New Kingdom will be, here on earth, without sin.

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