

# Heaven on Earth

A photograph of a long, brightly lit hallway. The walls are white, and the floor is dark. The hallway leads to a bright light at the end, creating a strong perspective. The text "Heaven on Earth" is overlaid at the top center.

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***Right now...***

Heaven is:

- ❖ above.
- ❖ the place of God's throne.
- ❖ God's home.
- ❖ where JESUS our Savior is.
- ❖ where believers enjoy His presence.

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*Right now...*

**NKJ Colossians 3:1** If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Our citizenship is in Heaven.

**Philippians 3:20** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20

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*One day...*

*Heaven will come down to earth. Revelation 21 - 22*

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Rev 21:1 There is a new heaven. (a new universe)

Rev 21:1 There is a new Earth.

Rev 21:2 There is a new Jerusalem.

Rev 21:2 New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven.

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New Jerusalem is the **home of God** - His tabernacle – His dwelling place.

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- 4) **GOD HIMSELF** will be among men.

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Greek word: His people – plural (peoples)

Hebrew word: His people Israel – singular (a people), a specific chosen nation

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***In the Eternal State on the New Earth:***

ALL PEOPLES of ALL NATIONS are the peoples of God.

**Ephesians 1:10** that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth -- in Him.

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**Revelation 21:4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

No death – only life!

No sorrow, no crying, no pain – only joy!

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## *What makes Heaven – Heaven:*

- ❖ God the Father.
- ❖ God the Son.
- ❖ God the Spirit.
- ❖ Holiness.
- ❖ Love.
- ❖ Goodness.
- ❖ Creativity.

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## Why change this Earth?

- it's tainted by sin
- it's been the place of rebellion against God
- it's been enemy-occupied territory

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*Randy Alcorn*: there is an entire Biblical vocabulary that suggests a return to an original condition that was ruined or lost. The Bible uses the words:

Reconcile.

Redeem.

Restore.

Recover.

Return.

Renew.

Regenerate.      Resurrect.

❖ Each of these words points to God's creative power ... not just to recycle something – but to **upcycle** it!

# Heaven on Earth

**Before Christ**

**OLD** slave to sin

**Sinners dead in sin and trespasses.**

**Earth under the curse: world in rebellion against Jesus.**

**Now in Christ**

**NEW** in Christ

**Saved by the Spirit, new creation in Christ.**

**Earth during Millennial Kingdom: curse lifted through Jesus' reign.**

**Future with Christ**

**GLORIFIED** in Christ

**Bodies resurrected and Glorified.**

**New Heaven, New Earth  
God's glorious new creation – where He makes all things new.**

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❖ John's declaration is completely positive, even his statement that there is no more sea.

❖ Trust God with this declaration!

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**Job 26:7-10** God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. <sup>8</sup> He wraps the rain in his thick clouds, and the clouds don't burst with the weight. <sup>9</sup> He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with his clouds. <sup>10</sup> He created the horizon when he separated the waters; he set the boundary between day and night.

**Job 36:22** Look, God shows Himself exalted by His power.

**Job 36:26** Look, God is exalted beyond our knowledge

**Job 37:5** God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend.

**Job 37:14** Stop and consider God's wonders.



# Lake Tekapo, Southern Alps



# Lake Tekapo, Southern Alp, Lupine flowers



# Lake Pukaiki – fed by Southern Alps



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# Southern Alps



# Mt. Cook, Southern Alps



# Alpine mosses and ferns



# Kea Alpine Parrot



# Routeburn Track





# Heaven on Earth

## First heavens and First Earth

### Millennial Kingdom

Jesus reigns in Jerusalem

(last Adam fulfilling kingdom mandate)

(fulfills promises to Israel)

Righteousness and justice

Nations subjected to Jesus, (still sin)

## New Heavens and New Earth

### Eternal state

God and Jesus directly ruling

Kingdom handed over to the Father

(eternal kingdom, both reigning forever)

Righteousness and justice

Nations subjected to God and Jesus (no sin)

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### Millennial Kingdom

Marriage and children

Long life

Sin and death

Curse on ground lifted through Jesus' power on earth

Jerusalem: capital of Israel

Land assignments for tribes of Israel

Dimensions of Temple

Temple on Mt Zion

## New Heavens and New Earth

### Eternal state

No marriage, no children born

Immortal, eternal life

No sin, no death

Final removal of curse through fire/purification of Earth

Jerusalem – capital of the New Earth

Foundations, gates honor tribes of Israel

Dimensions of New Jerusalem

No temple

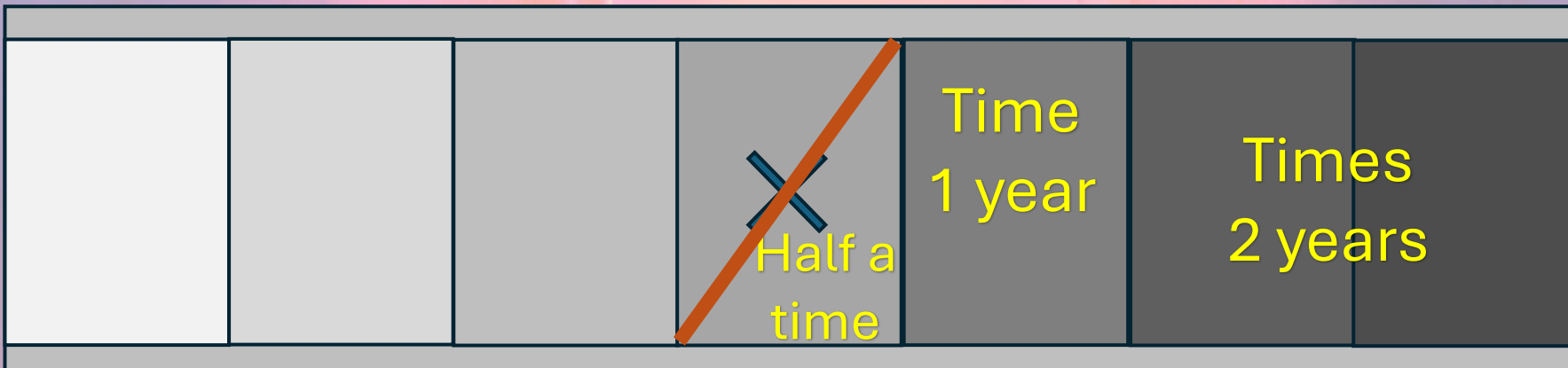
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**Revelation 21:3** "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

**Revelation 21:22-23** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

**Revelation 22:3-5** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.





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