

Behold, I will Create New Heavens and New Earth!**Isaiah 65:17-25****(Read also Revelation 21:1-8 and 22:1-7)**

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I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT**“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1).****A. Historical Background**

The *very reason* that “**the heavens and the earth**” exist in the first place, is because the Sovereign God **created** them. The *only reason* why humanity exists on God’s earth is because God “**created** man in His own image, in the image of God He **created** him; male and female He **created** them” and put them there (Genesis 1:27). The *only reason* that you and I exist today is because God “**created** man in His own image” and **blessed** them to “be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. ...” (Gen. 1:27-28). All the things God **created** and commanded have continued to do His Will exactly the way *He ordained them to operate and be!* For billions of years, the Sun continued to shine, the Seasons kept their rhythm of change, the rain and storms kept on doing what they do, the oceans remained where they are, the trees, plants, flowers kept on growing, producing seeds and multiplying, etc. *because the Sovereign God ordained it so!* Without us *realizing it*, the Heart beats, the blood flows, the brain does what it does, the lungs, the kidneys, the liver, the nervous system, the cells, etc. keep doing what they are specialized to do *because God ordained them to do so!* However, The Bible is also clear that when our Lord Jesus Christ **comes back**, *the order of things will change!* In Isaiah chapter 65, we find the **Utmost Glorious Prophecy** about how the Sovereign God will **create** the “**New Heavens and the New Earth!**” Hallelujah!

B. Biblical Context

In God’s Plan of Salvation, there is always a continuous Progression. As we study the Bible, we see what God began in Abraham and Sarah continued to evolve according to His Plan and Promises. The “Seed” God produced from the “barren womb” of Sarah the “dead loin” of Abraham was *multiplied* in Isaac, Jacob, the Twelve Tribes of Israel, who became the millions of Israelites the LORD *rescued* through Moses and *led* through Joshua to possess the Promised Land. **Continuous Progression according to God’s Plan and Promises.** However, the History of the Israelites reveal that there has been setbacks and

regression not because God's Plan of Salvation was not working. No! **Regressions** happened only because the Israelites kept on breaking the Covenant Relationship that they had with God! **Nevertheless, the Sovereign God kept on working through the few Faithful and Obedient Remnants to advance His Plan of Salvation!** Ultimately, God knew only His Son, Jesus Christ, can fulfill all the requirements of The Law. Hence, at the Appointed Time, God sent His Son to be offered as a **Sacrificial Lamb** on the Cross at Calvary! Hallelujah! The Book of Isaiah contains many prophecies which have *already been fulfilled* including all the Prophecies about our Lord Jesus Christ! **The Prophecy in Isaiah 65 is about the Second Coming of Christ which is yet to be fulfilled and the radical changes that will take place at the Time!** Hallelujah!

II. THE LESSON. "Behold, I'll Create New Heavens and New Earth!"

1. v. 17. Behold, I will Create New Heavens and New Earth.

The Key words are "I will create" and "New." When God declares "I will create," it is both a promise and prophecy at the same time. And we know God keeps His Promises! What God promised to do in this Prophecy is that He "will **create**" and its going to be "**New**." *It is predestined to happen!* And it is going to be "New Heavens and New Earth!"

The Prophecy regarding the "**New Heavens and New Earth**" is *revealed* for the first time in Isaiah chapter 65 which is affirmed in **Revelation 21:1**. The term "**New**" in this Prophecy compelled me to examine why it was necessary to "**create**" everything "**New**." God is going to do a New Thing!

- a) **Why New Heavens?** The reason is revealed in Revelation 21:1-5; 22-27. With the Second Coming of Christ, **Final Judgement** will take place! It means Satan and his demons will be dealt with permanently along with all evil doers (Revelation 20)! Also, there will be a separation between the "sheep and the goats" (Matthew 25:31-46) Hallelujah!
- b) **Why New Earth?** First, this Earth is neither sufficient nor fit for God to dwell on it! Second, in the New Testament, one of the revelations that we have concerning those who will be raised up in Christ at **His Second Coming** is that we **inherit Eternal Life** and be where Christ lives. We are *predestined* for the "**New Heavens and New Earth!**" Hallelujah!

- Matthew 7:11-21; 24:29-36.
- John 14:1-4.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

- c) **The Former Things Will Not be Remembered.** Eternal Life with Christ is so Glorious and Totally New that there is *no need to recall* the “former things” which consist of wicked/evil people, endless wars and conflicts, all kinds of diseases, suffering, disappointments, oppression and exploitation!

This Earth that we live in *now* is neither adequate nor enough to accommodate all of those who believed in God since the time of **Noah!**

2. v. 18. Be Glad and Rejoice in what God Promised to Create!

In the **New Heavens and New Earth**, there is absolutely NO REASON to **recall** the “former things” which God will destroy completely and from which He promised to totally rescue us! Instead, God says, start being “glad and rejoice” about what He **promised** to “create!” for His people!

3. v. 19. No More!

This verse is so special because even God *foresees* Himself “rejoicing over the New Jerusalem” and being “delighted” in His people! Wow! God *foresees* Himself “rejoicing” because “the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard no more!” Praise God! In the “**New Heavens and New Earth**,” there will be *no more* destitution, separations, displacements, refugees, hunger, diseases, sickness, hospitals and funerals! **No More!** In the “**New Heavens and New Earth**,” there will be *no more* drug lords, forever pills to profit corporations, waiting for organs, and trafficking humans! **No More!** There will be **no more** kings, queens, princes who exploit and oppress people! **No More!** There will be *no more* governments who promise one thing and do the opposite! *No more* Congress, White House and Justices! **No More! God says, I will do a New Thing! Therefore, Be glad and rejoice right now!** We don’t have to wait until we get to heaven to praise God and be glad for what He has promised us!

4. v. 20. Never Again!

The Promise for a Long Life! For the Israelites, hearing this at the time was Good News because their lives were shortened by wars, diseases, afflictions and due to the consequences of their sins! The Sovereign God promised such things will never happen again! **Never Again!** God promised them *Long Life* free from things which cut it short! *There will come a time when babies will live out their full life free from diseases, harm and dangers!* The Israelites know **Abraham** lived a long, fruitful and blessed life! **God extended his life by 100 years!** Because Abraham loved and trusted God, his life was full of blessings and he lived for 170 years! The Bible says, “Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old! God made **Sarah** the “Mother of Nations” through

Jacob, Esau and Ishmael. **Moses** lived to be 120 years old! **Joshua** lived for 110 years! The Bible *portrays* them as Faithful, committed and willing **servants** who lived their lives to please God! The Lord was reminding the Israelites who were *languishing* in **Exile** what their lives could look like in the future! For us (the disciples of Christ), this verse carries much more revelation because *we know* **The Resurrected Christ** will come back to give us **Eternal Life as He has Promised!**

5. vv. 21-23. No Longer!

Because of their unfaithfulness to God, the Israelites have seen how the Babylonians and the Assyrians took possession of their lands, homes and businesses! Where they used to farm on their own lands, they were accustomed to see foreigners gather the harvest and store them in the warehouses which they used to own! The Good News is that God promised that such misfortunes from will never happen! Again and again, the Israelites experienced foreigners who worship all kinds of idols living in the homes they used to own and live in! But God says, such things will not happen again! **Never Again! God says in verse 23, “They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed for misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.” Praise the Lord!**

6. v. 24. Before They Call, I will Answer!

Has there been a time when you prayed about a particular situation for a long time and you started wondering if God heard you? You know God sees everything and hears all prayers! And yet, it seemed God stopped listening to you! Have you experienced that? **Well, God says there will come a time when He will answer you even before you start praying! The God who looks into the heart will answer you even before your petition is formed in your mind!**

7. v. 25. Enmity Ceases and Peace Prevails.

When God “creates New Heavens and New Earth,” there is no place for hostility, animosity and enmity! Because the “**former things**” shall pass away, there will be no more selfishness, jealousy, and greed to give rise to animosity, hostility and conflict! **Peace shall Prevail!** Since our residence will be where God’s Glory, Holiness and Righteousness abound, there is no place for the “former things!”

III. THE CONCLUSION.

O, Lord! Let it be soon! Amen!