

Heaven or Earth?

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

Most churches teach that when we die we go to heaven or a place in the sky to be with God forever; others teach that we will go to heaven for one thousand years, and then return to earth to occupy what is the truth? Let us look to God's word to find the truth.

First let us look to a few of the teachings from the state of the dead for this helps to establish what those believed from the beginning.

Job 19:25-27

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Job is very clear his redeemer will stand on earth in the latter days, but when he dies his body the worms will consume, and yet in his flesh will he see God. No place is there any indication of Job being anywhere, but the grave.

Job 15:20-22

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

Here Job refers to death as darkness, which the wicked does not believe he will return from darkness.

Let us move on, what does God say about the earth?

Isaiah 45:18 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 then why are so many teaching that we are to leave this earth to be with God in heaven.

We are told to study God's word precept upon precept I ask you to look at this scripture and consider what it says! He created it not in vain; he formed it to be inhabited. You may say to yourself this is old Testament it was the Israelite view I ask you to continue to study God's word as he says "line upon line", "here a little and there a little" let us look.

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

2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 21:1 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.

1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

We are told that the meek shall inherit the earth, we told in both 2 Peter and Revelations that there will be a new heaven and new earth these are to be inhabited as we have also read. We are also told that we will be Kings and Priest and the earth is our inheritance.

Revelation 21:1-4

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.

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.

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.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:24 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.

1 Corinthians 15:28 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.

Let us consider Revelation 21:1-4 God will be sending down the New Jerusalem, the tabernacle of God will

be with man and God himself will dwell with man this all happens with the descent of the Holy city the New Jerusalem.

Consider what Paul has preached to the Corinthians that Jesus will deliver up a kingdom to God at the end. How can any one think this is in heaven it is already under Gods control it is the earth. Look at verse 28 when everything is brought under control to God then even Jesus will become subject to God the Father. All of this is to do with the earth.

Matthew 25:31-34

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:

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:

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

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:

The scriptures say Jesus and his holy angels come, come where?

To the earth gather the righteous to inherit that which was prepared for them from the very foundation of the world. That dear friend was and is the Garden of Eden.

Let us consider a little more of what Peter has to say.

2 Peter 3:5-7

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:

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

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. The point is that this is all on the earth.

2 Peter 3:10-13

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.

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

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?

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 it will not perish as the first earth remained after the flood. Peter tells us in verse 13 we look for a new heaven and earth. Friends as the earth survived the flood so will it survive the fire, but mankind has polluted this world and only by scorching it will it be pure again.

Let us see if Peter supports Old Testament teachings.

Isaiah 66:22-23

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.

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 as Peter has, Isaiah also ties together that this new heaven and earth is not just for the Israelite or the Gentile he clearly says all flesh will come to worship him.

Zechariah 14:3-9

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal:

yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

8 ¶ And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Jesus will stand on this earth and take vengeance on all the wicked nations, and will become King over all the earth and as we have read we will be with him. Again I ask you compare the scriptures.

Revelation 22:1 ¶ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Here we see the waters running out from the throne of God which we read earlier will come down with the new Jerusalem on earth, and so we see this aligns with Zechariahs teaching in verse 8 above, we also see in Rev. 14:14 that Jesus is wearing a crown he is King of the saints Jew and Gentile.

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Dear friends Jesus' Kingdom will be on earth where do you want to be?

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