

**“For, behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth.”**

Isaiah 65:17

What is Heaven like and does it even exist? This is a question that many Christians and non-Christians are wondering. Even in Christianity, there are varying opinions on this place called heaven. Some people don't believe in heaven. Or they say there are three heavens or even seven. Others say you first go to purgatory then maybe heaven later. Some religions teach that heaven is not a real place but simply a state of mind. Then there are Universalists who say eventually everyone one will make it there. Why are there so many varying opinions and ideas on such an important subject as heaven? In this lesson, we are going to use God's Master Key to unlock the prophecies regarding the subject of Heaven.

1. What promises does Jesus give us in John 14:1-3?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

2. What two things does Isaiah 65:17 tell us that God will create?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

3. What is God going to restore? Acts 3:20,21

God is going to restore everything that Adam and Eve lost. That perfect relationship between God and His creation will be returned. We will once again have open communion with Jesus. Everything that was lost because sin entered this world will be restored.

4. What promises does Isaiah give us about this new earth?

Isaiah 65:17 _____

Isaiah 65:18a _____

Isaiah 65:18b _____

Isaiah 11:6 _____

The words “come into mind” are better translated “move upon the heart.” The Lord is promising that the sorrows of earth will not bring sorrow to His saints in heaven. Imagine a world with no more weapons of mass destruction. No more terrorism, no thieves, no rapists, no death, no disease and no heartache. Even the animals won’t kill each other. Can you picture a vegetarian lion?

5. Our new body will be like Whose? Philippians 3:20,21

6. What kind of body did Jesus have after his resurrection? Luke 24:39

After His resurrection, Jesus proved to the disciples that He was flesh and bone by having them touch Him and by eating food. This same Jesus ascended to His Father and will come again to the earth. The saved will be given bodies like the body of Christ and will be physical people with flesh and bone throughout eternity. The difference will be that our heavenly bodies will not be subject to deterioration and death.

7. How will our new bodies be different?

Isaiah 33:24 _____

Isaiah 35:5 _____

Isaiah 35:6 _____

Just imagine having perfect health and eternal energy. Truly, the best is yet to come!

8. How will people spend their time in the new kingdom?

Isaiah 65:21

The saved will build their own homes in the new earth. (Each person will also have a city home built by Christ—see John 14:1–3.) They will plant vineyards and eat the fruit from them. The Bible is plain about this: Real people do real things in heaven, and they will thoroughly enjoy it all.

9. From where does the holy city, New Jerusalem, come to earth from? Revelation 21:2

Yes! The majestic holy city will come down to this planet to become the capital of the earth made new. All the saved will have a home in this city. God will cleanse the earth from sin; He will also, in deep sadness, cleanse the earth from those who would continue in sin (Malachi 4:1, 3). Then God will make a perfect new earth.

10. How does the Bible describe the New Jerusalem?

Revelation 21

Verse 2 _____

Verse 12 _____

Verse 14 _____

Verse 16 _____

Verse 18 _____

Verse 21 _____

11. What will those who hope in the Lord do? Isaiah 40:31

12. What will the children do? Zechariah 8:5

There will be many young children in the holy city (Isaiah 11:6–9) and these young ones will grow up. Ever since the fall of man, we have degenerated much in stature, intellect, and vitality—but all of this will be restored! (Acts 3:20, 21).

13. Can human language adequately describe what God has in store for those that love Him? 1 Corinthians 2:9

Not even in its wildest dreams can the heart of mankind begin to comprehend the wonders of God's eternal kingdom. The paradise that Adam lost will be restored (Acts 3:20, 21).

14 What is the one thing that will keep us out of heaven?

15. How can you be assured of a place in this glorious kingdom?

The first three chapters of the Bible describe how God created a perfect paradise and how sin interrupted His plan. The last three chapters of the Bible describe how God will deal with this sin problem and restore everything that Adam and Eve lost. Those that are saved will be in this new kingdom as a result of what Jesus has done in their behalf.

Are you homesick for that beautiful tomorrow? Don't you want to be there? Jesus gives you that beautiful invitation. What is your response to Him?
