



The prophets of the bible shared stories about the end of the world and the creation of a new world. Their stories can sound like the stories of science fiction books and movies.

Science fiction authors base their stories about the future on some scientific probabilities and possibilities that could make our planet uninhabitable.

(Our planet is threatened by a meteor, global warming, alien invasion, or a global pandemic.)

Their solutions are based on some scientific probabilities and possibilities.

(Space travel; space cities; a new planet with an environment like earth; new technology that either minimizes the threat to our world or ends it.)

The prophets of the bible did not base their predictions on scientific probabilities or possibilities. They claimed they were hearing God and speaking for God. They believed that what they said would happen because they were declaring the will of God.

Why should you believe the prophets of the bible?

You should believe them because of their track record. You can read what they said would happen in history and you can see in history that what they said would happen, happened.

For example, prophets in the bible predicted a messiah would be born who would save the world. They called Him...

- Son of Man
- Messiah
- Immanuel
- Mighty God
- Lamb of God

The life of Jesus fulfilled every prophecy about this messianic figure. The odds of this happening are astronomical. The only reasonable explanation is God.

Jesus was also a prophet. Jesus predicted the time of His death, the place of His death, and the manner of His death. Jesus predicted who would betray Him and who would deny Him. Jesus predicted His resurrection and His ascension. Jesus predicted the number of His followers would grow and that they would preach His gospel to the whole world.

All these prophecies have been fulfilled. The odds of this happening are astronomical. The only reasonable explanation is God.

Jesus predicted His return, the events that preceded His return, and the events that followed His return. Based on His track record, you would be wise to listen very closely to what Jesus said. You would be wise to do what Jesus said you should do to prepare for His return.

The book of Revelation is a written record of prophecies that Jesus shared with one of His disciples named John.

In Revelation 20, Jesus revealed to John that there would be a final judgment of mankind.

After the final judgment of mankind, Jesus revealed to John those who have followed Him will receive a reward. The reward is life in a new world.

Here is what Jesus said about this new world in Revelation 21:1-5.

Revelation 21:1-5

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

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

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "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.

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."

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

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What lessons can we learn about the future from this prophecy?

1. The first heaven and first earth will pass away. (verse 1)

2 Peter 3:7

7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

As God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire, God will destroy the first heaven and the first earth. There will be nothing left of the old. All the things that mankind has cherished will be consumed.

2. A new heaven and new earth will be created. (verse 1)

This new heaven and new earth will be created the same way the first earth and heaven were created, the word of the Lord.

Ps 33:6-9

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

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God created the first earth and heaven in six days. Jesus told His disciples that when He left them, He would go and prepare a place for them.

John 14:1-3

14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

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We have seen what God can do in six days. We can only imagine what Jesus could create for His disciples since He left His disciples!

### 3. The new heaven and new earth will be new. (verses 2-5)

He makes all things new! (verse 5).  
What will be new?

- **There is no more Satan. (Revelation 20:10)**

There is no presence of evil to tempt anyone to follow him and do evil. Satan was defeated when Jesus died on the cross. He will receive his final judgment. He will never be loosed to lead men astray. Everyone in the new world will be fully devoted followers of Jesus minus the temptations of Satan.

- **There is no more sea. (Revelation 21:1)**

The sea is necessary for our current physical environment. It will not be necessary in the new world. There is a stream that flows from the throne of God that provides living water for everyone in the new world.

The sea is also necessary for our current political environment in a fallen world. It will not be necessary in the new world. There will be only one nation under God. It truly will be a place of liberty and justice for all.

- **There is no more sin. (Revelation 21:2; 1 John 3:2-3)**

In this world, we sin because we are tempted by Satan and because of the law of sin. The law of sin is in the members of our body. The law of sin is one of the curses of sin. The law of sin in our members causes us to have perverted lusts and evil imaginations. The disciples of Jesus are given new bodies that are not under the curse of sin. There is no more curse for sin so there is no more law of sin in the members of their new bodies.

- **There is no more separation. (Revelation 21:3)**

Separation from God is also the curse of sin. Because we live in this current earth suit that is contaminated with sin, our experience with God's presence is limited.

We can experience God in our spirit. But we cannot see God face to face. Our body and our soul would be consumed by His righteous glory. We are not prepared yet to exist in the full light of His presence.

For disciples of Jesus in this world, to experience God in our spirit...

- We must constantly draw near to God in prayer.
- We must resist the desires of our flesh and discipline ourselves to worship.
- We must diligently search the Word of God with the guidance of the Spirit of God to discover the will of God.
- We must intentionally stay connected to God's people.
- We must constantly deny ourselves to stay focused on the purpose of God.

I have always had my greatest success in experiencing God in the mornings, right after I wake up. As the day progresses, I get tired. My mind is not as clear. I get weighed down by the circumstances of this world. My heart yearns to be closer to God.

[1 Corinthians 13:12](#)

[12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.](#)

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The presence of God in the new world will be like the light of the sun or the moon. In fact, His glory will be the light. You do not have to search for the light of the sun when you wake up, it just is. You do not have to find it,

it finds you. In the new world, your awareness of God's presence will never change. God will continuously be more real to you than any person you have ever known.

I have these kinds of experiences with God on occasion. But in the new world, this experience of God will not be an exception, it will be eternal.

Through this never-ending experience with the presence of God, we will constantly and continuously know we are secure.

Through this never-ending experience with the presence of God, we will constantly and continuously know we are significant.

We will never again question the meaning of our life. Our experience of with the presence of God will lead us to accomplish more in one day in eternity than we could accomplish in one lifetime on this earth.

- [There is no more sickness. \(Revelation 21:4\)](#)

Sickness is one of the curses of sin. There is no more curse for sin so there is no more sickness. There is no more pain.

- [There is no more sorrow. \(Revelation 21:4\)](#)

Sorrow is another one of the curses of sin. Sin causes brokenness and loss. There is no more sin so there is no more brokenness and loss. There is no more death physically, relationally, financially, or environmentally. No more sorrow means no more fear and anxiety.

If you read the prophecy about the final judgment of mankind and if you believe what it says is going to happen to those who don't follow Jesus, your natural reaction is I don't want that to happen to me.

If you read the prophecy about the new world and if you believe what it says is going to happen to those who follow Jesus, your natural reaction is, I don't want to miss that.

What do you need to do to make sure you do not miss this new world?

Jesus said you must repent of your sin and believe in Him for the forgiveness of your sin.

Jesus said that because...

- He is God
- He died for the sins of the world
- He has authority over heaven and earth

Will you repent of your sin and believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin?

If you we say we have believed in Jesus, what kind of person should we be?

- We should not cherish the things of this world.
- We should boldly share with others how Jesus changed our life.
- We should love His church.  
We should all become disciples that make disciples.  
We should follow Jesus!

Will you follow Jesus?