

The Restoration

1 Thessalonians 4:12-18 The return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the just will mark the beginning of the millennial Kingdom and the restoration of the earth. This event marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham and his seed concerning the land.

Acts 3:18-26 The age to come will be the time of refreshing and the time of restoration that is the process of returning something to its former condition, paradise.

Romans 8:19-22 The earth will be gradually restored during the 1,000 years with growth and fertility in previously desolate areas such as deserts and wilderness. Also, together with dramatic improvements to health and longevity, weather patterns and productivity will occur. The earth is waiting for the restoration or improvement.

Isaiah 45:18 After the fall of man, God told Adam, "Cursed is the ground because of you;" "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you." After the flood, all the varying and often extreme weather patterns which include hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes began. Most of the earth's surface is now extreme, uninhabitable, uncultivated wasteland. Deserts alone cover about a 33% of the earth's land area. Additionally, the earth is peppered with mountain ranges, jungles, marshlands, valleys, etc., making only 5 to 7 % inhabitable.

The Waste and Desolate Lands Will Be Restored

Isaiah 35:1-3, 7-10; 43:19-20 Arabah is the Great Rift Valley running south from the Sea of Galilee including the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea and extending all the way to the Gulf of Aqaba.

Jeremiah 33:10-14; Ezekiel 36:33-36; 47:1-12 River of life starting at the temple

Tree of Life

Genesis 3:24; Revelation 2:7; Revelation 22:2, 14

Health and Longevity

1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Philippians 3:20 and 21 The resurrected ones will receive a body like Jesus Christ's glorious, resurrected body.

Psalms 92:12-14 Those who are not resurrected will receive better health and longer lives.

Isaiah 29:18; 32:3-4; 35:5-6; 65:20-22 Before the flood, people lived almost 1,000 years; likewise, when Jesus returns.

Family Life, Reproduction, Population Growth

Psalm 128:1-6; Jeremiah 23:3; Zechariah 8:4 and 5

Productivity and Plenty

Psalm 65:9-13; Ezekiel 36:8-12; Amos 9:13-15

Weather, Seasons, Light

Isaiah 4:6; 30:23-26; Joel 2:23-26

Animal Nature Changed

Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25 Animals like horses are used today for physical and mental health. Dogs are trained to provide affection, comfort, and love for people. What was it like before the fall, and what will it be like after the return?

A Common, Pure Language Will be Restored

Today, there are 7,111 languages. A small country like Switzerland has five. The United States has 430 different languages.

Zephaniah 3:9 Amplified

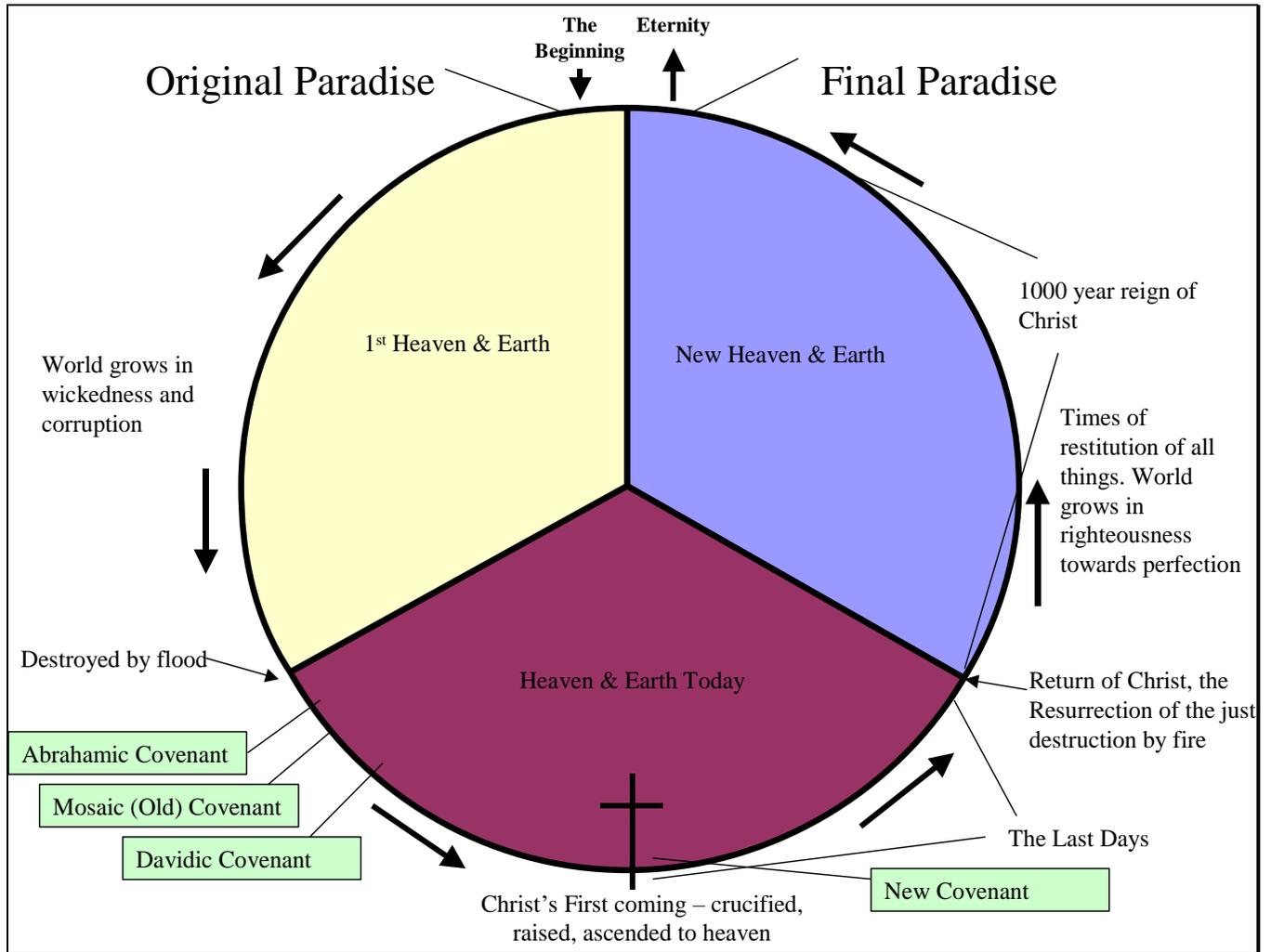
For then (changing their impure language) I will give to the people a clear and pure speech from pure lips, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one unanimous consent and one united shoulder (bearing the yoke of the Lord).

Today, we can enjoy the benefit of the spirit of God within us, the comforter to guide and teach us. This newness of life which Christ accomplished for us is ours by the grace of God. We can learn to walk by the spirit of God and thus be the sons of God. This is a wonderful truth; and yet, at Christ's return, it gets even better. We will have new bodies and new minds perfectly equipped to serve and worship God as kings and priests during the millennium and onward into a glorious eternity with Almighty God.

The New Heaven & Earth

2 Peter 3:3-13; Isaiah 65:17-20

There will be a restoration of everything that was lost since the beginning.



After the fall of man in Genesis chapter three, there were immediate consequences and progressive consequences. The initial, most devastating consequence was man's separation from God. Rather than having unhindered fellowship, man became ashamed, afraid, and hid from God. From this time, through the flood, the tower of Babel, etc., things continued to get progressively worse. Man still had long life, but death, sin, and sickness were in the world. Satan and his host had a great impact on the world, mankind was exalting himself, the earth was filled with violence, and man's heart was only evil continually.

The world after the fall, before the flood	The world, after the return of Christ – the Millennial Kingdom
Ends with God’s judgment by water Genesis 6:13-17; chapter 7	Begins with God’s judgment by fire 2 Peter 3:3-13; Revelation 8:7-10; 9:17-18; 16:8-9
Satan’s host influenced the world greatly 1 Peter 3:19-20; Jude 6	Satan is bound 1000 years. No influence to deceive. Revelation 20:1-3
Men lived long lives but eventually died Genesis 5:5-31	Mortals will still die, but longevity of life will return <i>No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only sinners will die that young! Isaiah 65:20(New Living Translation)</i>
Sorrow began to fill man’s days. Genesis 3:16-19; Ecclesiastes 5:17; Psalm 90:10	Sorrow and sighing will flee away. It will be replaced with joy & gladness Isaiah 35:10; 51:11
Sons of God, giants in the earth, mighty men, men of renown ruled the earth in wickedness Genesis 6: 4-5	The true Sons of God, the Messiah, the saints will rule the earth as kings and priests in righteousness Romans 8:19-21; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 5:10;20:6; Isaiah 32:1; Psalm 98:9
Every intent of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually Genesis 6:5	At that time the nations shall not walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart Jeremiah 3:17
Violence filled the earth Genesis 6:11 & 13	Wars will cease, and he will speak peace to the nations Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 2:4; 11:6-9; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:3; Zechariah 9:10
The earth was corrupt. Mankind failed to follow God’s way on the earth Genesis 6:11-12; Psalm 53:3	All nations will desire to be taught His ways and walk in His path. The knowledge of God will fill the earth Isaiah 2:3; 11:9; Micah 4:3
Men became famous, making their own name great Genesis 6:4	All will call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve Him with one consent Psalm 102:15-16; Isaiah 66:18-19; Zephaniah 3:9; Zechariah 10:12
Begins with the Serpent being cursed Genesis 3:14	Ends with the Serpent being destroyed Revelation 20:7-10
Begins with death, sin, & sickness Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12	Ends with the destruction of death. No more sin and sickness Revelation 20:11-15; 21:4

Revelation 20:1ff – The 1000 year reign of Christ

Revelation 21:1

After the 1000 year reign of Christ – the New Heaven and Earth in its perfection

The 1000 years is the process of restoration (Act 3:19-21 –“the restitution;” Mt 19:28 – “the regeneration”)

Revelation 21:2

After the 1000 years, the new city of Jerusalem comes down from heaven – a city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). During the 1000 years, the Messiah and the nations of the world re-build the city of Jerusalem and the temple (Is 60:10; Zech 6:12-15).

Revelation 21:3

The tabernacle of God is with men. During 1000 years, the tabernacle of God is in Jerusalem where the Messiah sits on the throne of David (Isaiah 16:15; Amos 9:11). The feast of Tabernacles will be kept during the millennial Kingdom (Zechariah 14:16-19).

Revelation 21:4

There will be no more death, sorrow, or pain. Mortals will still die during the 1000 years (Isaiah 65:20; Revelation 20:11-13).

Revelation 21:5-8

He that overcomes will inherit these things. Unbelievers, mortals will be alive during the 1000 years, but they will not inherit the Kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Revelation 21:9-21

This is a description of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Ezekiel chapters 40-43 provide another description of Jerusalem – possibly Jerusalem during the 1000 year reign.

Revelation 21:22

There will be no more temple. During the 1000 years, the Messiah will sit in the temple (Zechariah 6:12-15; Revelation 7:15).

Revelation 21:23-27

There will be nothing unclean, nothing more to defile. There will still be sinners, enemies, and undefiled during 1000 years (Is 60:12; 65:20; Zech 13:1; 14:16-19; Ps 110:2; 1 Cor 15:24-28).

Revelation 22:1-2

Tree of life is restored (Genesis 3:22-24; Revelation 2:7; 22:14).

Revelation 22:3

No more curse (Genesis 3:17; Zechariah 14:11)

Revelation 22:4

We will see God (Matthew 5:8; Job 19:25-26)!

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28

We have come to the heavenly Jerusalem – a Kingdom which cannot be shaken!

Hebrews 13:20-21