

Q & A Sunday - May 20, 2018 - Aaron Heinly

Questions: Will the earth die? What happens after the end of the world? Or is there an end?

Show Acorn. Ask if it will die if I bury it. It is a matter of perspective. To those who love the acorn more than the tree it will become, it will die. To those who love the tree, will finally come to life!

1 Cor 15:36-38

36 What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. **37** And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. **38** Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed.

1 Cor 15: 42

42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.

1 Cor 15: 53

53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

The end of the world for those who love this version of the earth better than new one:

2 Peter 3:7

7 And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

But for us:

2 Peter 3: 11-13

11 Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, **12** looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. **13** But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

Heb 12:27-29

27 This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.

28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. **29** For our God is a devouring fire.

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Various verses from Isaiah 65

Isaiah 65:17-20, 25

17 "Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth,
and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.

18 Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!
And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness.
Her people will be a source of joy.

19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and delight in my people.

And the sound of weeping and crying
will be heard in it no more.

20 "No longer will babies die when only a few days old.
No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life.

25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together.
The lion will eat hay like a cow.
But the snakes will eat dust.
In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain.

Luke 1:32-33

32 I, the Lord, have spoken!"No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!

33 Only the cursed will die that young!