

What Will Eternity Really Be Like?

2 Peter 3:10-13

Many of us think that in heaven we will be disembodied spirits in white robes playing _____
Because Christians secretly feel this way, it is little wonder they are in no big _____ to get there!
The Bible emphasizes this simple truth: our eternal home is the new heavens and the new _____

I. WHEN THE ETERNAL STATE BEGINS

A. It Is Connected with the _____ of the Lord

This phase refers to the final act of God's judgment that lasts at least _____ years

B. It Is the _____ Act of the Day of the Lord

II. THE EVENT THAT USHERS IN THE ETERNAL STATE

A. "The heavens will pass away with a great noise"

1) "The heavens" refers not to God's abode but rather to the _____

2) The word translated "pass away" can also be translated _____, a word of transition

3) The galaxies, stars and planets will transition into another form: the renewed _____

4) "The great noise" of this event is probably Peter's attempt to describe _____ destruction

B. "The elements will melt with fervent heat"

1) "The elements" was used in ancient times of things that stand in a _____ like the alphabet

2) The Periodic Table of elements is organized in rows: the Bible is scientifically _____

3) "Fervent heat" was used in ancient times of the _____ heat of a burning fever

4) This heat is generated by the _____ of the chemical elements at the nuclear level

C. "Both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up"

1) This cataclysm includes the _____ as well as the galaxies, stars and other planets

2) This cataclysm includes not only "nature" but the great works that _____ has created

3) This cataclysm is the final _____ of all creation from sin and the curse

4) In the end, sin and Satan do not _____: the creation shall be as God originally planned it

III. THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THE ETERNAL STATE

A. NEW: the New Testament uses 2 very different words that are translated "new" in English

1) One means new in regard to _____: new in the sense that it did not exist before

2) The word used in verse 13 speaks of the _____ of newness: "new and improved"

B. EARTH

1) The new earth must have _____ to this earth or God would not use the same word

2) The new earth will be the same and yet _____ than the earth that we know now

3) There is a parallel between the new earth and the body of Christ after His _____

C. RIGHTEOUSNESS: "The new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"

Finally the earth will be a place in which righteousness will find a permanent _____