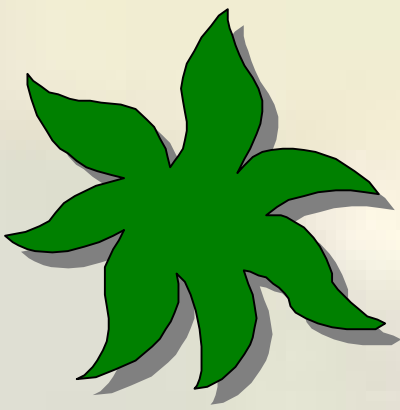


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Theistic Evolutionists are of the opinion that “*The Bible only says that God created all things that exist; it does not speak to the question of the manner of the creative process or how long the creative process took – or whether it is continuing even today*” (Creation and Evolution? *op. cit*; p. 7). However, the Bible states that God saw everything that He *had* created and made in the course of the *six days* and declared it all as “very good”. This truth nullifies the myth that *creative processes are continuing even today*.

Atheistic and theistic scientists are aware that “*There is evidence now that the whole world and all in it are degenerating and moving toward some climax or judgment, instead of evolving upward into higher and better forms. The tendency of atoms of high atomic weight to break up into other atoms of lower weight seems to be the universal tendency of all matter. Scientists declare that this is also true in the vegetable and animal kingdom.*” (Finis J. Dake, *op. cit*; p. 83).

What does the Bible actually reveal? “*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travailed in pain together until now*” (Romans 8:22). As a consequence of Adam’s sin, the present creation is subjected to futility and eventual dissolution. As such, the heavens of Genesis 1:8, 14-19 and the earth of Genesis 1:10 that are now are kept in store reserved unto the day of judgment and the final perdition of ungodly men. Biblically speaking, the present creation is doomed to decay and eventually end up in dissolution!

The *heavens and the earth*, “*which are now*”, which have been restored and re-fashioned in the creation week, “*by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men*” (2 Peter 3:7). Next, Peter tells us that the ‘*day of the Lord will come ... in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up*’ (2 Peter 3:10). Other Scriptures also confirm and complement Peter’s predictions about the approaching destruction on earth and in the heavens (Revelation 21:1).

However, once the heavens and the earth *'that are now'* are destroyed, God will create new Heavens and a new Earth and there will be no more any *sea*. Apostle Peter looked forward to the creation of new heavens and earth according to God's promises in the Old Testament. He states: *"Nevertheless we, according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelled righteousness"* (2 Peter 3:13). Accordingly, Apostle John says *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea"* (Revelation 21:1).

Isaiah 65:17 states: *"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind"*. Again, God comforts His people by assuring them of their permanence in His Kingdom just as the new heavens and the new earth that He will make after the end of the millennial reign will remain permanently: *"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain"* (Isaiah 66:22).

The Question that remains to be answered by Theistic evolutionists is this: *"Will God create the New Heavens and the New Earth with another 'Big Bang'? Or will God create 'soup of hydrogen atoms' and then let it gradually develop and expand into new galaxies in the course of billions or trillions of years and 'the creative process continue endlessly in the future'?* But then, God creates *by fiat*. He will certainly vindicate to His glory His creative power by creating the new heavens and new earth by His sheer command. This new creation will be witnessed by the resurrected saints or *'Sons of God'* and then they will *'shout for joy'*.

Theistic evolutionists perhaps assume that God will use some evolutionary process to bring into existence the promised new creation. May be they also speculate that the *'lake of fire'* destined for Satan and his angels and for the incorrigible wicked will be evolving from some *'soup of exploding hydrogen atoms'* in the course of billions of years after the Final Judgment. There can be no end to biblically unfounded assumptions once the mind is given over. However, biblically based speculations are edifying.

Notwithstanding our speculations which may be right or wrong, God is going to vindicate His power by creating new heavens and a new earth *instantly by fiat*. This awesome event will be also witnessed by all the atheistic evolutionists who are saved by God's grace. And the new creation will prove to theistic evolutionists that God creates *by fiat*, not by evolution.

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God worked in a phased manner for six days and rested on the seventh day. This He did in order to portray symbolically His works of salvation in the course of six millennial days and of spiritual rest during the millennial Sabbath. However, when it comes to creating the new heavens and earth, it will not be in six days, *but* instantly by *fiat* just as in the *beginning*.

The original heavens and earth of Genesis 1:1 were created *instantly* by *fiat* after the creation of the angels. Lucifer and his angels, who were first in heaven along with other angels after their creation, were then next placed on earth in a Garden of Eden (Ezekiel 28:13) to administer God's rule.

However, Lucifer himself did not submit to God's rule over him. Instead, in the course of time, he attempted to dethrone God and conquer the heavens. As a result, Satan's attempted but aborted celestial invasion caused *chaos* on this earth and the wreckage of the universe.

God next renewed (Psalms 104:30) the face of the earth in *six days* for the habitation of man (Genesis 1:3-31). In doing so, God first dispelled prevailing darkness by commanding the existing stellar and solar light that was obscured to shine upon the earth. Accordingly, He created simultaneous day and night periods. Next, He created the atmospheric Heavens (Genesis 1:8) and restored the original dry land and named it 'Earth' (Genesis 1:10). Subsequently, He re-created life-conditions on earth that were necessary for the sustenance of flora and fauna as well as for the habitation of man.

Finally, God created man. But unlike the pre-adamite men who were perhaps created *after their own kind*, "*God now created man in His own image and likeness*". He then placed the *man* in the newly re-created Garden of Eden "*to dress it and to keep it*" (Genesis 2:15). "*Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adamah, in the day they were created*" (Genesis 5:2). But what is *Adamah* or *Man*?

And, why did God create man, more so *'In His Image and After His Likeness'*? What was required of Man – Adam and Eve --- when God first created them? And, what was their potential reward from eternity to eternity that they would inherit as result of their obedience?

God created man a little lower than the angels. Initially, before his fall man was given dominion or rule over all the works of God's hands. As King David in *Psalms 8:6* states, "*Thou - God - madest him – man – to have dominion or rule over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things under his feet*". So man was given dominion and ruler-ship over all things and destined to be crowned with honor, majesty, and glory (Hebrews 2: 7-8).

To achieve such a supreme potential it was required of man that he qualify and have all things put under him. Hence, God purposed that man learn to have "*dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moved upon the face of the earth*" (Genesis 1:26-28). Man was given dominion – rule over the earth – over every living thing that moved or crept upon the earth – *Serpent* included -- before he could be finally crowned with glory and honor. Accordingly, God commanded the first man not to eat of the Tree of knowledge of *good and evil*.

Yes, Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden to have dominion even over Lucifer – then changed to Satan by rebellion against God – and bring him eventually under his feet. This required man's obedience to God and that he be always under God's government (Genesis 2:16-17) and rule.

The first man – Adam – was asked to conquer Satan by rejecting his rule – which was now in opposition to God. By rejecting Satan's rule, man was to qualify to have all things put under his feet – and there was nothing to be kept back that would not to be put under his feet, once qualified.

But what happened? Adam – weak as he was – failed to resist satanic influence and faithfully obey God. By obeying Satan, he disqualified himself from being in charge of God's creation that was put under him. Instead, he brought himself and his progeny under Satan's rule. Thus, man became enslaved to sin. He lost therefore his potential ruler-ship over all things. Satan then regained his lost ruler-ship bringing sinful men under his control. And as a consequence of satan-induced Adamic rebellion, the restored physical creation was next brought under bondage to decay subjected to futility (Romans 8:20-21) and uselessness even as before.

Although man obeyed Satan, God's purpose for man did not fail nor was it revoked. Satan's temptation and Adam's yielding to it by disobeying God couldn't nullify or thwart God's purpose for creating man. Man's rebellion was anticipated and accordingly God would carry out His plan.

God's purpose for man to inherit all things was however delayed. It required the second Adam, even Christ, to regain what first Adam lost and the working out of God's plan accordingly. Therefore, "*Now we see not yet all things put under man*" (Hebrews 2: 8). Instead, we see Satan regaining his lost ruler-ship and dominion over this earth (Luke 4:5- 6). Next, Adam by obeying Satan became his subject and subsequently, all humanity became enslaved to Satan and sin and death.

Nevertheless, God has been working out His plan, giving hope to man. As such, though we see not yet all things put under man, we see, "*Jesus – the second Adam – who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned already with honor and glory*" (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus not only accomplished what Adam failed to accomplish, but also "*by the grace of God tasted death for every man*" thereby freeing man from death that man had incurred upon himself by disobeying God.

Satan is still in control and, therefore, we see not yet all things put under man. However, Satan's purpose to rule the world has been defeated by Jesus. Accordingly, Satan became disqualified from being the ruler of this world. And through the substitutionary work of Christ man regained his lost potential. As such, what has been lost as a consequence of Adam's sin is now *appropriated* by man by placing his *faith* in Christ.

But what exactly is that supreme potential? Is it to inherit for eternity '*all things*' that we see now not yet put under him? Does God promise to give saints the *present* heavens and the earth to accomplish their potential of eternal ruler-ship with Christ? Does the Scripture "*Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet*" imply in the slightest they are to be used by man for eternity once God's plan on this present earth is accomplished?

There are many scriptures in the Bible which clearly tell us that the present earth and the heavens will be destroyed. Instead, new heavens and earth will be created. It is important to consider all these Scriptures first and accordingly conclude about man's awesome potential.

Hebrews 2:6-8 doesn't describe that the present earth and heavens will be given to man to be used for eternity. It just describes how all things are put under man's subjection. Instead, we see now not yet all things put under him. However, Scriptures clearly tell us that the present heavens and earth will be burnt and removed from their place instead of being given to man.

King David wondered about the heavens (Psalms 8:3) as we do and wrote "*The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showed His handiwork*" (Psalms 19:1). He was inspired to tell us in Psalms 102:25, "*Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou (and hence, the spiritual man in Christ cf. Psalms 21: 4) shall endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as vesture shall thou change them, and they shall be changed*".

Paul also was inspired to quote the same Scriptures to the Hebrew Christians as in Hebrews 1:10-12, "*And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the works of Thy hands: They shall perish: but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shall Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail*".

Do these Scriptures really mean what they state? Did Paul merely quote the Scripture from Psalm 102 to contrast the *transience* of the present earth and heavens with the *permanency* and *agelessness* of its Creator without really meaning to be taken it *literally*? Do the words 'perish', 'fold', 'changed' do not really *mean* what they actually should mean?

When we look into the starry heavens it becomes pretty difficult for us to believe that all these works will be destroyed. But to God who "*stretchest out the heavens like a curtain*" (Psalms 104:3), they are totally *insignificant* – like an old garment to be folded up, burnt, and replaced by a new one.

The present heavens and earth will not be given to man for ever. Instead, Isaiah 51:6 states: "*lift up your eyes to the heavens above and look upon the earth below. The heavens shall **vanish** like smoke and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever and my righteousness shall not be abolished*". Immutability of God's salvation and righteousness is contrasted with the impermanence and mutability of the present creation. Obviously, the present groaning creation will be replaced by a new creation.

Will God destroy only ‘*the surface of the whole earth*’ by burning it as taught by some? Or will everything be burnt up and vanish like smoke exactly as God says in Isaiah 51:6? Anyway, whether God meant the *original* heavens and earth of Genesis 1:1 or whether only the *heavens* of Genesis 1:8 and the *earth* of Genesis 1:10 that are now will be burnt up is somewhat uncertain. This uncertainty demands that we interpret the relevant scriptures by keeping in mind that there are two generations of heavens and earth co-existing at the moment.

In all probability, the heavens and the earth that are now as described in Genesis 1:8 and 10 will literally burn on the day of the Final Judgment. During this time, all the ungodly wicked along with Satan and his angels will be thrown into the lake of fire – soon after the White Throne Judgment is over (cf. 2 Peter 2:9, Jude 6, Revelation 20:10). It is during this time that the atmospheric heavens and the earth shall be abolished rather than the original heavens and the earth which are destined to remain forever.

As stated by Peter in 2 Peter 3:10: “*The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away (disappear) with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth also and the works therein shall be burned up*”. And, again in verse 12: “*Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the Day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat*”.

Next, Paul states in Hebrews 12:26: “*Whose voice then shook the earth, but now he hath promised saying, ‘Yet once more, I shake not the earth only, but also heaven’, And this word, ‘Yet once more’, signified the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken, may remain*”. The *shaking* of heavens and earth before and at Christ’s second coming as prophesied in Haggai 2:6, Revelation 6:14, 15 seem to be only a *type* of what is yet to come in the immediate future.

God has not promised to give the saints the present heavens of Genesis 1:8 and the earth of Genesis 1:10 for eternal ruler-ship after the millennium is over. Once God’s will is accomplished on this earth according to the Scriptures all the physical works of God which are seen now will disappear, being temporary (2 Corinthians 4:5-6). And, once the present visible heavens and earth are dissolved, God will create new Heavens and Earth by *fiat*, perhaps instantly, neither in six days nor in billions of years.

Even now, the present earth is still in the hands of Satan and his angels who carry on with their evil works. Therefore, Satan says he has power to give the present earth to whomsoever he wants (Luke 4:5-6).

But, that power is limited. It is given to him only for a short time. Satan's time is running short (Revelation 12:12). Soon he will have his rulership on this earth taken away from him and then imprisoned for 1000 years. After that, he will be set free for a while when he will attempt his final attack to conquer the kingdom of God (Revelation 20:7-9). But, he will be thrown into the lake of fire along with all the ungodly men – when it will be also the time for the present earth and the heavens to pass away (Revelation 20:11).

Christ, being the Creator and Sustainer of all that is, will uphold the present universe by the Word of His power, until the end; after which, the heavens and the earth that we see now will be burnt up to give place to the new. As Peter says, *“The heavens and the earth which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”* (2 Peter 3:7). The Scriptures are quite clear and, therefore, the present heavens and the earth will be burnt up into smoke and vanish and there will be no more place for them (Revelation 20:11).

So, what then does God promise to give us to be used for eternity if the present physical creation is to be really burnt up? What is man's eternal inheritance that Abraham and the saints of all ages eagerly looked forward?

Psalms 8:6 and Hebrews 2:8 state that God has set man over the works of His hands and has put all things in subjection under his feet. And 2 Corinthians 4:15 says: *“All things are for our sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God”*. Next, Colossians 1:16 states that *“...by Him were all things created, that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him”*.

Aren't now all the things put under Christ's feet except the ONE who is in supreme authority? Yes, *“For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is expected, which did put all things under Him”* (1 Corinthians 15:27). As such, *all things* put under Christ include everything (Colossians 1:16). And as *co-heirs* with Christ, *all these things* are ours. *“For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world (Gr. Kosmos), or*

life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are yours. And, you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Corinthians 3:21-22). Therefore, *all things* that are put under Christ and to become ours include the things that are temporal and those things that are eternal, not subject to corruption.

Now, which things are given to us to accomplish our potential of eternal ruler-ship with Christ? Are we called now, to set our hope upon the things we see – the present heavens and earth – as our inheritance for eternity, as assumed by some? No, for Paul says, "*We look not at things which are seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal*" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (based on *hope*, cf. Romans 4:17). "*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ*" (2 Corinthians 5:17). And through Christ "*All things are ours*" (1 Corinthians 3:21) and are for our sakes (2 Corinthians 4:15 and there will be nothing that will be left out.

But now we see not yet *all things* put under us. Now we only "*know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail until now: and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait for the adoption (our birth) as sons, the redemption of our bodies*" (Romans 8:22-23).

The whole creation now sustained by the Word of His power "*waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God: for the creation was subject to futility (uselessness), not of its own will but by the will of Him who subjected it in hope; because (based on hope), the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God*" (Romans 8:19-21). The whole creation is now groaning being subjected to futility or uselessness.

But the creation will be set free even as the saints will be set free. Together with the saints, the creation that is now groaning will obtain its glorious liberty. As to how the creation will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain its glorious liberty is the same as to how the saints who are now in bondage will be set free to enter into glory. And, that is by the redemption of their bodies as born sons of God.

God will not preserve our present mortal bodies for eternity. “We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house which is from heaven. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Co.5:1-4).

The whole creation is groaning and so we are groaning. We will be set free from bondage to decay when we are changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) to glory and given new bodies (1 Corinthians 15:44). So shouldn't we conclude that the creation too will be set free from its bondage to decay – being temporarily subjected to futility even as our mortal bodies and changed by a new glorious creation even physical – free from bondage to decay and, therefore, eternal?

Yes, the present creation we see now subjected to futility will pass away after all things are fulfilled. “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” said Jesus. We are therefore to set our hope on things not seen (2 Corinthians 4:15) – things to come – based on God's promises. “For we are saved by hope (so also, God's creation subjected to decay, cf. Romans 8:19); but, hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees (as the present visible universe), why does he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not then do we with patience wait for it.” (Romans 8:24-25). Therefore, as Peter says, “We, nevertheless, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth” (2 Peter 3:13). And that is our blessed hope as far as our eternal reward is concerned.

God promises to those who overcome an inheritance that is incorruptible (1 Peter 1:4; 2 Peter 1:4). For “as flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit corruption” (1 Corinthians 15:20) – being things temporary – subject to decay. God and earth made new (*or* renewed).

That awesome promise is found in Isaiah 65:17: “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind” (as it will be all removed). The new heavens and the earth unlike the present temporal heavens and earth will remain for ever and ever and, therefore, will be eternal (Isaiah 66:22). The promise to make all things new for the saint's inheritance is also made in Revelation 21:5: “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new” to be then inherited by all those who overcome (v.7).

Lucifer and his angels were the first to inhabit this earth and were placed on this earth to administer God's government. They failed to submit to God's will and are now, therefore, kept reserved to face the judgment.

Next, this earth has been the testing ground for the first man (Adam and Eve). So also, it has been the testing ground for Jesus Christ – the second Adam and for all those who have been called. And it will be there till its end, for all those who are yet to be called of God – now and in the Millennium and for those who will be resurrected at the Final Judgment. The unsaved dead who have never heard about Christ are yet to be tested. That will be during the period of the Final Judgment, once resurrected.

None of those who have been called of God looked to this earth as their permanent inheritance. For all those *“died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things, declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that (country or earth) from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. “But, now they desire a better (country or earth or heaven), that is, a heavenly: wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He hath prepared a city for them”* (Hebrews 11:13-16) and likewise, God will create new heavens and a new earth. (Isaiah 65:17). Once the present earth serves God's purposes it will be burnt to make place for the new earth; and thus the new earth will abide for ever (*cf.* Deuteronomy 4:40; Psalms 119: 90; Ecclesiastes 1:4) will remain forever (Psalms 104:5; Isaiah 66:22).

The present visible universe is there to remind us as a *type* of what is to come – the eternal *new* heavens and earth, even as the present earthly Jerusalem (*country* of Hebrews 11:13-15) is a *type* of the New Jerusalem to come from Above – even as the first material Adam was a *type* of the second Adam – Jesus Christ. The earthly man is to be replaced by a heavenly man, earthly Jerusalem by an eternal heavenly Jerusalem, earthly Zion by a heavenly Zion and so the present temporary heavens and earth will be replaced by a new heavens and a new earth to be used for eternity.





THE NEW PHYSICAL CREATION



Exactly when will all the new things promised be created? When will God create the new heavens and the new earth setting free the present creation subject to futility or decay? And what is to take place before that?

All of God's physical creation that is now has been groaning in travail since Adam's fall. We who are groaning in our fleshly bodies are waiting now hopefully to put on immortality because "*flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*". And the creation that is now subject to decay will be changed too "*for corruption (the present creation as our bodies) cannot inherit incorruption*" (1 Corinthians 15:50). We will put on *immortality* at Christ's second coming (2 Corinthians 5:23). But the present creation with many changes brought upon it, before and at Christ's second coming, will continue to exist until all things are fulfilled according to the Scriptures.

God said to His Son, "*Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool*" (Hebrews 1:13). So Jesus is now '*sat down on the right hand of God*' (doing the work of High Priest); "*from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool*" (Hebrews 10:12-13). That means, not only the whole creation and the saints are travailing as they wait for their change but even Jesus Himself is travailing as He is waiting to see the saints and His creation redeemed and made free from all bondage (Isaiah 42:14).

But that waiting will not be for long! "*For the LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: He shall cry (like a travailing woman), yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies*" (Isaiah 42:13). And very soon Daniel 7:13-14 will be fulfilled and God's Kingdom will be set up on earth – and then "*the Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ*" (Revelation 11:15; 20:2-4) establishing the millennial rule on earth – the dream of all the prophets and the saints of all dispensations.

It is after the millennial rule that the time will come for Jesus to put down completely and for ever, all His enemies. "...*Jesus must first reign* (Daniel 7:18), *till He hath put all His enemies under His feet*" (1 Corinthians 15:24; Matthew 25:31); as well as *judge* along with the resurrected saints who will be then ruling under Him. During this judgment period, the Devil and the fallen angels will be judged too, and then finally will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:20), along with all the ungodly (Revelation 21:8; Matthew 13:41-42, 25:41). Thus the author of death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). And along with him, the last enemy – death – will be destroyed too (1 Corinthians 15:25-26) in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). "*As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world*" (Matthew 13:40). All that Satan and his angels had worked for will be annihilated (Daniel 7: 26; Rev. 20:10).

The time for the saints to receive rewards will then come. "*Then the redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their land. They shall obtain gladness and joy and sorrow and mourning shall flee away*" (Isaiah 51:11). "*Then the King shall say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*" (Matthew 25:34). *Then He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father*" (1 Corinthians 15:24) and the "*righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father*" (Matthew 13:43).

Thenceforth "*... they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them and be their God*". (Revelation 21: 3b) and "*there shall be no more pain: for the former things have passed away*" (v.4b). Again it is written: "*And I saw a great white throne and Him that set upon it, and from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away (as smoke?), and there was no place found for them*" (Revelation 20:11). "*And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new*" (Revelation 21:5). If God created the present heavens and earth and gave the same to his first created *sons* – the angels – will He not create new heavens and earth for His own begotten and reborn sons who will be far above the angels?

All things, whose temporary types are now, will be made new and everlasting. They that overcome shall then inherit all things (Revelation 21:7) and "*the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is - not only for a millennium - but is an everlasting*

kingdom, all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (Daniel 7:27). Everything will be given to the saints. “For unto the angels hath He not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak” (Hebrews 2:5).

Of course, the children of the kingdom will be given and put under Jesus who will say, *“Behold I, and the children which God hath given me” (Hebrew 2:13). “For it pleased the Father that in Christ, should all fullness dwell” (Colossians 1:19). And “when all things will be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28). And, as from the beginning of Millennium, henceforward, and for ever more “the government shall be upon His shoulders” and “the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end” (Isaiah 9: 6,7). Even so, AMEN!*

