

# Defending the Faith

## Lesson 4

### The New Heaven and the New Earth

#### 1. God promised a New Heaven and a New Earth:

- Isa 65:17
- Isa 66:22 – will remain
- 2 Pe. 3:13 – look for
- Rev 21:1 – vision of

#### 2. The New Heaven:

- Rev 21:10-27 – description & measurements
- Rev 21:1 – water flowing
- Rev 5:9 & 10 – reign on the earth
- 2 Tim 2:12 reign with Him

#### 3. Old Testament Saints looked forward to this city:

- Heb 11:10-16 – looked for a heavenly city

#### 4. Jesus is preparing for New Testament Saints:

- Jo. 14:2,3 – rooms or mansions prepared

#### 5. The New Earth

- Isa 45:18 – formed to be inhabited
- Isa 65:21-25 – life on the new earth
- Eccl. 1:4 – earth abides forever
- Isa. 60:19-21 – possess land forever
- Matt. 5:5 – meek will inherit the earth
- Matt: 6:9,10 – we pray for
- Further reference: Isa. 11:6-9; Zach. 14:4-9; Ps. 96:10; Ps. 2:8; Job 19:25

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that only 144,000 will live and reign with Christ forever in heaven. The O.T. saints will live on the New Earth with the survivors of Armageddon, and others who are resurrected onto the New Earth.

Mormons have the goal of EXALTATION, become a God in the highest glory of the celestial kingdom, so they can create (from eternal matter) their own planets and procreate spirit children who will worship them as we do Heavenly Father. New Jerusalem will be built by the Mormons in Missouri.

Heaven: both a place of singing and a place of fellowship: Isa. 44:23; Heb. 2:12; Rev 14:3; 15:3