

Studies in Biblical Eschatology
The New Heavens and the New Earth
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Introduction

- I. **The Garden of God: Paradise Created (Gen. 2:8-25)**
 - A. Yahweh God planted a garden (8)
 - B. This Paradise of Delight was glorious

- II. **The Fall of Man: Paradise Lost (Gen. 3:1-7)**
 - A. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - B. Man's act of autonomous, rebellious unbelief
 - C. Man is exiled from Paradise (3:22-24)

- III. **The Promise of Redemption: Paradise Anticipated**
 - A. The Promise to Abraham
Gen. 12:1-3; 15:7-21; 17:8
 - B. Moses and the Promised Land
Ex. 6:4; Deut. 8:7; 15:4
 - C. Joshua and the Conquest
Josh. 11:23; settlement, Josh. 13ff.
 - D. Israel's Golden Age
1 Kgs. 8:56
 - E. Paradise slips away once again
 - F. The Prophets and Promise
Isa. 51:3; Ezek. 36:33-35
 - G. "This can't be paradise, can it?" The restoration
Ezra 3:10-13

H. Fulfillment and Yet a Higher Expectation

1. Josh. 21:43-45
2. The missing piece -
3. The higher expectation
Heb. 11:9-10, 13-16

IV. Redemption Accomplished: Paradise Regained

- A. Christ: the Last Adam, the Head of the New Creation
Eph. 1:9-10; Col. 1:19-20
- B. The already and not yet of Paradise regained
Rom. 8:18-25
- C. Entrance into Paradise is the Saints' reward
Rev. 2:7; 22:14

V. Redemption Consummated: Paradise Forever

- A. The New Earth is Paradise
Rev. 2:7; 22:14
- B. Eden, but only better!
Rev. 21-22
- C. Fulfillment of Covenant with Abraham
Rom. 4:13

VI. Implications of the New Earth

- A. Implications regarding an earthly Millennium and the Land Promises
- B. Implications regarding our stewardship of this present world
- C. Our expectations for the eternal state