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Does it Matter How it Ends? The New Heavens and New Earth

The promise:

Isaiah 65:17 *For look, I am ready to create new heavens and a new earth! The former ones will not be remembered; no one will think about them anymore.*

2 Pet 3:13 *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*

Rev.21:1 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist*

SIMPLE

Promised by God – fulfill His _____

Original design: Earth was created for humans

Why is this promise needed?

Impact of sin on the planet

Matt 24:35 heaven and earth will pass away

Persecution: context for each mention

Isaiah-	Babylonian captivity
2Peter-	Jewish persecution (1Pet 4:12)
Revelation-	Roman persecution

Hope & Comfort

- 1) Satan's determined end
- 2) Deliverance from judgment
- 3) Eternal life with God
- 4) Location: new earth

COMPLICATED

The sequence of planet _____

Jesus: heaven and earth will pass away

John: heaven and earth had ceased to exist

Peter: everything will be destroyed

Hebrews: shaken *Hebrews 12:26-27*

What kind of shape will the world be in when Jesus returns?

UNFOLDING

Is the planet totally remade or just fixed up?

Revelation damage (people and planet)

MYSTERY

Millennial Earth

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