WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE

INTERMEDIATE STATE

Parallel existence
between PHYSICAL and SPIRIT REALM

Physical Space

We exist in a tangible 3 dimensional world governed by the law of physics and accessible through our physical senses. It's the world of objects, matter and measurable dimensions like sizes, distances, and interactions between matters that we can see, touch, hear, smell and taste. We experience passage of time and event, gravity, motions and forces that comes with the properties of matters.

Spiritual Space

Unseen eternal reality that operates outside of the linear constraints of physical time. It is not bounded by physical laws. It cannot be perceived by the physical senses. We can only by faith have an anthropocentric glimpse and believe what the Scripture has revealed to us,


GODJESUS
Paradise
Spirit Realm
Thrones,
Dominions
Principalities
Divine Council
Parallel existence
Angels....etc
Spiritual beings
PHYSICAL REALM
Abyss
Hades
Tartarus









GOD JESUS

PHYSICAL REALM

With clear physical division

No geographical division- (great chasm – beyond human experience)

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PHYSICAL REALM

GOD

JESUS

Enoch
Elijah
Jesus
Paul
John
Lazarus etc.

Crossings between both realms

Michael
Gabriel
Angels
Demons
Devil etc.

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Crossing between Physical Space and Spirit Space

Scripture tells us about instances where human and spiritual beings crossing between these spaces from human perspective. Still human are incapable of conceptualizing the reality of spiritual space

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus about a great chasm, we can only imagined it to be a great divide between two existences. In the absence of geographic boundary in spirit/immaterial world, there is no GPS location. How that is so is beyond human investigation.

In the graphic presentation before this slide, the spaces in the spirit world is represented by pattern of different colors. Unleash your own imagination but stay within the scope of Scripture.

Old heavens and earth

2 peter 3 :10 The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.



Fusion of physical and spirit realms at the end of this age

NEW HEAVEN /EARTH

Rev 2:1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Merging of “Old Physical World” and the “ Spirit World” in the “New Heaven and New Earth”

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1 Cor 13:14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. **15** If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Malachi 4 “For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. **2** But to you who fear My name, The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. **3** You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do *this,*” Says the LORD of hosts.

Our Final Destinations

Thrones,

New heaven and earth



Lake of fire

Future

INTERMEDIATE STATE ?

1. Journey / lay over – for how long?
2. Physical / Spirit Consciousness?
3. Arrival time?
4. Where is the final destination?

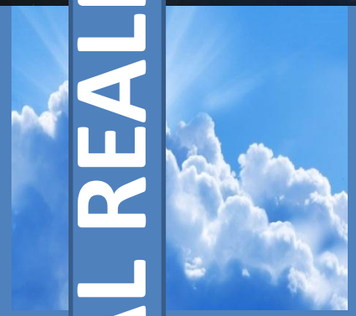


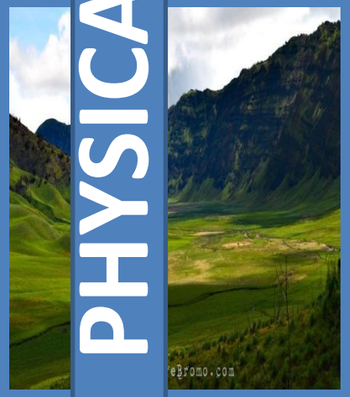
GOD

JESUS

Paradise

PHYSICAL REALM







At death for believers

SPIRIT : to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord,

Thrones,
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Dominions
Angels....etc

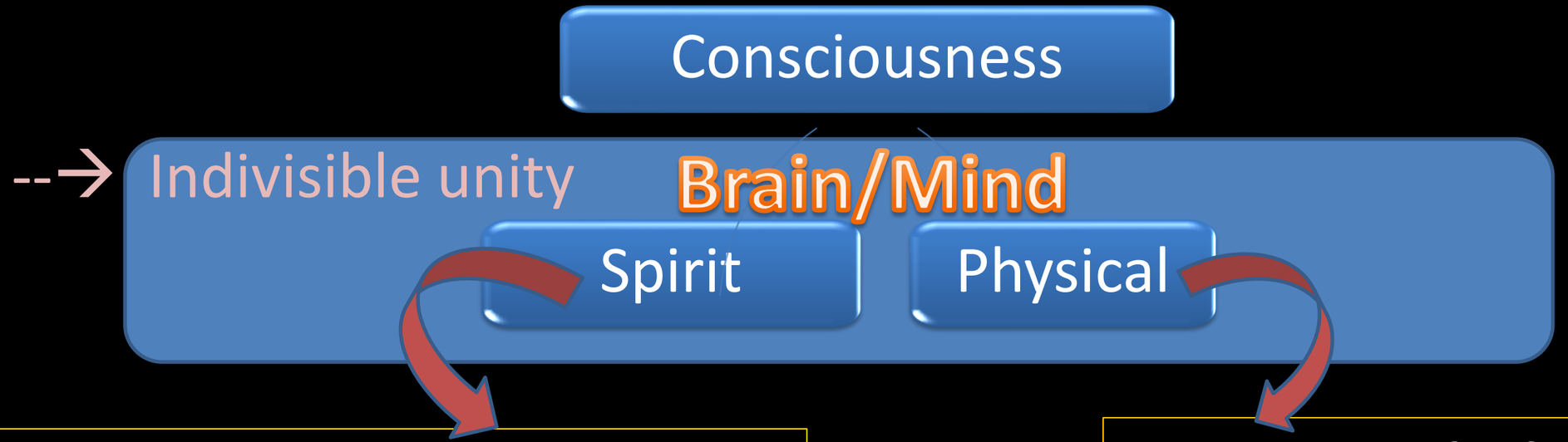
SPIRIT REALM

BODY: "For **dust** you *are,* And to **dust** you shall **return**."

At death for non-believers

Hades **Abyss**

Tartarus



Receptor : Conduit to God:
Understanding: wisdom:
Identity, sanctified memories

Gen. 2:7 Job 32:8
Pro 20:27 John 4:24 1Cor 2:11
Ecc 12:7 Ro 8:16

Receptor : Flesh

5 Senses,
Emotions
Brain Memories
Muscle memories

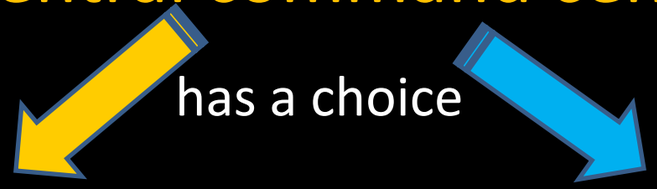
Spirit consciousness of believers and non-believers

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

MIND

Brain and spirit

(Central command center)



has a choice

1Cor 2 :11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?

Ro 8:11 He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

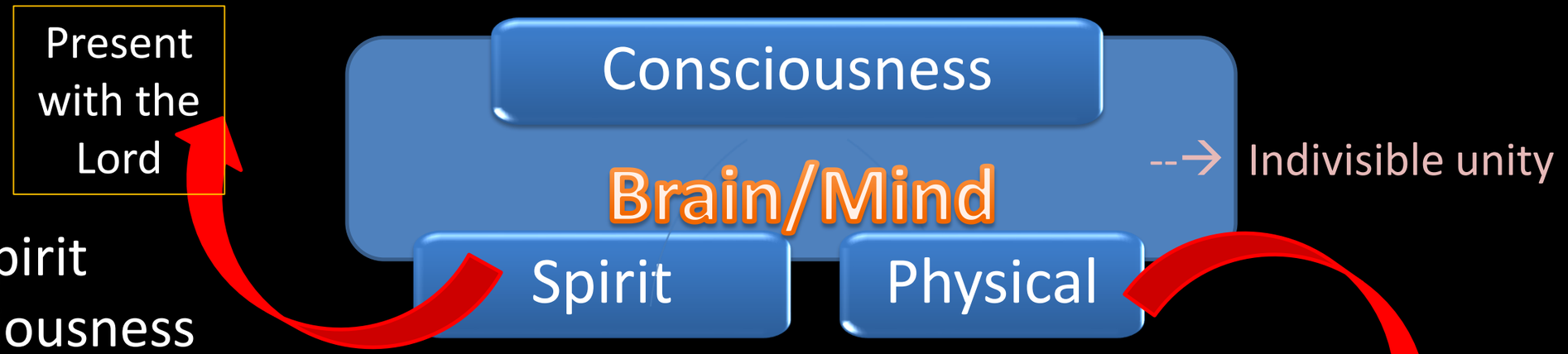
Eph 4:30 And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for **the** day of redemption.

Gal 5:16 I say then: **Walk in** the **Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the **flesh** lusts **against** the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit against** the **flesh**; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Ro 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

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5 Senses
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Memories

Buried – physical consciousness ceases

Brain functions stop, what is in the spirit goes with the spirit to be with Jesus. What is in physical goes to the ground. Will be transformed and cloth with incorruption at resurrection.

Intermediate state

At DEATH

Spirit of believers goes to be with Christ.
Posses spiritual consciousness
State of profound joy and bliss in God's presence.

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned.

Spirit Realm

1Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

Unbelievers goes to Hades.
Spiritual anguish, separation from God …torment surpassing anything experienced on earth

(parable of the rich man /'Paul's writings)

FOR HOW LONG is the layover?

Time on earth continue to be measured by clock. Passage of time in spirit realm can not be equated with physical clock. Ps 90:4 2Peter 3:8.

Perception of the passage of time in blissfulness and in anguish differs.

Flies or crawls you decide.

Paul, Peter, John etc… are dead for over 2,000 years. If we die today, we all will wake up at the same moment in resurrection. I'm sure if we compare notes, we all would feel that we would have been with Christ in paradise too short a time. (a week? .. Nuh! shorter !)

FOR HOW LONG is the layover? - - illustration

I went through back surgery 10 years ago. The surgeon asked me to count to 10 when I was wheeled in to surgical room. I counted “1…2……” then I was interrupted by a nurse. “Mr. Tan .. Wake up wake up “ . I opened my eyes and asked… my surgery….” “its done” the nurse assured me. “what ???? How long?” “3 hours, she said.” All I felt was blissful moment because of anesthesia. Too short, I didn’t think it lasted over 2 minutes…maybe less”

Perception of physical time lapse depends on our physical consciousness

what you would look like at resurrection

Why Jesus's follower didn't recognize Him at once after resurrection? First fruit / glorified body

2 King 5 :14 So he (Naaman- the leprouse) went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman wouldn't have recognized his own new skin…

Praise God ! .. I will be so handsome that no one will recognize me that day. But… you will, after we talk a while ... You will know that I'm still the same person when we played basketball together in high school.

The physical righteous/sanctified memories that we left behind in our brain when we died (buried) will be restored at resurrection 1Cor 15:53

what you would look like at resurrection

Only the righteous/sanctified memories that we left behind when we died and buried will be restored at resurrection with a perfect glorified body. (yeah! No more hearing aid, CPAP, dentures or wheel chair.)

1 Cor 15:53 *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.* ***54*** *So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

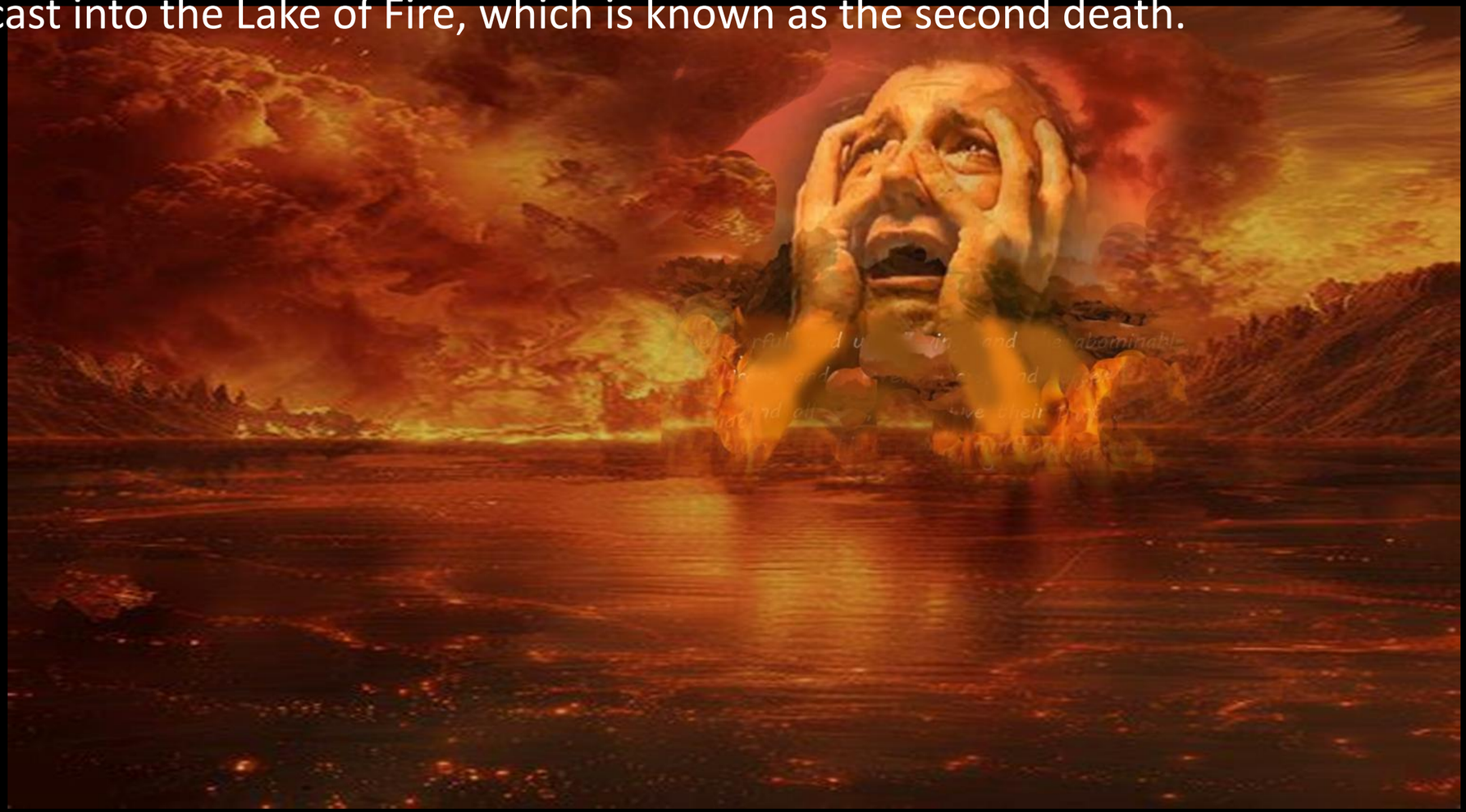








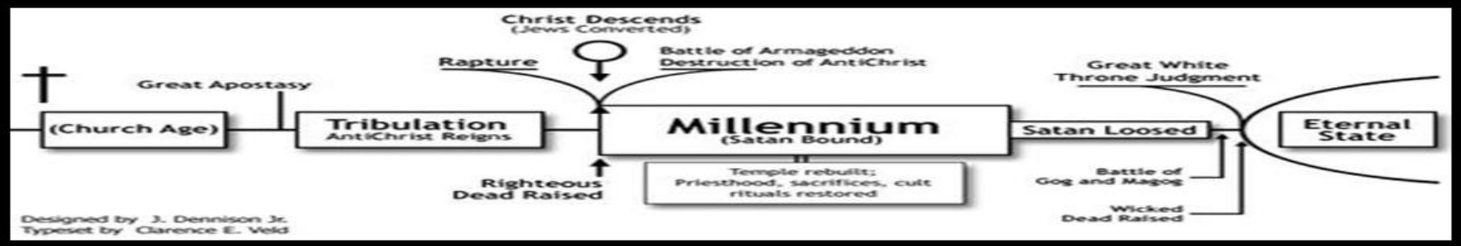
For the unbeliever, their spirit at death immediately enters a state of conscious torment and separation form God awaiting judgment in hades. At final resurrection, they will be judged according to their deeds before being cast into the Lake of Fire, which is known as the second death.



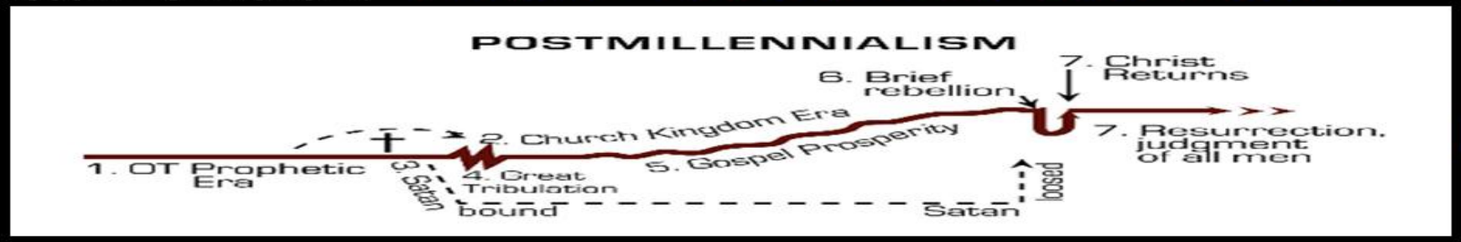
How long? No one knows.

In the land of the living, there are 3 views :

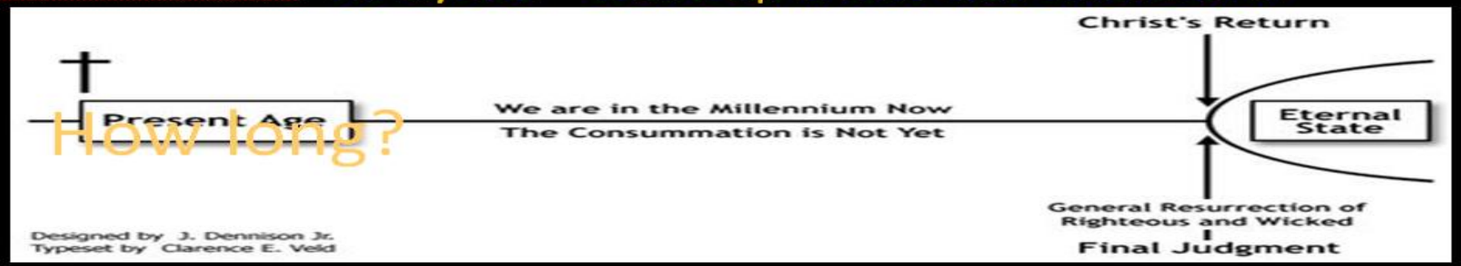
Premillennialism 1000 years layover on earth with glorified body



Postmillennialism. No layover – wakes up in new heaven and earth



Amillennialism No layover – wakes up in new heaven and earth





How long? (eschatology)

In the Spirit realm, no one knows either, no one is allowed to bring their wristwatch slipping into the spirit realm. It wouldn't work anyway. ☺

2 Peter 3: 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Whatever views, we'll all get there…in no time.

Rev 21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband

ARRIVAL

Ladies and gentlemen… welcome to New Heavens and New Earth, your final destination.

For your local time check.. Its now eternity.

The weather is Godly, perpetual Sonshine



Rev 22:4 Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.



1Cor 2:9 *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

Don’t miss to get your free ticket stained with blood from Jesus

John 3:16
“For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.