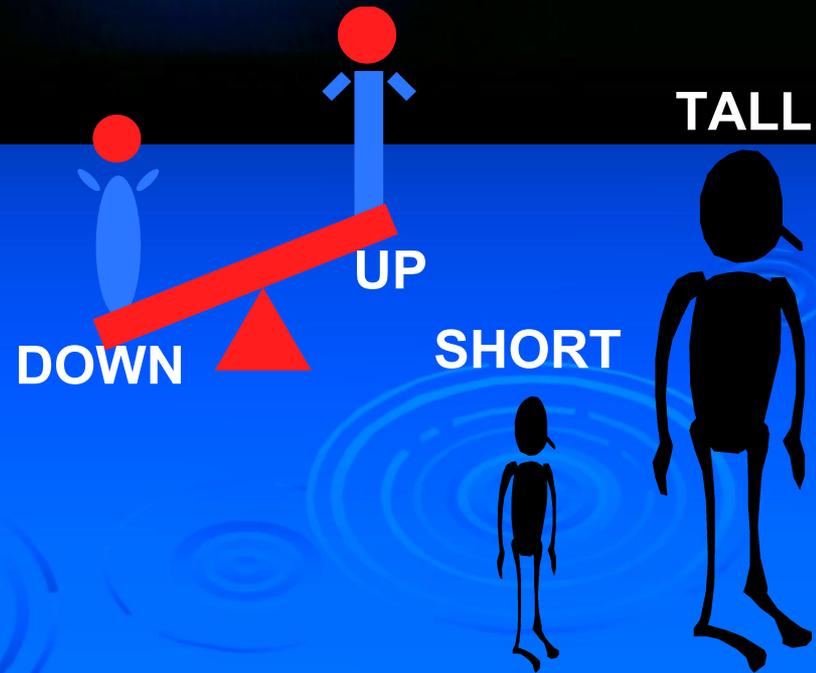
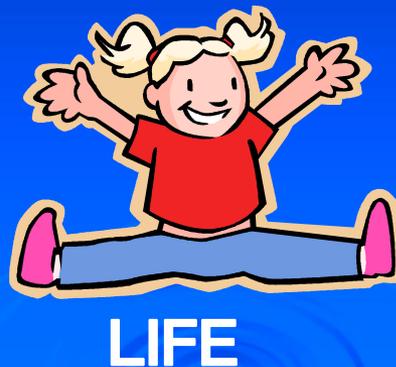


# A UNIVERSE OF OPPOSITES

- 1) GOD ORDAINED
- 2) IF THERE IS GOOD THEN EVIL MUST ALSO EXIST!
- 3) GOD CREATES IN OPPOSITES IN THE CREATION ACCOUNT



# AN EVER-CHANGING UNIVERSE



- The original Creation has been corrupted by sin and all things are affected..... not just man
- Redemption inherently involves re-creation
- 2Cor. 5:17
- God gave His Creation certain freedoms so that His Creation could create (within limits)
- The present Universe is not static, but does operate according to God's will

# HOW IS THE “NEWNESS” ATTAINED?

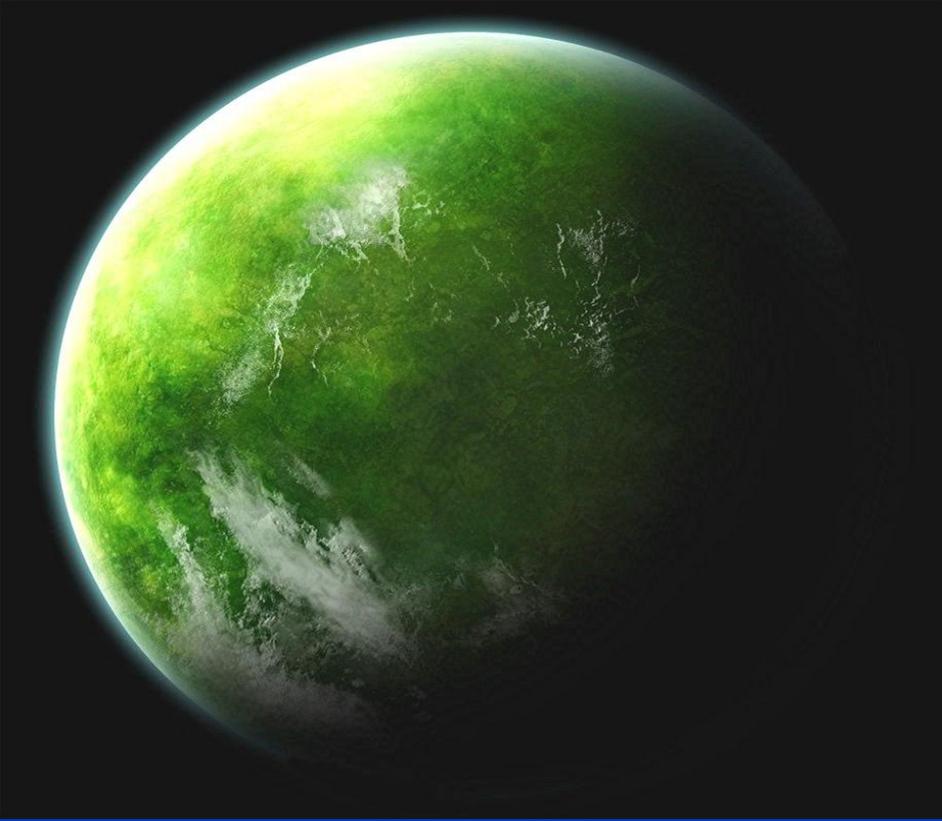
- Will the dross of sin be burned off, or will there be complete destruction?
- Important theological question
- Oecumenius 990 A.D.
- Augustine 350 A.D.
- Culture and era colors worldview
- “Science” as we know it did not exist
- Church Fathers more saw the “destruction” of earth as like Noah’s Flood



# A DISAPPEARING UNIVERSE



- Science in our day backs up Peter's claim
- What Peter says is built upon Isaiah
- Ancients couldn't take seriously a literal destruction because it was beyond their understanding
- Rev. 20:11
- The Early Church Fathers got it wrong because there wasn't sufficient knowledge, yet, to comprehend how the earth could vanish

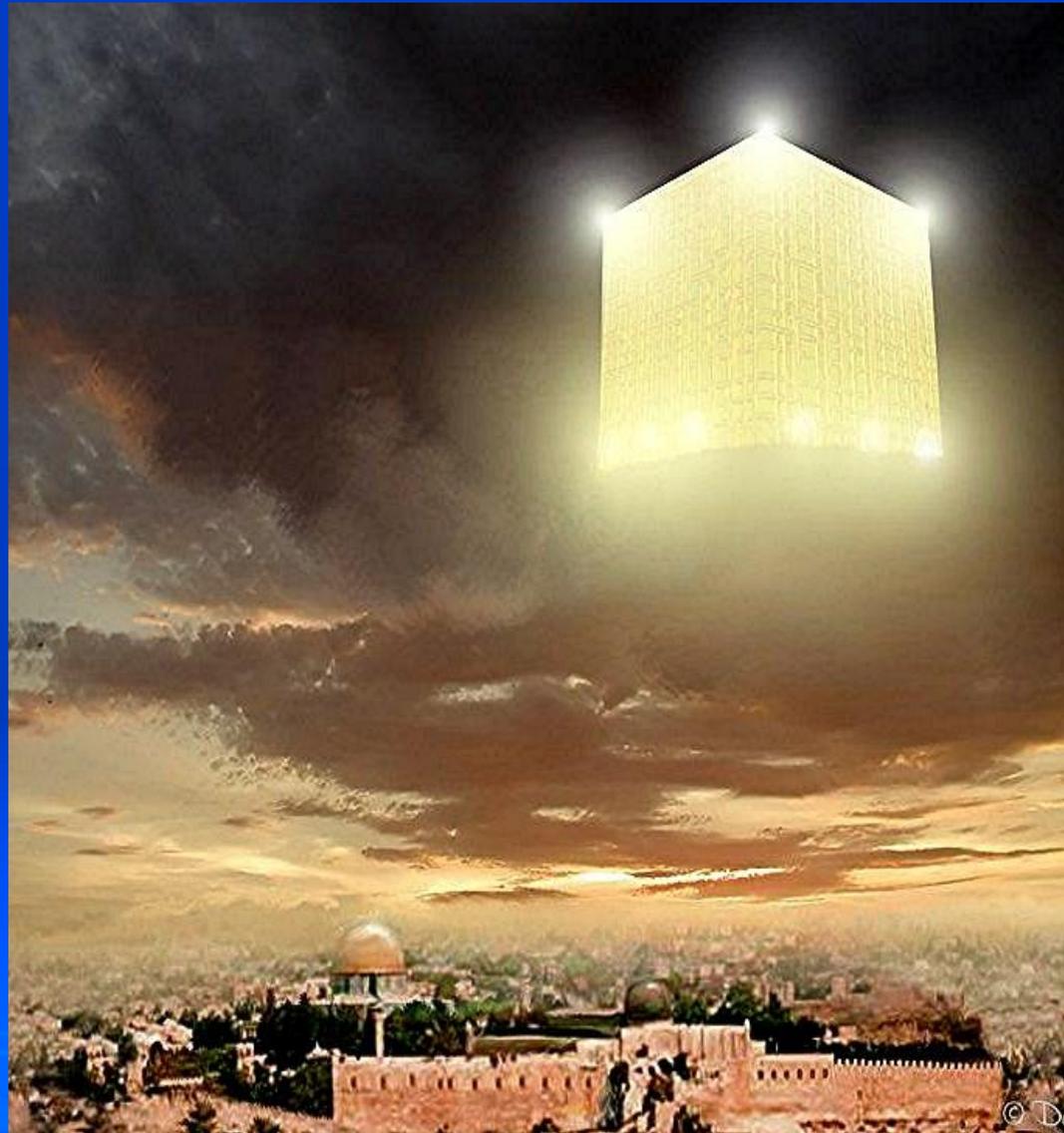


# THE NEW EARTH WITH NO SEA ?

- The term “sea” is used literally and symbolically
- For a Jew, the literal sea was the Mediterranean
- The “sea” also symbolized the restless, turbulent world
- The sea was seen as a dangerous and powerful force..... Evil and chaos
- Genesis 1:1-2
- No Temple, so no laver

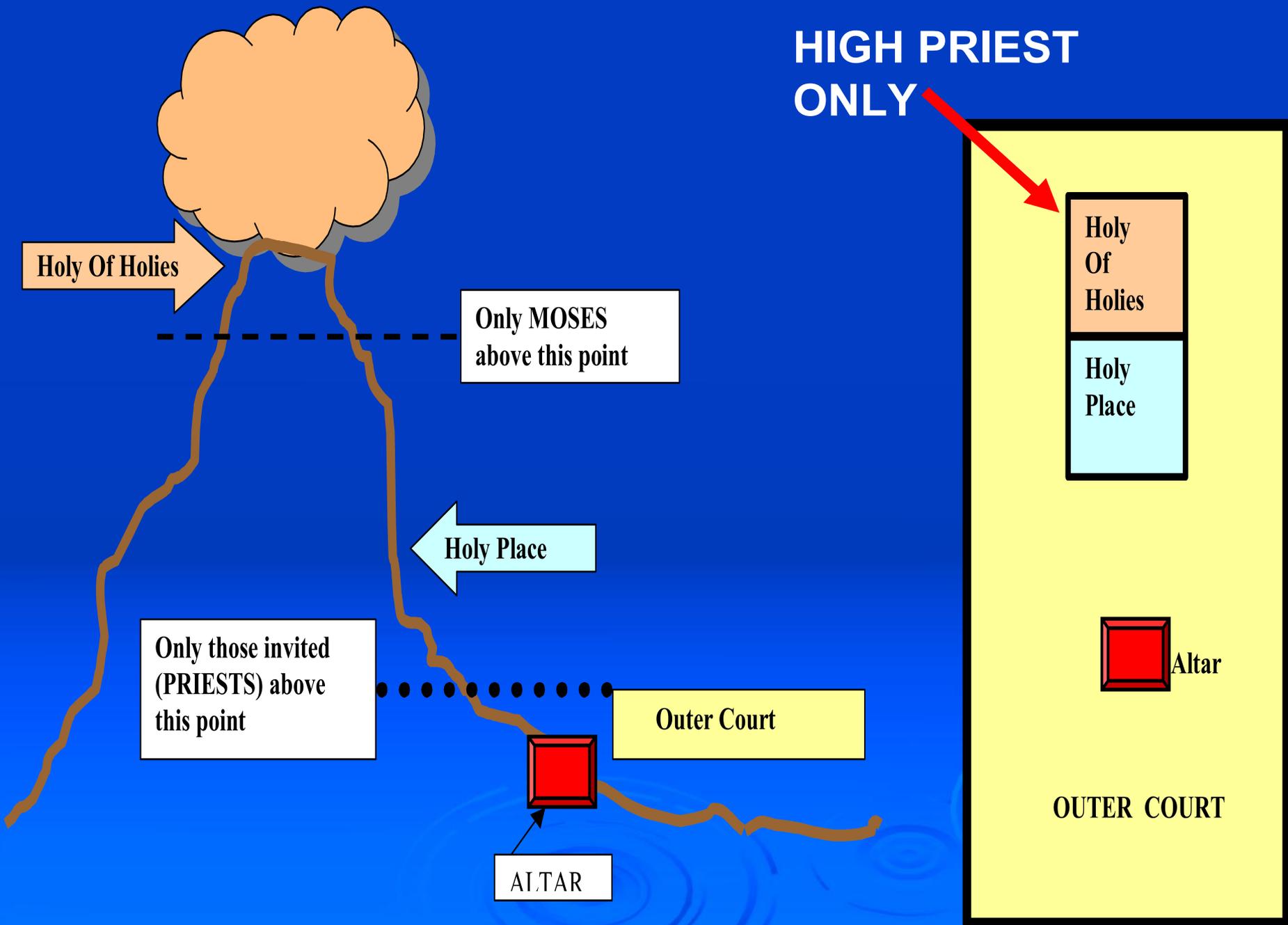
# NEW JERUSALEM

- Called the “holy city” in Rev. 21, but Jerusalem has been corrupt and sinful throughout the ages
- Isaiah 52
- It is “God’s servant” Yeshua who brings about Jerusalem’s redemption
- Yeshua is the agent of redemption for the ENTIRE Creation
- Hebrews 12:18 – 24



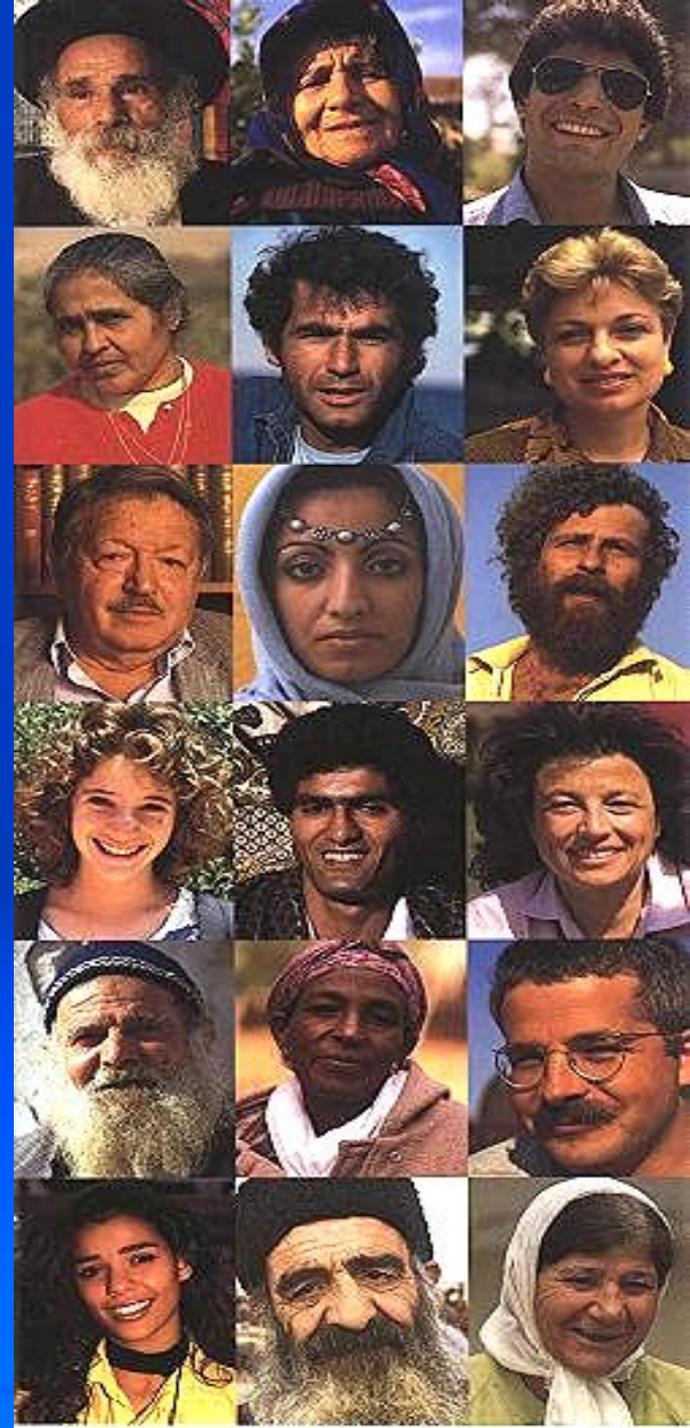
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# “...they will be His peoples...”

- *Laoi* = peoples (plural)
- *Laos* = people (singular)
- Rev. 5:9
- Racial, cultural, and ethnic boundaries have been obliterated through redemption in Christ
- God made this promise to Abraham 2000 years before John
- Gen. 12:1 – 3
- Upon the advent of the new earth, the fullest diversity of God’s blessed people will be realized





# THE END OF DEATH

- Isaiah 25:8 – 9
- The old order has 2 aspects:
  - 1) The Universe of opposites
  - 2) How mankind and all living creatures are to relate to God (The Law)
- Matthew 5:18
- The old order passes away upon the new earth and heavens
- 1Cor.15:21 -25

