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" . . . the creation was subjected to frustration . . . "

-Romans 8:20

Frustration (mataiotēs) - Frailty, weakness, depravity; something that fails to reach the results it was designed for.

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1. All creation groans waiting to be renewed.

2. One day God will renew everything.

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"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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."

-Revelation 21:1, 2

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New

(neos) - *something which has just recently appeared. Something that is new in time; young.*

(kainos) - *something 'new' as to form or quality. Not new in a time sense or a recent occurrence.*

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*"He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and
true."*

- Revelation 21:5

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What happens to the 'old' earth?

It is not abandoned; it is renewed and restore.

The vocabulary in the scripture:

Reconcile: A reestablishment of a prior damaged relationship

Redeem: To buy back what was formerly owned.

Restore: To bring back to original condition

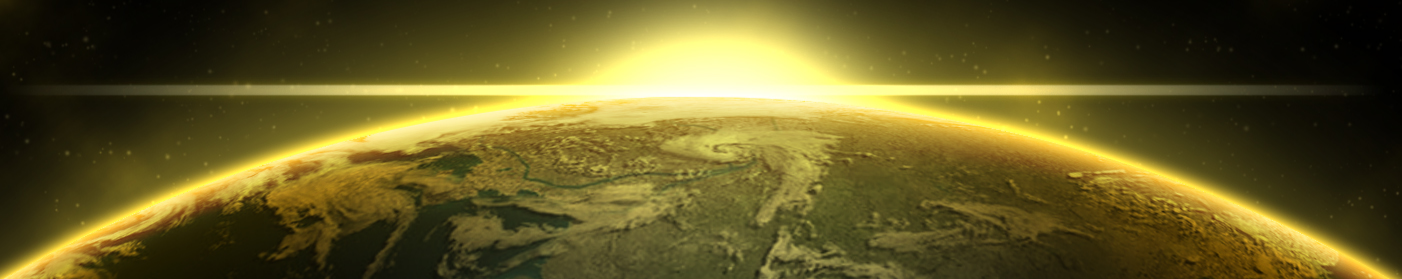
Recover: To return to a 'normal' state

Return: To come back, or go back to a place you've been.

Renew: To make new again

Regenerate: To rebuild to a better, higher, or more worthy state

Resurrect: To make alive that which was dead.



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"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

-1 Corinthians 6:11

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"We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us? Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

-Matthew 19:27,28

Renewal (paliggenesia)

Compound word:

Palin – "again"

Genesis – "birth"

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Where is the new heaven?

"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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

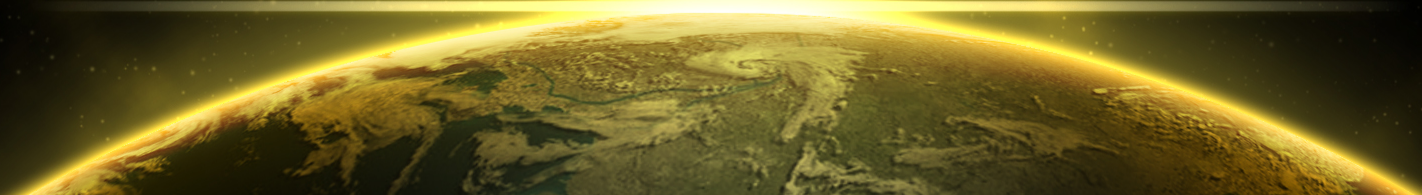
-Revelation 21:1

" . . . to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."

-Ephesians 1:10

"Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets."

-Acts 3:21



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"The new Jerusalem . . . does not remain in a 'heaven' far off in space, but it comes down to the renewed earth; there the redeemed will spend eternity in resurrection bodies. So heaven and earth, now separated, will then be merged: the new earth will also be heaven, since God will dwell there with his people."

Anthony Hoekema

*All creation will one day be renewed, and God will live
with us forever.*

