

DE-CREATION

Since the story of Noah, the day of God's judgement has been seen as an 'undoing' of creation. Many parts of the Bible speak about this theme and *Revelation* alludes to several of them.

Isaiah 34:4

All the host of heaven shall rot away,
and the skies roll up like a scroll.
All their host shall fall,
as leaves fall from the vine,
like leaves falling from the fig tree.

Micah 1:4

And the mountains will melt under him,
and the valleys will split open,
like wax before the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

Joel 2:31

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and
the moon to blood, before the great and
awesome day of the LORD comes.

Jeremiah 4:23-26

I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro...
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a roar,
and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,
and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Re-Creation

But rather than a bodiless ethereal existence,
the Bible presents God's purposes for the future
as a restoration and 're-creation' with no longer any curse, suffering or death.

Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them...
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
because the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 54:9-10

"This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.
Because the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 65:17-19

... behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.