

# “LAST DAYS AND HEAVEN”

Are we living in **the last days of earth?**

The re-gathering of the **Jewish people** to the land of Israel.

Jeremiah 16:14-15 NLT

“But the time is coming,” says the LORD, “when people who are taking an oath will no longer say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who rescued the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.’ Instead, they will say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the people of Israel back to their own land from the land of the north and from all the countries to which he had exiled them.’ For I will bring them back to this land that I gave their ancestors.

Isaiah 11:10-12 NLT

In that day the heir to David’s throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, and the land where he lives will be a glorious place. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to bring back the remnant of his people—those who remain in Assyria and northern Egypt; in southern Egypt, Ethiopia, and Elam; in Babylonia, Hamath, and all the distant coastlands. He will raise a flag among the nations and assemble the exiles of Israel.

He will **gather the scattered** people of Judah from the ends of the earth.

The **reclamation** of the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:35 NLT

And when I bring you back, people will say, ‘This former **wasteland** is now like the **Garden of Eden!** The abandoned and ruined cities now have strong walls and are filled with people!’

The **re-birth of Israel** as a nation in 1948.

Ezekiel 37:11 NLT

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, ‘We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.’”

Matthew 24:32-33 NLT

“Now learn a lesson from the **fig tree**. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know **his return is very near**, right at the door.

Matthew 24:36 NLT

“However, **no one knows** the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

Matthew 24:42 NLT

“So you, too, must **keep watch!** For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.

What is **Heaven** like?

1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Verse 10

But it was to us that God revealed these things **by his Spirit**. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.

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Heaven is a place of love and **relationships**.

Heaven is a place of intellectual growth and **discovery**.

Ephesians 2:6-7 NLT

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can **point** to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as **shown** in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Heaven is a place with fascinating **worlds to explore**.

John 14:2-3 NLT

There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

Heaven is a place of productivity and **accomplishment**.

1 Corinthians 6:3 NLT

Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life.

Heaven is place of **joy** and **laughter**.

Matthew 25:23 NLT

"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's **celebrate** together!'

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Revelation 21:3-4 NLT

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe **every tear** from their eyes, and there will be no more **death** or **sorrow** or **crying** or **pain**. All these things are gone forever.”

Revelation 21:1-3 NLT

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.

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