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For, according to their wish, this fact escapes their notice, that there was an earth standing compactly out of water and in the midst of water by the time those [means] the world of that time suffered destruction when it was destroyed. The same word the heavens and the earth that are now are stored up for us to the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men

New world translation

KING JAMES

5For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished

7But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are reserved in fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Jehovah's day will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with fire, and the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works of hand and labor will be burned up. Peter 3:10;

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Christendom teaches God will destroy both heaven and the earth and man

13Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth

Heavens were of old, AND OLD EARTH DESTROYED IN NOAH'S day

) The literal heavens and earth did not perish in the Deluge, neither will they. What, then, will "pass away," or be destroyed

Human governments that have dominated mankind like "heavens" will end

human ungodly society. The "hissing noise" perhaps indicates the rapid p
"The elements" that make up today's decadent human society will be "dis
the "earth," including "the works in it," will be "discovered." Jehovah wil
wicked acts of men as he brings an entire world system to its well-deserv

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Ephesians 6

Finally, go on acquiring power in [the] Lord and in the mightiness of his
complete suit of armor from God that YOU may be able to stand firm again
Devil; 12 because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but a
against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, agains
the heavenly places

THESE ARE THE "HEAVENS" THAT MUST GO

12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,
rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high

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Use" HIGH PLACES"

English Standard Version)

12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,
against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritu

heavenly places

American Standard Version)

against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the

heavenly places.

Young's Literal Translation)

with the spiritual things of the evil in the heavenly places;

New International Reader's Version

It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world.

The connection of the "heavens" with ruling power aids in understanding expression "new heavens and a new earth" found at Isaiah 65:17; 66:22 and 2 Peter at 2 Peter 3:13. Observing such relationship, M'Clintock and Strong (IV, p. 122) comments: "In Isa. lxxv, 17, a new heaven and a new earth signify kingdom, new people."

the "earth" can refer to a society of people (Ps 96:1;

All you people of the earth, sing to the Lord

so, too, "heavens" can symbolize the superior ruling power or government

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Bible, "earth" does not always refer to our globe

the passing away of "the former heaven" indicates the end of political government and his demons. This identification of "the former heaven" harmonizes with the statement concerning the 'former heaven having passed away, the complete defeat of Satan's forces and the casting of Satan into "the

At Luke 21:33, Jesus says that "heaven and earth will pass away, but my kingdom will not pass away." The sense of this expression seems to be like that of Matthew 23:23, "Truly I say to you that sooner would heaven and earth pass away [or, "heaven and earth to pass away"; Lu 16:17] than for one smallest letter or one particle to be taken from the Law by any means and not all things take place."

PS 148-6

Praise him, you highest heavens.

Praise him, you waters above the skies.

Let all of them praise the name of the Lord,

because he gave a command and they were created.

He set them in place for ever and ever.

What are the new heavens?

at 2 Peter 3

"There are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to these righteous ones is to dwell." Jesus in heaven is the key Ruler in the 33) Yet, other Bible texts indicate that he does not rule alone. Jesus pro some others like them would have a place in heaven. In the book of Hebrews described such ones as "partakers of the heavenly calling." And Jesus sa would sit on thrones in heaven with him.

the heavens and the earth that are now," both the rulerships and the mas for "the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men." This co heavens and the earth that are now" refers, not to the material universe, rulerships.

: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the former heaven and the fo away, and the sea is no more."

that this does not mean replacing the literal heavens and our planet, wit , wicked people and their rulerships, including the invisible ruler Satan, here is of a new system of things involving people on earth.

There is only one truth, and JEHOVAH tells it

PS 83-18 KJV

That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the mo