

# Will the earth remain forever and will the righteous live eternally on it?

Will a few go to heaven with the rest of the righteous living forever on the earth?

No, because:

- We are to lay up treasure in heaven- Matt 6:19,20
- Our inheritance is in heaven- I Peter 1:3,4
- Our citizenship is in heaven- Philippians 3:20
- There is one hope and it is in heaven- Ephesians 4:3,4, I Peter 1:3,4, Colossians 1:5
- The hope of the forefathers is our hope- Hebrews 11:13-16
- Jesus only described one reward- Matthew 25:31-46, John 5:28,29

What about the 144,000?

- In a book full of symbolic language- Revelation 1:1
- Only male Jews (virgins)- Revelation 7:4-8, 14:1-4
- Represents a large, complete number- Psalm 50:10, Revelation 7:9-12

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No, because:

- Jesus said “no”- Mark 13:31
- The Hebrew writer said “no”- Hebrews 1:10-12
- Paul said “no”- II Corinthians 4:18
- Peter said “no”- II Peter 3:10
- God said “no”- Genesis 8:22 (cf. Revelation 21:23-25, 22:10)

What about their proof-texts:

- Isaiah 45:18- God’s will has been accomplished
- Matthew 5:5- The righteous will be blessed (cf. Psalm 37:10,11)
- Psalm 104:5, Ecclesiastes 1:4, Psalm 78:69 (cf. Exodus 12:14, Numbers 25:13, Isaiah 32:14,15, et. Al)