

Isaiah 66:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Analysis

God grounds His promises in His creative power: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain." The Hebrew hashamayim hachadashim veva'arets hachadashah (the new heavens and the new earth) explicitly references the final state described in Revelation 21:1. God promises to create (oseh—making/doing) something genuinely new. These will "remain" (omedit—stand/endure) perpetually before God. Similarly, believers' "seed" (descendants/spiritual posterity) and "name" (identity/reputation) will endure eternally. From a Reformed perspective, this reveals the eternal security of believers. Just as the new creation will never be destroyed, so believers' spiritual lineage and identity will never perish. This doesn't promise hereditary salvation but covenantal continuity—the church will never fail, the elect will certainly be saved and glorified, and God's people will exist eternally. The comparison to new creation emphasizes the absolute certainty and permanence of salvation—it's as secure as God's creative decree.

Historical Context

Throughout Israel's history, threats existed to the nation's continuity—exile, dispersion, persecution. The promise of enduring seed and name provided hope. Ultimate fulfillment comes through the church—the spiritual Israel that will never be destroyed despite persecution (Matthew 16:18). Individual believers may fall

away (demonstrating they were never truly saved, 1 John 2:19), but the church and the elect within it remain secure. The creation of new heavens and earth began spiritually at Christ's resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17) and will be consummated at His return (Revelation 21:1-5). Then God's people will inhabit the new creation eternally, their identity and posterity secured forever.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the comparison to new creation emphasize the security of believers' salvation?
2. What does it mean that our 'seed and name' will remain eternally?
3. How should confidence in eternal security affect present faithfulness and perseverance?

Interlinear Text

אָשָׁר	פָּרָדֵשׁ	ה	בְּשָׁמָם	וּמְ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי
H3588	H834		H8064		H2319	
heavens	For as the new		earth		For as the new	
			H776		H2319	
וְאֵת	פָּרָדֵשׁ	ה	בְּשָׁמָם	וּמְ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי
H589	H834		H8064		H2319	
which I will make	For as the new		earth		For as the new	
			H776		H2319	
עֲשֵׂה	ה	לְפָנֶיךָ	יְעַמֵּד	נָאָם	יְהִי	כִּי
H6213	H5975	H6440	H5002	H3068	H3651	H5975
which I will make	remain	before	me saith	the LORD	remain	
וְאֵת	פָּרָדֵשׁ	ה	בְּשָׁמָם	וּמְ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי
H2233	H8034		H8064		H2319	
so shall your seed	and your name					
וְאֵת	פָּרָדֵשׁ	ה	בְּשָׁמָם	וּמְ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 65:17 (Parallel theme): For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Revelation 21:1 (Parallel theme): And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 Peter 3:13 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.