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In Luke 21:33 Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

This confirms that the present creation of earth and the heavenlies as we see them shall pass away from their current sinful condition. Elsewhere in scripture we are told of a new earth (newly re-created) and new heavens will replace them.

The main point of Jesus's announcement is that His words will never pass away. They shall endure throughout the coming ages. His words are eternal because he is eternal. He will rule over the newly re-created earth, and we shall rule and reign jointly with him under his great power and authority.

He [Jesus] is the eternal word. We are his priestly kings and priests that will rule and reign with him in the new world. How will that be determined? We can only speculate. I think that when the saved are judged at the Bema Seat of Christ for their rewards received (or loss of rewards) that the most faithful ones will receive the greatest responsibilities and honor in the newly re-created earth. Others who are judged will receive according to their own measure which will be determined at the Bema Seat of judgment.

Can I back up my view with scripture? No, of course not. It is only my speculation, but perhaps it is a reasonable one. We will only know the truth when we reach that point in eternity.

For now, the most important matter for us is the instruction from our eternal word to love all people, and all mankind with the "God Kind" of love [agape in Greek].