



Isaiah 65:17-18

“For behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth,
 and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.
 But be glad and rejoice forever
 in that which I create;
 for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
 and her people to be a gladness. “

Always Winter....
 Never Christmas

Did you know that the bitter cold winters we experience in Eastern Montana are a reminder of Adam and Eve’s sin and the judgment of the worldwide flood? Before sin, the world was perfect and the climate would have been part of that perfection. While there most certainly would have been warmer and colder areas on the land mass of the earth, it would have likely been more moderate than today. The flood changed everything including the climate as the world was reshaped by God to bring the floodwaters and also to make those waters recede to their current location in the oceans.

In the book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis, one of the characters exclaim, “It is winter in Narnia, and has been for ever so long.... Always winter, but never Christmas.” Our fallen world has been in a state of spiritual winter as humanity follows its own sinful path, but Christians look forward in hope as we consider God sending Jesus as a little baby to grow up and live among us and ultimately die in our place so we could live for eternity with our Heavenly Father. That is ultimately what the line from C.S. Lewis’s book is all about. They were experiencing winter without Christmas which is when we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Not only do we celebrate His first coming, we look forward to His second coming when he will set all things right and restore the heavens and the earth to their

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original perfect state. We continue on in this imperfect life, waiting expectantly for God to fulfill His promise of hope of a new heaven and new earth. As we look at God's creation our hope is bolstered as we get glimpses of His loving care even in a sin cursed world. Consider the reindeer.

Did you know that some reindeer herds travel over 3000 miles in one year? They survive by moving from location to location searching for food and eating 9-18 pounds of vegetation a day. Since food is sparse, they have to make a perilous journey sometimes crossing roaring rivers just to get enough to sustain them. But God cares for the reindeer by having designed it to be able to swim across those rivers with broad hooves for efficient swimming and long, hollow hair which acts as an insulated life jacket.



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Even in the fallen cursed world as we wait for God's ultimate redemption, God cares for His creatures, especially those He created in his image, you and me. As you look at the snowy, wind swept landscape this Christmas, remember God's ultimate provision of Jesus Christ as the savior of the world. In the winter of sin, the promised spring of a new heaven and earth is just around the corner!

May God bless you in 2025 as you follow Him! Merry Christmas!!



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