

Our Heavenly Dwelling

Creative Reading of Scripture about the Lord's second coming. Compiled by Lina Cole

(2 Corinthians 5:1-7)

"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God.

First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Then we will be with the Lord forever.

(Revelation 7:17)

We will never again be hungry or thirsty.
We will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.
For the Lamb on the throne will be our Shepherd.
He will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
And God will wipe every tear from our eyes."

Brothers and sisters, be encouraged with these words because we are almost home.