

## Back to the...whoops...beginning

### **Players**

**BD:** Bus Driver

**S1:** Stewardess 1 (Christy)

**S2:** Stewardess 2 (Kirsty)

**OS:** Other Stewardesses (for posters, pictures, collages etc)

**P1:** Passenger 1

**P2:** Passenger 2

**Scene:** Seats arranged in “bus” fashion. The Bus Driver sits at the front centre of the “bus”.

**Props:** Posters, collages and paintings of “Eden”, present day, and the “New Jerusalem.

[Select people from the congregation to come on the bus tour as well]

**BD:** Ladies and gentle men, please take your seats.

**S1:** Welcome aboard the temporal displacement vehicle or TDV. Today we will be touring the “New Jerusalem “ at the end of time.

**S2:** Some turbulence is expected today when we enter the infringement zone of the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension.

**S1:** For your convenience, vomit containers are located in front of you...we hope.

**S2:** Also Please keep your vortex goggles on like so...

[Places sunglasses on backwards]

...these will help keep you eyes from popping out when we come out of the infringement zone.

**S1:** Also, please note the emergency exits are located here...and here.

[P1 & P2 hold up the exit signs]

**S2:** It’s now time to begin – all vortex safety goggles on.

**S1:** And please – no flash photography.

[Lift off and other strange noises are heard]

[P1 & P2 start fighting. They knock the bus driver]

**BD:** Oh no! You ninnies! You’ve made me press the “Back even further” button.

**S1:** Ladies and gentle men...it appears that, at no extra cost, you will be receiving an extended tour.

**S2:** We’re not sure just how extended yet...wait...we’re coming to a stop.

**S1:** And it looks like you’re in luck! We’ve landed in Eden, where IT all began.

**P1:** [yelling] Isn’t that where that evil snake hides out?

**P2:** I don’t like the sound of that!

**S2:** Ah, but there’s much more to Eden than the snake.

[The “other” stewardesses show posters to the passengers and congregation as they mention the views, trees, animals, etc]

**S1:** Yes – Eden has spectacular views.

**All** Ooh, Ah etc

**S2:** Some wonderful examples of ancient trees.

**S1:** But watch out for the tree of life!

**S2:** For that reason, we won’t be stopping in Eden – there’s already been one bite of the cherry too many already!

**S1:** There is also some wonderful animals to be seen.

**All** Ooh, Ah etc

**S2:** In Eden, even the arid places are green...and red!

**S1:** And how fantastic to be leaving Eden as the sun sets.

**S2:** Ladies and gentile men, please check your vortex goggles are on securely, for we will now be heading for New Jerusalem via the present.

**S1:** For obvious reasons, we won’t linger in the present.

[more take-off noises etc]

**S2:** It is unavoidable, however, that we will need to slow down through the present to avoid temporal discontinuities. We do apologise for the unavoidable views of famine, war, hatred, grief and turmoil you will inevitably see.

[The stewardesses show the collages to the passengers and congregation]

**S1:** We are now passing the temporal discontinuity limit and will soon be well on our way to New Jerusalem.

**S2:** Now might be a good opportunity to vomit if you need to – I have a spare vomit bucket here if you need one!

**P1:** Will we be able to stop in New Jerusalem?

**P2:** I hear we can take pictures very easily because it is lit by the glory of God?

**S1:** No Sir, we won’t be stopping because it’s not our time yet, and yes Sir, the glory of God does away with both sun and moon light.

**S2:** And here we are – we can see the river of life running through the city. (2 paintings)

**S1:** There’s the glory of God shining throughout the city! (1 paintings)

**S2:** Oh wow, angels at the feet of him!! (1 painting)

**S1:** And his throne! (*in a loud whisper*) His throne ladies and gentile men will be with man forever!!

**S2:** With that ladies and gentile men, we must now head back to the present so please check your vortex goggles and hang on **real** tight!

**S1:** Ladies and gentile men, thank you for choosing to travel in time with TDV. Please do come again soon.

**S2:** On the way out, if you would care to leave you vortex goggles. We also have a pamphlet on some of our other tours, like All Manna of things – 40 days with Moses; Mere morsel – Prayer time with Daniel; and one of my very favourites, A whale of a time – Jiving with Jonah.