Revelation 20:1-8

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Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse.

Call to the Word - Rom 8:18-22

But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Call to the Word - Rom 8:18-22

"In this chapter we see that the history of time is finished; the history of eternity is about to begin." (Barnhouse)

Introduction

"new," means "different from the usual, impressive, better than the old, superior in value or attraction."

Psa 102:25-27 Isa 65:17

Rev 21:1

"When the Scriptures speak of a new heaven, they mean a new "blue sky" and a new "night sky," not a new heaven where God dwells." (Swindoll)



Rev 21:1

"From the sin-twisted, broken-and-bruised world we see today. All the things that caused us grief and sorrow will be relegated to the past." (Swindoll) ...also, there was no more sea.

"Too bad surfers, but I am sure God will have something quite superior" (Smith)

"Heaven doesn't eliminate your situation. It transforms it." (Courson)

- No more sea—because chaos and calamity will be eradicated (21:1).
- No more tears—because hurtful memories will be replaced (21:4).
- No more death—because mortality will be swallowed up by life (21:4).

Rev 21:2-4

- No more mourning—because sorrow will be completely comforted (21:4).
- No more crying—because the sounds of weeping will be soothed (21:4).
- No more pain—because all human suffering will be cured (21:4).

- No more thirst—because God will graciously quench all desires (21:6).
- No more wickedness—because all evil will be banished (21:8, 27).
- No more temple—because the Father and Son are personally present (21:22).

- No more night—because God's glory will give eternal light (21:23-25; 22:5).
- No more closed gates—because God's doors will always be open (21:25).
- No more curse—because Christ's blood has forever lifted that curse (22:3).

God's Work of Redemption is Complete

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2Co 4:16; 2Co 5:17)

Rev 21:5

God's Work of Redemption is Complete

"It is done!"

Something begun in the past that has come to its intended end, a permanent condition has fully arrived. Eph 1:10

Rev 21:5-6

The Alpha and the Omega... Beginning and the End

"My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure" (Isa. 46:10).

"I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts"

What are you thirsting for?

"overcome... inheritance"

1Jn 5:4-5 Rom 8:16-17 1Pe 1:3-5 Jn 1:12-13

Rev 21:7

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