

A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY
(Rev. 21:1-8)

- I. A Newly RESTORED Creation (Rev. 21:1; cf. Isa. 65:17-18)
 - A. New as to TIME: “FRESH”
 - B. New as to TYPE: PERFECT
 - 1. Not IMMATERIAL and SPIRITUAL, but MATERIAL and TANGIBLE
 - 2. Sufficiently SIMILAR to the old to be FAMILIAR
 - 3. Sufficiently DIFFERENT from the old to be SUPERIOR
 - 4. Conspicuously missing any SEA

- II. A Newly REVEALED Capitol (Rev. 21:2; cf. Heb. 11:10, 16)
 - A. Characterized as HOLY
 - 1. A REAL city with real INHABITANTS
 - 2. A REGAL city with real AUTHORITY
 - B. Characterized as HEAVENLY
 - 1. Descending from GOD in HEAVEN
 - 2. Prepared as a BRIDE for her HUSBAND (John 14:2-3; Ephesians 5:25*b*-27)

- III. A New COMMUNION (Rev. 21:3-4)
 - A. The blessing of the PRESENCE of GOD (cf. Mt. 1:23)
 - 1. An IMMEDIATE fellowship
 - 2. An INTIMATE fellowship
 - a. God will be WITH MEN and be THEIR GOD
 - b. They will be HIS PEOPLE
 - B. The blessing of the ABSENCE of GRIEF

1. The PERSONAL comfort of God
 - a. Wipes away EVERY TEAR
 - b. Removes DEATH, SORROW, ENVY, and PAIN
2. The PERPETUAL comfort of God

IV. A New CONSTITUTION (Rev. 21:5-8)

- A. A SPLENDID place to live (21:5-6a)
 1. AFFIRMED by Christ from the THRONE
 2. ASTONISHED John in his WRITING
 3. ACCOMPLISHED by Christ's DECREE
 - a. Everything is MADE new and will STAY new
 - b. Everything was CREATED by Christ and will be RECREATED by Him
- B. A SATISFYING place to live (21:6b-7)
 1. Satisfying RESOURCES
 - a. Water of life is FREELY available
 - b. Water of life is CONSTANTLY available
 2. Satisfying RESPONSIBILITIES
 - a. Joint OWNERSHIP of all things
 - b. Joint STEWARDSHIP of all things
 3. Satisfying RELATIONSHIPS
 - a. God will be OUR GOD
 - b. We will be HIS CHILDREN
- C. A SAFE and SECURE place to live (21:8)
 1. Renouncing a CATALOGUE of wickedness
 2. Restating the CONDEMNATION of the wicked
 3. Reinforcing the CHARACER of the redeemed
 - a. None are there who could CAUSE HARM
 - b. None are there who could CORRUPT HEAVEN