

ALL THINGS ARE MADE NEW

Part 8 The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

God has shown us in creation that when the nights get darker ... **the stars shine brighter** ... That the colder the winter is ... **the more beautiful the spring** ...

And so it is here ... after The Tribulation – the darkest time in human history – **THERE WILL COME THE DAWNING OF THE MOST BRILLIANT NEW DAY** ... a Day so beautiful that it is impossible for us to fathom in our current state.

It will be **A NEW DAY WHERE NEWNESS IS ITS VERY ATMOSPHERE** ...

And this Day is coming closer and closer ... every moment of every day ...

And this Day is God's Day ... and this Day is Your Day.

Revelation 21:1-2 **SLIDE** & 5-6

*Now I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was **no more sea**.*

*²Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*⁵Then He [Jesus] who sat on the throne said, "Behold, **I make all things new**." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶And He said to me, "**IT IS DONE!** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and **THE END** ..."*

Look how many times the word **NEW** is used in these verses –

Three times in the first 2 verses ... '**NEW HEAVEN**', '**NEW EARTH**' and '**NEW JERUSALEM**', then in verse 5 ... '**ALL THINGS NEW**' ...

THE NEW COVENANT SPECIALISES IN NEWNESS

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new**.*

Ezekiel 36:26 Berean Study Bible

I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Romans 6:4

... Walk in **Newness of Life**.

Revelation 21:5

Then He [Jesus] who sat on the throne said, "Behold, **I make all things new**." ...

NEWNESS IS THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE **NEW** TESTAMENT

THE WORLD DREAMS ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW WORLD

I had that Disney song 'A Whole New World' from 'Aladdin' going around in my head whilst I was thinking about this New World ...

SLIDE **A whole new world...** A new fantastic point of view

A whole new world ... A dazzling place I never knew

But when I'm way up here ... It's crystal clear

That now I'm in a whole new world with you.

SLIDE *Unbelievable sights ... Indescribable feeling*

Soaring, tumbling, freewheeling, through an endless diamond sky.

A whole new world ... A hundred thousand things to see

I'm like a shooting star, I've come so far ... I can't go back to where I used to be

A whole new world ... With new horizons to pursue

I'll chase them anywhere ... There's time to spare

Let me share this whole new world with you.

This, of course, is a fantasy ...

BUT WHAT GOD IS DOING ... THIS IS NOT A FANTASY ...

IT IS REALITY

2 Peter 3:13 **SLIDE**

Nevertheless we, according to **His promise**, look for **new heavens and a new earth** in which righteousness dwells.

THERE IS NOTHING NOT-NEW IN THE NEW EARTH ...

IN FACT, YOU HAVE TO BE NEW TO BE THERE

NEW HEAVENS & NEW EARTH

Revelation 21:1 **SLIDE**

Now I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had **passed away**. Also there was no more sea.

WHAT IS THIS WORD 'NEW'?

THERE ARE TWO WORDS TRANSLATED **NEW** IN GREEK

One is **neos**, the other is **kainos**.

Neos refers to something that has recently come into existence.

A new-born baby ... a brand-new car ... etc ...

Kainos refers to something that has been made fresh or refreshed.

Kainos is the word used here and is used throughout the book of Revelation.

Jesus spoke about this aspect of this **kainos**-Newness.

Matthew 19:28 **SLIDE**

... Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the **[renewal] regeneration**, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Acts 3:21)

Regeneration = (**palingenesia**) A new birth, regeneration, renewal. Messianic restoration.

GOD WON'T JUST ANNIHILATE THE PRESENT HEAVEN & EARTH AND CREATE A WHOLE NEW=NEOS ONE WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE.

GOD MAKES IT NEW = KAINOS = REFRESHED

YET THERE APPEARS TO BE A GREAT ANOMALY IN SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:10 NIV **SLIDE**

*The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; **the elements will be destroyed [dissolved] by fire**, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*

If there appears to be an anomaly in scripture it means you have not considered ALL the details and that there is yet another meaning ... as there is here ...

It seems like all we know will be just gone ... obliterated ...

But look at this –

'*the elements*' (**stoicheia**) - something orderly in arrangement

THE ORDER IS CHANGED

'will be destroyed / dissolved' (lythēsetai) A primary verb to loosen

In other words it means, ***'THE ORDER WILL BE LOOSENEED' ... OR 'THE STRUCTURE WILL BE DISMANTLED'***

Bishop Wordsworth says, that "St. Peter's meaning seems to be that the στοιχεῖα, elements or rudiments, of which the universe is composed and compacted, will be loosed; that is, the framework of the world will be disorganized ..."

Remember in Genesis 1:1-2, when God first created The Heavens & Earth that 'the Earth was without form and void'.

In other words, **it hadn't been assembled yet.**

YET GOD SAYS IT WAS ALREADY CREATED. (Genesis 1:1)

So here in 2 Peter 3:10, God brings creation back to this stage – as it was in the beginning – **not destroyed but disassembled.**

ALSO CONSIDER: EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE BURNED UP ... THEY STILL REMAIN IN ANOTHER FORM –

When fossil fuels are combusted, oxides are emitted into the atmosphere AND ASH REMAINS ON THE GROUND.

THEIR DNA - Deoxyrybo Nucleic Acid = THEIR DNA REMAINS – THEIR GENETIC CODES REMAIN ...

NB: FIRE DOES NOT DESTROY DNA ...

IT JUST CHANGES THE OUTWARD STRUCTURE.

WHAT IS THIS DNA?

SLIDE *In the centre of every plant cell, from algae to orchids – and in the centre of every animal cell, from jellyfish to you and me – there's a copy of the organism's genetic material.*

This DNA carries a complete blueprint of the organism. It contains all its unique characteristics - biological instruction that make every living thing unique.

GOD HAS THE GENETIC CODES OF ALL LIVING THINGS & CAN **RECONSTRUCT EVERYTHING AS IT'S UNIQUE SELF ... BUT PERFECTLY.**

God does not just annihilate everything (*I always thought that was really harsh*). He breaks it down and reconstructs it all again.

The genetic codes will be preserved and remade in **brand new eternal material**.

In the regeneration of the individual soul the personality remains, the thoughts, desires, affections, are changed; so, it may be, in the regeneration of the world the substance will remain, the fashion (σχήμα) of the old world will pass away. (See [1 Corinthians 7:31](#))

All things may be new, full of fresh and fair beauty; but all things will not be strange; there must be some correspondence between the old and the new, when the new things are called new heavens, new earth, new Jerusalem ... the spirit of it implies that in the restitution age the sweetness of things loved and familiar will blend with the charm of all that is fresh and new. . . .
(Ellicott)

THE FAMILIAR WILL BE PRESERVED ... THE THINGS WE WERE CONNECTED TO ... THE THINGS WE LOVED ...

I ALSO COULD NEVER RECONCILE WHAT ROMANS 8 TELLS US ABOUT CREATION –

Romans 8:19-21 NLT **SLIDE**

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are. ²⁰Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But **with eager hope**, ²¹the creation looks forward to the day when **it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.**

WHAT ABOUT OUR PETS?

Animals and pets are a part of creation. They are also crying out for the regeneration of all things – the reconstruction.

Your pets will be rebuilt with their unique genetic codes. We will be reunited with them and they will recognise us.

SLIDE ***I saw a Star Trek episode called 'Once upon a time', where a little girl, Naomi, made for her game, a 3D character called 'Flotter', who was the personification of water. But as she played the game, the Ogre named 'Fire', came and burned him, and He evaporated.***

However, Naomi figured out a way to reconstruct the molecules of steam and she brought him back to his original form after having been evaporated.

In the same way, God will reconstruct the creatures.

LOOK AT ALL THESE PROMISES TO YOU AND ME ABOUT THIS NEWNESS

Revelation 21:4 **SLIDE**

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Isaiah 60:20 Berean Study Bible

Your sun will no longer set, and your moon will not wane; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your sorrow will cease.

Isaiah 65:19 Berean Study Bible

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and take delight in My people. The sounds of weeping and crying will no longer be heard in her.

Jeremiah 31:12 Berean Study Bible

They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will be radiant over the bounty of the LORD—the grain, new wine, and oil, and the young of the flocks and herds. Their life will be like a well-watered garden, and never again will they languish.

Revelation 21:6

*And He said to me, “**IT IS DONE!** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and **THE END.**” ...*

Dear friends, it's just a matter of time! What we see today and even tomorrow is just temporary ...

But the temporary will give way to the eternal and **ALL WILL BE MADE NEW.**

*‘Moving forward in faith is choosing trust and **keeping hope alive.***

(Mike Q Daniels)

David said,

Psalm 42:5 NIV

... Hope in God ... for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

Take heart dear friend, despite your present struggles ...

As a believer, you are destined for unspeakable joy!

Not only will you be transformed body, soul and spirit and taken away from 'The Tribulation', but you will be brought back to a New Heaven and New Earth where there will be no more suffering or sorrow and where God Himself will dwell with us and wipe away our tears.

This is our eternal Hope. Hold onto Your Hope for that day will surely come!