

New Heavens And New Earth #2

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I. IDENTITY OF GOD, 1-2

- A. God gives his own description of himself by simply saying “The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.” That is the spiritual, or alien, existence of God. God exists outside his own creation and is above it and in charge of it.
- B. So, a questions follows: “Where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?” Where within in the creation, in the earth, where men go about their own lives and have their willful religions. So, where in this creation is the house that men have built for God for him to dwell in. Where is the place of God’s rest, where he can lay his spiritual, invisible head to rest himself as though he gets tired of holding up the earth and running the whole creation.
- C. God’s hand made all of these things, so man is not in charge of building a house for God for his living or his rest.
- D. But God will look only to one man. I believe that man is Jesus Christ, because he fits the description that is given in verse 2.
 - 1. Jesus is poor and of a contrite spirit.
 - 2. Jesus trembled at God’s word. In other words, he had high regard for God’s word and spoke only those word that God gave to him.

II. IDENTITY OF EVIL, 3-4

- A. Description Of Evil People, 3
 - 1. There are those who kill an ox as if they would slay a man.
 - 2. There are those who sacrifices a lamb as if he cut off a dog’s neck.
 - 3. There are those who offer oblation as if he offered swine’s blood.
 - 4. There are those who burn incense as if he blessed an idol.
 - 5. There are those who have chosen their own way.
 - 6. There are those who delight in their abominations.
 - 7. These are the evil ones.
- B. God’s Reaction To Evil, 4
 - 1. God will choose their delusions
 - 2. God will bring their fears upon them.
 - 3. When God called, they did not answer
 - 4. When God spoke, they did not hear.
 - 5. But they did evil before God’s eyes and chose that which God did not delight in.

III. INTENSITY OF THE MESSAGE, 5-9

- A. In verse 5 God tells his people to hear his word, the word of the LORD and to tremble at his word.
- B. Our enemies said, “Let the Lord be glorified” in a mocking way.
- C. But God will appear to our joy, and the wicked will be ashamed.
- D. There is a message, says verse 6, “A voice of noise from the city” that will reach and will

benefit many people around the world., even to recompense God's enemies.

- E. Another part of the message is found in verse 7.
 - 1. The verse speaks of travail, but before that pain came, she (God's kingdom, or the Jewish nation) was delivered a man child, which is Jesus Christ.
- F. Verse 8 – Who has heard such a thing as this? The Jewish nation was given the Messiah, which many were expecting. Now the kingdom of God through the churches of the Lord are producing children speedily. In the first church and during the first century of the ministry of the churches, people were born into the kingdom in great numbers. Zion brought forth her children.
- G. Verse 9 – Will God bring forth a birth and then stop the birth as an abortion? No.
 - 1. Will God bring a child to full development (as in the womb) and then shut the womb? No.

IV. IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK, 10-14

- A. Verse 10 – The message must go forward, for it is in this message that new ones are born through the preaching of the Gospel and the work of grace through faith.
 - 1. We are to rejoice with Jerusalem, the mother of all the churches of the Lord.
 - 2. We are to both be glad in Jerusalem and also mourn with her and for her.
- B. Verse 11
 - 1. We may enjoy the nourishment from the breasts of Jerusalem's consolation.
 - 2. We may "milk out" and be delighted in the abundance of her glory.
- C. Verse 12
 - 1. Because God will give Jerusalem peace like a river, implying the peace that passes all understanding in the people of God.
 - 2. The message will also go unto the Gentiles, says verse 12, like a flowing stream.
 - 3. Jerusalem will handle us like newborn babes and like young children, for the New Jerusalem is the mother of us all (Galatians 2:6).
- D. Verse 13
 - 1. We will be comforted by Jerusalem, which symbolized God's spiritual kingdom.
 - 2. This will be a comfort like unto a mother's comfort to her own child.
- E. Verse 14
 - 1. When you see this; that is, when a person believes and has a spiritual understanding of the kingdom of God and salvation,
 - 2. Your heart will rejoice, your bones will flourish like an herb.
 - 3. The hands of the Lord will be known toward his servants
 - 4. God's indignation will be shown toward his enemies.

V. IMPENDING JUDGMENT, 15-18

- A. Verse 15
 - 1. The Lord will come with fire and with his chariots like a whirlwind.
 - 2. The Lord will render his anger with fury.
 - 3. He will rebuke with flames of fire.
- B. Verse 16
 - 1. With fire and a sword will the Lord plead with all flesh.

2. The slain shall be many.
- C. Verse 17
1. This verse speaks of those who have false religion
 2. They sanctify themselves (make themselves holy) in the gardens.
 3. They eat swine's flesh, the abomination according to Jewish law.
 4. They sanctify themselves in some way with the mouse.
 5. They will be consumed together, all wicked people, no matter what their false religion may be, even Apostate Christianity.
- D. Verse 18
1. God knows their works and thoughts.
 2. He will gather all wicked nations and tongues to see his glory.
 - a. They will see the glory of God's redeemed, how they are spared God's judgment.
 - b. They will see the glory of God shown in God's retribution to lost sinners.

VI. INTEGRITY OF THE GOSPEL, 19-21

- A. Verse 19
1. God will set a sign, which here probably refers to the Gospel.
 2. God will send "those that escape," that is, those who have escaped the corruption of the world – 2 Peter 1:4 *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
 3. He will send these into all the world to preach the Gospel. – Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
 4. "They shall declare my glory among the Gentiles." says the last part of verse 19
- B. Verse 20
1. These preachers will bring people from all nations to worship God and to bring an offering.
 2. Gentiles will bring an offering to the Lord to Jerusalem, spiritual Jerusalem, just as the Jews in Old Testament times brought an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.
- C. Verse 21
1. God will make them priests and Levites.
 2. Revelation 1:6 *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

VII. OBLATION AND OBSERVATION, 22-24

- A. Oblation, 22-23
1. Verse 22
 - a. It is suggested in verse 22 that as long as the new heaven and the new earth remain, so shall "your seed" and "your name" remain.
 - b. This is eternal security both in this life and the life to come.
 2. Verse 23
 - a. All flesh, that is, Gentile and Jew alike, will come to worship before God.
- B. Observation, 24

1. Verse 24
 - a. At the closing of this great book of Isaiah we see the saved going forth to look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against God.
 - b. Perhaps this will be after God destroys Satan's army at the great supper that God will prepare for the vultures after he has killed all those who have come against the Lord in the last day of his judgment. We who are saved will perhaps look upon their carcasses, knowing that their souls are in hell.
 - c. This could also be at the Great White Throne Judgment when John "saw the dead small and great . . ." Revelation 20:12 *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*
 - d. In hell, their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched: and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh – Mark 9:44 *Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*
 - e. We will not be pleased to behold such a horrible scene, but we will all know that God does everything right and to his own glory, which pleases us well.

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