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The Day of the Lord—P4

“No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory” (Isaiah 60:19 NASB).

After the Final Judgment brings an end to all sin, God ushers in His new creation, promised to Believers since the beginning of time. Isaiah was given this promise when God told him, *“behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness”* (Isaiah 65:17-18). Nearly 800 years later, the Apostle John was shown the same promise but in greater detail. He says, *“I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them’”* (Revelation 21:1-3). This is what God told Ezekiel would happen when He said, *“Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever”* (Ezekiel 43:7a). During this time, all Believers will be with God and He Himself *“will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away”* (Revelation 21:4). In our broken world, here is a promise to hold

dear! John looked on New Jerusalem and said he *“saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life”* (Revelation 21:22-27).

In this New Jerusalem, John was shown *“a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever”* (Revelation 22:1-5).

This is **the end** of the old earth and the world’s sad story of sin, horror, and brutality, but it is the beginning of our eternal lives, purchased from sin and death by the blood of Jesus, to BE where HE IS. May we all straighten up when He declares: *“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end”* (Revelation 22:12-13).