ALL THINGS NEW: AWAKENING to a HOPE that RESTORES

REVELATION 21:1-15





Observation: What is happening?

- John sees a new heaven and new earth
- The holy city, New Jerusalem, descends from heaven
- God's dwelling is with humanity
- Every tear wiped away; no more death or pain
- God declares: "I am making everything new"

Isaiah 2:4

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Romans 13:11-12

and put on the armor of *light*.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness

Isaiah 65:17-19

For behold, I create *new heavens and a new earth*, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Matthew 24:42-44

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

So you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Interpretation: What can we learn?

- Hope begins with God making all things new
- Hope awakens us to live differently today
- Hope transforms us from the inside out

Application: How should we live?

- Live as people of the New Creation
- Wake up to the hope of Christ
- Share the hope of Christ with others



