



Gaining A Strategic Grasp of Scripture

The Ages To Come: The Rest Of God & The Depensation Of The Fulness of Times

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The Rest of God

- Revelation 21:1-2—are set after the Great White Throne and introduce the reader to two issues:
- Revelation 21:1—the first issue is the new heaven and new earth.
 - II Peter 3:6-7
- Revelation 21:2—John sees the “the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven.”
- Revelation 21:3—notice that when this happens God is tabernacle and dwell with men.
- Psalm 132:8, 13-14—the rest of the Lord will be accomplished when he dwells in Zion forever. This is what is being accomplished in Rev. 21:3

The Rest of God

- Revelation 21:4-8—it during the eternal state that the curse is lifted and there is no more sorrow and death.
 - Isaiah 25:8; 30:10
- In verses 5 and 6 three distinct things are said:
 - Behold, I make all things new
 - These words are faithful and true
 - It is done
- Revelation 21:9-21—describes the city.
- Revelation 21:22—God Almighty and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) are the temple of the New Jerusalem according to verse 22.
- Revelation 21:23-27—only those whose names are written the book of life will have access to the city.
 - When we reach this point, all things offend have been judged and dealt with.

Dispensation of the Fulness of Times

- Revelation 22:1-7—further elaborates on things described in Chapter 21.
- Ephesians 1:10—when are all things in heaven and earth gathered together in Christ?
 - Now during the dispensation grace?
 - During the 70th week of Daniel?
 - During the Millennium?
 - During the eternal state?
- The dispensation of the fulness of times is a yet future dispensation when the purpose for which God created time is accomplished. When all the structures of governmental authority in the universe are centered under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Colossians 1:15-20

Dispensation of the Fulness of Times

- In the eternal state, what Paul's the dispensation of the fulness of times heaven and earth will work together in seamless harmony as Israel administers the authority of God in the earth and the body of Christ in the heavenly places.
- The New Jerusalem will be suspended above the earth and serve as the command center for the entire universe.
 - Genesis 28:12
 - John 1:51

Dispensation of the Fulness of Times

- Ephesians 2:7—in the ages to come God is going to be putting the riches of his grace on full display for all eternity.

The Bible in a Nutshell

- II Timothy 2:15—Paul tells you the Bible needs to be rightly divided.
- Ephesians 2 tells you how to do it.
- Time Past (Eph. 2:11-12)
 - Genesis through Malachi
 - Matthew through John
 - Acts 1-7 (Israel Fall in Acts 7)
- But Now (Eph. 2:13-18)
 - Acts 9-28 (Period of Israel's Diminishing)
 - Romans through Philemon
- Ages to Come (Eph. 2:7)
 - Hebrews through Revelation