

“A ‘New Year’ Message ...”

**“Behold, I am making all things
NEW!”**

II Peter 3:11-14; Revelation 21-22



Introduction: Since the beginning of the gathering of God’s elect, the Church ... it has been those who believe in Jesus Christ who have been found standing firm against the world.

Believers are LIGHT in the midst of the darkness!

Though this world will come to an end, God promises a new beginning to those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ!!

II Peter 1:13-15: “I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder ...” (vs. 13).

You and your children need to know what lies ahead and to live every day with the sure and certain hope that God offers His children.

I. There WILL be an end to this world!

II Peter 3:11-12: “... waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!” (vs. 12).

Revelation 21:1: “... for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away !”

Revelation 19:11-16: “From His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations ... He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty” (vs. 15).

Revelation 20:11-15: “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne ... And the dead were judged ... And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (vss. 12,15).

The destination of the majority of people living in the world at this moment is described by God as “eternal death .”

II Peter 3:7: “... by the same word the heavens and earth that NOW exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”

We who believe today, like Noah in the days leading up to the flood, are God’s witnesses in these days.

Matthew 24:37-39: “... they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” (vs. 39).

John 15:18-21: “... but because you are NOT of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you” (vs. 19).

Hebrews 11:13-16, 12:1-3: “... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ...” (12:1-2).

II. There WILL be a new beginning for those who are in Christ!

II Peter 3:13: “... WE are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Revelation 21:1-5: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people ...” (vs. 3).

Titus 2:11-14: “... to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ ...” (vss. 12-13).

WE are a “chosen people,” a people special to the Lord!!

Revelation is written to the churches, to the Body of Christ, to the chosen.

It is the Church, the people of God, who stand against the world and who overcome, even in death, because we know what lies ahead!

Revelation 21:9-27: “But nothing unclean will ever enter it ... but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life” (vs. 27).

Ephesians 3:7-13: “... so that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known ... according to His eternal purpose ... in Christ Jesus our Lord” (vss. 10-11).

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29: “... let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe ...” (vs. 28).

Revelation 22:3-5: “... and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face ...” (vss. 3-4).