

The Consummation:

Comfort in the Promise of Communion with God

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Progression of 7 Cycles

◆ Commission

1. 7 seals: scouts

◆ Prosecution of war

2. 7 trumpets: effects on earth

3. 7 symbolic accounts: characters

4. 7 bowls: more effects on earth

◆ Elimination of evil

5. 7 messages about Babylon:

6. white horse: power source

7. white throne: all evil

culmination

Consummation: Outline

- ◆ **A. The Importance of the End**
- ◆ **B. Absolute Judgment (20:11-15)**
- ◆ **C. God's Absolute Triumph
(21:1-22:5)**

A.

The Importance of the Consummation

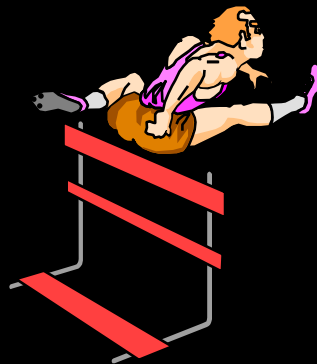
Nonconsummation Goals

Present action

fixed by

Goal

- ◆ Save money
- ◆ Spend money
- ◆ Promote revolution
- ◆ Political activism
- ◆ Passive meditation
- ◆ Children's security
- ◆ Personal pleasure
- ◆ Communist society
- ◆ Democratic peace
- ◆ Nirvana



Consummation Goals

Present action

- ◆ Obey (3:3)
- ◆ Eternal life
- ◆ Purity (3:4)
- ◆ In Christ (3:20)

Christocentric Goal

- ◆ Rule (22:1)
- ◆ Life (1:18; 22:2)
- ◆ Purity (19:11; 21:27)
- ◆ 1 Cor. 15:45;
Phil. 3:21; Eph. 1:10

← **IN CHRIST** →

B. Absolute Judgment at the Consummation

Rev. 20:11-15

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

Revelation 20:13-15

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Benefits of Consummation (20:11-15)

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Godly
Fear



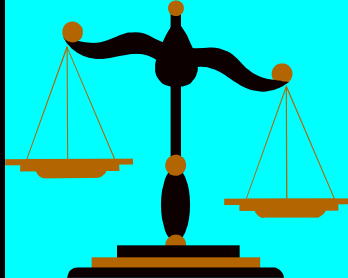
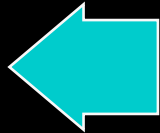
Reject folly

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- ◆ Strength under persecution
- ◆ Evil will lose
- ◆ God rectifies
- ◆ Leads to 21:1-8

Righteousness in the Consummation

Past



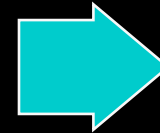
Rectify
inequities

Present

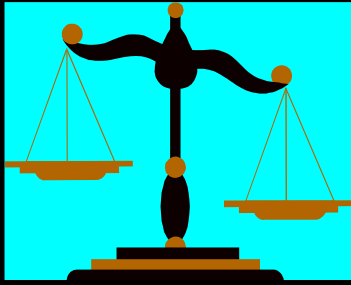


Public
display of
right

Future



Permanent
purity



Rectification in Consummation

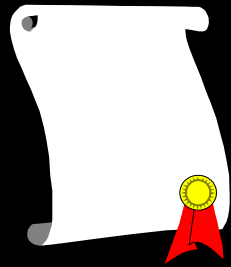
- ◆ In history: Nebuchadnezzar, communism, humanism
- ◆ Final Judgment of history:
 - judgment of all previous time;
 - deals with every wrong;
 - most intense judgment.
- ◆ The seriousness of judgment is displayed in the cross.

Display of God in Consummation

- ◆ Display of truth, 20:12
- ◆ Display of God's presence, 20:11
- ◆ Display of persons, 20:13
- ◆ No caviling, "every mouth silenced," Rom. 3:19

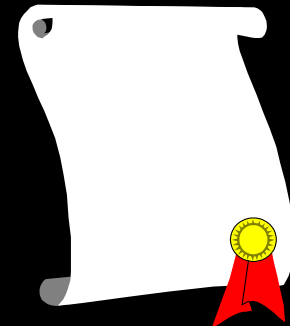


I see.



Purity of the Consummation

- ◆ Fire, Mal. 4:1; Rev. 20:15
- ◆ Crushing, Isa. 63:3; Rev. 14:20
- ◆ Purity, Rev. 21:27
- ◆ With certainty, Rev. 10:6-7; 21:5



C. God's Triumph in the Consummation

Rev. 21:1-22:5

Triumph in the Consummation

- ◆ **Extent: whole of heaven and earth, 21:1**
- ◆ **Full intensity, 21:23; 22:4-5**
- ◆ **Perfectly planned, 21:15-17**
- ◆ **Gloriously beautiful, 21:18-21; 22:1-5**



Inheritance in Consummation

God

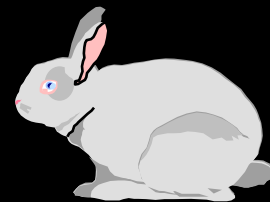
(Rev. 22:4)

in him

all things

We inherit this!

Me too!



Materiality in the Consummation

- ◆ Christ has flesh and bones (Luke 24:39).
- ◆ He is a pattern for us (1 Cor. 15:45-49; Phil. 3:21).
- ◆ And for creation (Rom. 8:17-25).
- ◆ The new is physical.

Christ



we

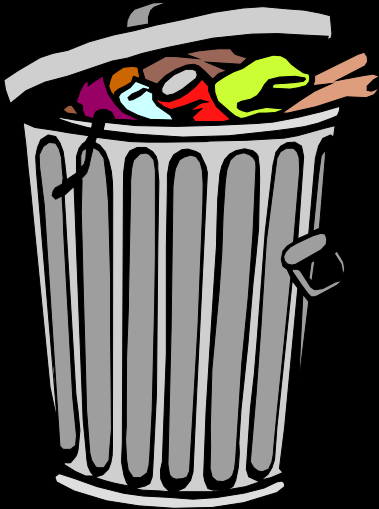
new earth

First Things in Consummation

First things



Discarded



Renewed



New Eden

Renewal in the Consummation

- ◆ “New heavens” from Isa. 65:17-25
- ◆ Christ’s resurrection body
- ◆ You are saved, not a substitute
- ◆ 2 Pet. 3:10 connotes radical purification
- ◆ New Jerusalem is Philadelphia, renewed!
- ◆ With God, you lose nothing good.

Meaning in the Consummation

◆ God loves his people (John 15:15).



◆ He is Incalculable (1 Cor. 2:9; 13:12).



Christ in the Consummation

Already

- ◆ Down payment
- ◆ Resurrection life
- ◆ Heavenly citizen
- ◆ God's presence

Yet to Come

- ◆ Full inheritance
- ◆ Resurrection
- ◆ New Jerusalem
- ◆ God's presence

← IN CHRIST →

Trust Looking for Consummation

Past

Future

God triumphed
in the cross
and resurrection



God will
triumph

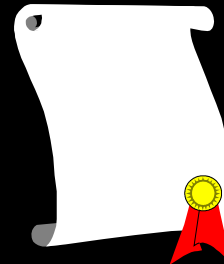
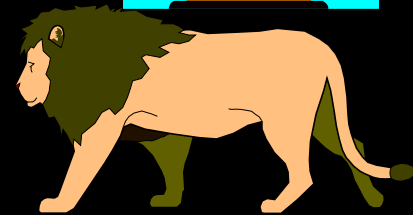
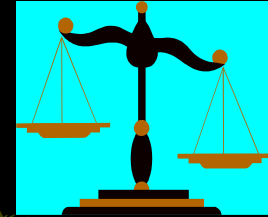
First Coming

Second Coming



Trust in God through Christ

- ◆ **Justice:** He establishes right
- ◆ **Power:** He is able to
- ◆ **Faithfulness:** It is certain
- ◆ **Goodness:** Everything you need



Demonstrated in Christ

D. Sing Revelation

Song from Rev. 19:6-7

**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns. (2X)**

**Let us rejoice and be glad and give
the glory unto him.**

**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.**

Song from Rev. 4:11

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

**Thou art worthy to receive glory,
glory, and honor, and power.**

**For Thou hast created--
hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.**

**And for Thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

Song from Rev. 5:9-14

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lamb.**

**Thou art worthy To receive glory
And power at the Father's right hand.**

**For Thou hast redeemed us,
Hast ransomed and cleansed us,
By thy blood setting us free;**

**In white robes arrayed us, Kings and priests
made us, And we are reigning in Thee.**