

7 *TH C OF HISTORY: CONSUMMATION*

Text: Revelation 21-22

SUMMARY—In the beginning, God created a perfect world. It was a beautiful place, a place full of life. Death, disease, pain, and suffering did not exist. Adam's disobedience changed all that. When he ate the fruit God had told him not to eat, sin and death entered the world so much that what we see today in the world is only a reflection of the world that was. Adam's sin led to the catastrophe of Noah's day, the confusion at Babel, and the death of Christ on the cross. Is there an end in sight?

Death has been around almost as long as humans have. Sometimes it might seem as if it's always been a part of God's creation. Romans 8 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of Adam's sin. Of course, none of us can say that we have not also disobeyed God in our own lives (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:10), so all of us in a sense share in the blame for the pain and suffering we see going on in the world today.

God, in His great mercy, however, has promised not to leave His creation in its sinful state. He has promised to do away with the corruption that Adam brought into the world. He has promised to someday remove the curse He placed on His creation (Revelation 22:3) and to make a new heaven and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13). In this new place there will be no disease, death, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). What a marvelous place! This study is about the end of time and the place the Lord has prepared for His people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What things do we deal with now that we don't have to deal with in the new heavens and Earth?
2. How will this event affect you and the universe you live in?

RESOURCES ON THE WEB

answersingenesis.org/articles/ka/v8/n1/consummation
answersingenesis.org/get-answers/features/genesis-does-it-matter

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." Revelation 21:1