

REVELATION

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THE REDEMPTION OF CREATION AND CULTURE!

REVELATION 21

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God's Kingdom Coming to Earth

- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming _____ out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them." (Rev 21:1-3)

The Big Idea of Isaiah 60 and Revelation 21:24

- The New Jerusalem, the capital city of the New Earth, will usher in the glory, honor and _____ of all the nations of the world.

-> "The kings of the earth will bring their _____ into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought _____ the New Jerusalem." (Rev 21:24b-26)

Cultural Treasures Brought into the New Jerusalem (Isaiah 60)

- "Young _____ of Midian and Ephah" (v6a)
- "_____ and incense from Sheba" (v6b)
- "Flocks of _____ from Kedar" (v7a)
- "_____ of Nebaioth" (v7b)
- "_____ from Tarshish" (v9)
- "Trees and _____ from Lebanon" (v13)

Case Study in Judgment/Transformation of Cultural Treasures

Judgment Against All Forms of Cultural Pride

- “The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled): for all cedars of _____...for every ship of _____...” (Isaiah 2:12-13)

Judgment Against the Lumber of Lebanon

- “The Lord will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe, and Lebanon with its majestic _____ will fall.” (Isaiah 10:34)

Judgment Against the Ships of Tarshish

- “Wail, O _____ of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid to waste.” (Isaiah 23:14)

Judgment Leads to Transformation, Not Annihilation of Cultural Treasures

- “For the coastlands shall wait for me, the _____ of _____ first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and gold with them...the _____ of _____ shall come to you... to beautify the place of my sanctuary.” (Isaiah 60:9-13)

Why does God even care about the cultural treasure of this world?

- “The earth is the Lord’s, and the _____ thereof...” (Psalm 24:1)

How Far Reaching is Christ’s Redemption?

- Christ’s redemption will reach as far as the _____ is found, even to _____

The Scope of Christ’s Redemption

- 1) Inspires _____ and _____
- 2) Inspires _____ and _____
- 3) Inspires _____ our _____
- 4) Inspires _____ and _____