

There Was No More Sea

Introduction

Revelation 21:1-8

1. **The ancient Jews were not a seafaring people.**
 - A. **For the most part, the sea was an object of terror to them.**
 - B. **Their writings reflect its perils and the power to destroy.**
2. **John's words in the text are symbolic.**
 - A. **While on the isle of Patmos, he foresaw an age in which there will be no more sea!**

No Sea of Separation

1. **The sea is a divider. It separates land from land and people from people.**
 - A. **When John wrote this, he was separated from his brethren by the Aegean Sea**

Revelation 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2. **Today there are things that stand between man and man: the seas of misunderstanding, enmity, jealousy, suspicion, and even death.**
3. **In the future, there will be nothing to separate brother from brother. Spiritual ties will be unbroken. Loneliness unknown.**
Revelation 3:12
Revelation 21:3

No Sea of Painful Mystery

1. The sea held mystery.

A. To the ancient people who stood on the shore and gazed toward the distant horizon, the sea held a great mystery.

1) What lies beyond? What lies beneath?

2. Today, life holds many mysteries.

A. It has horizons beyond which we cannot see, depths we cannot comprehend.

B. We can know only in part.

1) This is true in science, in religion, and in life (its pain, sorrow, joy).

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

3. In the spiritual world, the mist and haze of life's mystery shall be cleared away.

A. Faith shall be lost in sight; we shall see face to face!

1 Corinthians 13:12

1 John 3:2

Revelation 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

No Sea of Unrest

- 1. The sea is forever in motion.**
 - A. It is a symbol of people's constant unrest.**
 - 1) People are always finding themselves in changing conditions.**

- 2. In the present world, nothing is ever the same.**
 - A. There is unrest in the political world and the social world.**
 - B. There is unrest in the physical and spiritual conditions of man.**
 - 1) In fact, the "beast" of worldliness arose out of a sea of unrest.**
Revelation 13:1
Isaiah 57:20-21

Hebrews 13:14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

- 3. In heaven, there will be no unrest, no agitation, and no commotion.**

Hebrews 4:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Job 3:17 There the wicked cease from troubling, And there the weary are at rest.

No Sea of Danger and Death

- 1. The sea held fear and dread for the ancient people.**
 - A. Ships were poorly built; they had no compass and lighthouses to guide them.**
 - 1) Many sailed out to sea never to return.**
 - 2) Friends and loved ones had made the sea their grave.**

Revelation 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- 2. In the voyage of life, there are those who seek to submerge us.**
 - A. Brethren have made shipwreck of their faith.**
1 Timothy 1:18-20
- 3. In the spirit world, the sea of danger and death are unknown.**
 - A. This is a place of peace and eternal security!**
Matthew 6:19-21

Revelation 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Conclusion

- 1. We are all heading for an end.**
- 2. Let us live in such a way that we can be where there is:**
 - A. No sea of separation**
 - B. No sea of painful mystery**
 - C. No sea of unrest**
 - D. No sea of danger and death**
- 3. Let's look forward to the day where we will always be together in an eternal heaven where there will be constant rest!**

