

2 Peter 3:14-16

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Text: 2 Peter 3:14-16 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Look for such things

2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

New heavens and new earth is the kingdom age

Revelation 21:1 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. 2 And I John saw the **holy city**, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will **dwell** with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall **wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that **overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Revelation 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came **out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall **dwell among them**. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall **wipe away all tears from their eyes**.

Be Diligent

Hebrews 4:11 Let us **labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all **diligence, add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election **sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Diligent rule

Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the **diligent shall bear rule**: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs 22:29 Seest thou a man **diligent** in his business? he shall **stand before kings**; he shall not stand before mean men.

With out spot

Job 11:14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it **far away**, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. 15 For then

shalt thou lift up thy face **without spot**; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

Washing by the word

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Blameless by obeying the commandments

Luke 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord **blameless**.

Sons of God are blameless

Philippians 2:15 That ye may be **blameless** and harmless, the **sons of God**, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Your time to repent is now

2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering to us-ward, not willing** that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Study to be approved

2Timothy 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.