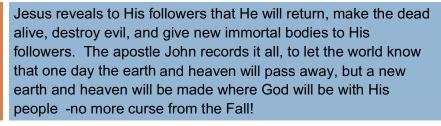
THE STORY OF GOD

John 14:1-3 Revelation 21-22





GOD: He reveals in His final blueprint, that there will be people of the New Covenant from every nation & tribe from the earth. He orchestrated this amazing Story because He desires to live with us. HUMANS: Because of trust in Jesus, one day we will be with God in His Kingdom, like Adam & Eve once did – only for eternity. Those who don't trust Jesus will be outside the Kingdom, in darkness.

Remember: "The climax of history will be the creation of a new heavens and a New Earth, a resurrected universe inhabited by resurrected people living with the resurrected Jesus." - Randy Alcorn

- Above all, "the end" is to SPARK HOPE for all who believe in Christ... Even in the DARKEST TIMES.
- The book of Revelation may be positioned at the end of the Bible, but it paints a picture of the <u>NEW BEGINNING</u>. (for the believer & the unbeliever Revelation 21:5-8)
- Although we see a new beginning, it has <u>ALWAYS</u> been the plan.

READ:

Genesis 3:8 – "When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees."

Revelation 21:3 – "I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.""

- *What similarities do you see? (God WANTS to be with them)
- *What differences do you see? (Genesis we run. Revelation we stay put.)
- *Does knowing that God wants to be with us, cause you to want to be with him? Why or why not?

Consider what being <u>WITH HIM</u> will be like: No <u>SIN</u>. No <u>SADNESS</u>. No <u>PAIN</u>. No <u>DEATH</u>.

- *How will you be different without these things present?
- *How will your relationships with others be different without these things present?

For the Christ-follower, because of all He has done to <u>RESCUE</u> us, it will be a joy to join with all of Heaven singing: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."