

**The Expectations of New**

**Revelation 21:1-7** <sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the One seated on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then He said, "Write this down, for these words are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup>And He told me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>The one who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. (BSB)

**I. Here are the details of this passage.**

- A.** The physical world as we know it now will all \_\_\_\_\_. We will have a new physical reality. V. 1-2
- B.** We will have a face-to-face \_\_\_\_\_ with God. V. 3
- C.** The \_\_\_\_\_ that we face now will no longer be around. V. 4
- D.** We should live \_\_\_\_\_ if we really believe that new is coming. This is the very definition of \_\_\_\_\_! V. 5-6
- E.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ our hope to this life. This is what gives us the strength to overcome. V. 7

**II. How can we apply these truths to this new year and to the rest of our life?**

- A.** We still must be good stewards to the \_\_\_\_\_. Just because it will someday be replaced does not mean that we can neglect to be good stewards of what God has entrusted us with.
- B.** We can live \_\_\_\_\_ as if the new reality has begun in our relationship with God. He desires that we walk \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
- C.** We can allow God to \_\_\_\_\_ us of all our sorrows. He doesn't intend for them to dominate our life now.
- D.** We must allow our hope to change the way we \_\_\_\_\_ everything now.