

The Three Eternal Destinies #176 *And Death Shall be no More for Them*

Rev 21:4 – “And death shall be no more for them” — that is, for the men in verse 3. This is speaking of the death in Heb 9:27, after which men of the nations will be raised to stand in the judgment to determine their eternal destiny. Death shall be no more for those whose names were found in the Book of Life (Rev 20:15 and 22:12). They are the “men” in Rev 21:3, the same as those in Rev 21:24 – the men and women of the nations of the eternal age. Their names were found in the Book of Life because of their “persistence in doing good” (Rom 2:7). They went through a great struggle to keep a good conscience, enduring great anguish, remorse, suffering, hurt and pain. They suffered rejection whenever they refused to “go with the flow” of this present perverse age. They suffered through wars, starvation, floods, tornadoes, loss of life and limb and loved ones, drought, divorce, murders, theft... Oh, so many things. And that will be no more and all the tears they shed because of those things will be no more (Rev 21:4).

This death in Rev 21:4 is not speaking of the spiritual men who are now God’s home or His Body. They were saved from death in this present age, as Jn 5:24 says.

The death in Mt 25:41 is the eternal death of Rev 21:8 for those who practice such sins as these. The men of Rev 21:4 did not practice these kinds of sins and were *worthy* of the second life. This is how we know what we know about the difference between the Dwelling of God and the men of Rev 21:3. The men now become God’s people, in whose midst His holy ones, who house the Godhead bodily, will be *Immanue / —God among*” these men of the nations.

Those who had stepped over the line against Him in Isa 66:24 and committed sins as Rev 21:8 will face a second and eternal death. Isa 66:15-16; 2 Ths 1:8-9 — This is the judgment at the end of this age for men like Isa 66:17 and Isa 65:4. The Amplified Bible says in Isa 66:24 that they have “stepped over” (Mk 9:48).

Isa 25:8 and 35:10 refer to the millennial period, while Rev 21:4 is the Eternal Day. He does for the nations in the Eternal Day what he did for the Holy in the Millennial Day. Here in Rev 21:3 the Holy are God’s very own Body or dwelling, His abode, who are *among* the nations eternally.