

Mission Festival 2007
Sunday Morning Message to Chapelgate – Scotty Smith

A FILLED EARTH AND A GATHERED PEOPLE:
Living in God's Story to God's Glory with God's Joy - Revelation 21:1-6

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

I. A “FILLED” EARTH

- **The “New-Creation World” of perfect peace and righteousness.**

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

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II. A GATHERED PEOPLE

- **A “City” radiant with the joy of its bridal-population.**

2 I saw the Holy City, the “new” Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

- **A Family alive with perfected relationships and redeemed stories.**

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people(s), and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

“The Tiger and the Piglets”... will lie down together!

III. A LOVING SAVIOR – who makes all things new and slakes our deepest thirst

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

- Jesus began his ministry dealing thirst at a wedding in Cana of Galilee (Jn. 2)
- He offered living water to the thirsty broken woman at the Well (Jn. 4)

- Jesus told the teeming crowds around the Sea of Galilee that to believe in him is to **never** thirst again (Jn. 6)
- He cried out in a loud voice to the religious crowds in the temple... with the free offer of streams of living water for the thirsty (Jn. 7)
- He willingly endured the greatest of all thirsts for us on the cross

Isaiah 11:1-10 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord— 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.