

## 14—The New Creation

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### INTRO:

#### I. THE GREAT ISAIAH SCROLL

- A. Discovered 1947, dated 125 BC, 24 ft x 10 in
- B. 20 other copies, 6 pesharim

#### II. → **Isaiah 65:17-25**

*“For behold, I am creating [participle, bowrey] new heavens and a new earth.*

*The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.*

*But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,”*

a) Heb (*bowrey*) the participle also describes action in progress and depicts the action as dynamically unfolding in the very course of the narrative, it depicts continual linear action, atemporal

→ 18 *“for behold, I am creating Jerusalem to be a joy and her people a delight.*

*I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in her no more.”*

→ 20 *“Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fulfill his days; the child will die when he is a hundred years old, but the sinner will be cursed for a hundred years.”*

→ 21 *“They **shall build** houses and dwell in them; they **shall plant** vineyards and eat their fruit.*

*No longer will they build and others dwell, no longer will they plant and others eat.*

*For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy*

*the work of their hands.”*

→ 23 *“They will not labor in vain,  
nor will they bear children doomed for destruction;  
for they will be a **seed blessed** by the Lord,  
they and their offspring with them.*

*And it **shall be**, before they call I will answer;  
while they are still speaking I will hear.”*

→ 25 *The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
and dust will be the serpent’s food.  
They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,”  
says the LORD.*

## **BODY:**

### **I. A Joyful People**

18 *“for behold, I am creating Jerusalem to be a **joy**  
and her people a **delight**.  
the sound of weeping and of crying  
will be heard in her no more.”*

A. In every generation God is re-creating his people.

1) **Revelation 21:1-2**

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

2) **THE FIRST AND SECOND DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM**

B. We do not just need more recreation, we need a re-creation.

1) **2 Corinthians 5:17**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old  
things have passed away; behold, all things have become  
new. (NKJV)*

2) **NOT GETTING STUCK IN THE PAST**

## II. A Fruitful Worker

21 "They shall **build** houses and dwell in them;  
they shall **plant** vineyards and eat their fruit.  
my chosen ones will long enjoy  
the **work** of their hands."

A. God designed every one of us to productive and fruitful.

1) **Genesis 3:17-18**

*"Cursed is the ground because of you;  
through painful toil you will eat food from it  
all the days of your life.*

*It will produce thorns and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants of the field."*

2) **BOYS LEARNING THE JOY OF WORKING HARD**

B. God has a mission for us in every season of our lives.

1) **Ephesians 2:10**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do  
good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

2) **CAMP THE ONLY GUARANTEED FRUIT**

## III. A Blessed Seed

23 "They will not labor in vain,  
nor will they bear **children** doomed for destruction;  
for they will be a **seed blessed** by the Lord,  
they and their **offspring** with them."

A. It is our call to pass on the blessings we have received.

1) **Romans 8:18-19**

*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth  
comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the  
creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God  
to be revealed.*

2) **BLINDSIDE—HE'S CHANGING MINE**

(Michael Oher, Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy)

B. No matter how much we give, He always gives back more.

1) **Revelation 21:4-5**

*"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (NKJV)*

2) **DAD TELLING ME TO PASS ON THE BLESSINGS**

### **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Galatians 6:14-15

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world . . . what counts is the new creation.

Revelation 21:10-11

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God.