

**08 – God’s big picture - The Perfected kingdom****The great reversal**

Sin ... infected our world at every level.

... Genesis 3:15, the offspring of Adam and Eve, the new Adam, has crushed the serpent’s, Satan’s head.

... we NOW live in a period called the ‘last days’ where the message of salvation needs to be proclaimed to the entire world.

**Book of Revelation**

... all about God revealing his plans

... that God wins over Satan and sin, and God’s kingdom purposes have not been thwarted

**The old is gone****Revelation 20**

Satan’s plans to bring God’s kingly rule undone are going to be over forever

... complete judgement of humanity.

... 1000 years

= a long period of time.

... amillennialist ... no literal 1000 year reign

... sin and death and Satan and all that he stands for will go fully and completely.

**The new has come****a) A new creation**

Rev 21:1, ‘then I saw a new heaven for the first earth and the first heaven had passed away.’”

Creation is renewed once sin and Satan are gone for good.

... liberated from its bondage to decay.

Our experience of life will be new and perfect.

... Rev 21:4

Our relationship with God will be restored.

Revelation 22 ... back to where we are started

**BUT No sin or Satan around**

**b) A New Jerusalem**

**Rev 21:2 ... a new place that God gathers his people together in**

**c) A new temple**

**Rev 21:3 ... God will be dwelling with his people**

**Rev 21:22, “I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”**

**The kingdom of God**

**God’s redeemed people... from every nation tribe and tongue**

**Living in God’s perfect place ... the new heavens and the new earth, the new Jerusalem**

**Living under God’s perfect rule & blessing ... gathered around the throne**

**... we are not there yet.**

**Revelation 22:20 “come Lord Jesus, come”**

**For us today**

**1) Pray**

**= an expression of our trust in God’s plans and purposes and also a reminder of what we want to live for...**

**2) Remember**

**... the best is yet to come..**

**a) we should not expect all of heaven yet.**

**b) the choices we make**

**... sinful, self-focussed pleasures that might be offered to us in this life on earth are not worth comparing to what is ahead.**

**My one thing**