



**Act IV: Work in the Age of Restoration**  
**Revelation 21**  
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Revelation 21:1–4

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (ESV)

**Biblical Exegesis Excursus: The Now and The Not Yet of Our Redemption**

How are we to understand the Restoration of Work in the New Creation

1. We will work in the New Heaven which is not a garden, but a city (Revelation 21)
  - a. Whose New City Is It?
  - b. What is going to happen?
  - c. Who is going to be there?
2. Restored to what work was....or restored to what work will be?
  - a. Not Plan B (Acts 2:22-24)
  - b. The supremacy of the final Revelation of Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2)



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3. God's Desire to Give Us Hope As His Redeemed
  - a. Hope to create: Revelation 21:5
  - b. Hope to persevere: Romans 8:18-21
  - c. Hope to steward: Matthew 25:14-30
  - d. Hope to speak about true faith: Philemon 6

### Discussion Questions:

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1. NOW AND THE NOT YET • How do you expect to read your Bible differently in light of the now and the not yet aspect of Scripture? How does this tension help you have a renewed view of the world and culture?
2. THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH • What most encompasses your mind and your imagination when you think about what Christ's coming will inaugurate? How does this connect to your everyday work today?
3. APPLICATION • In thinking about hope, in the four categories mentioned where do you most need hope? Why?
4. APPLICATION • In thinking of joining God in the renewal of all things, where do you see specific opportunities to bring redemptive edges into your industry?
5. APPLICATION • How can you begin to tell this better story of what is to come in a way that helps others see the true future the way God does? How can you begin to build a bridge with those who don't take the Bible seriously?