



The Final Frontier

- ❖ What do we celebrate on July 4?
- ❖ From who?
- ❖ Which document declared our new destiny?

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- ❖ 234 years ago we declared we were no longer citizens of our former country.
 - ❖ We would from that time forward be citizens of a new country.
 - ❖ That country is deteriorating, and its promise is fading
 - ❖ It never could fulfill our needs and calling
 - ❖ Yet our desire for the promises is real and good

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Hebrews 11:8 & 10 and 13-16, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.... for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”

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- ❖ We are among a vast multitude God has called to set our hearts and sights on yet another country...
- ❖ The last new country

Revelation 21:1-5, Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

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.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

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- ❖ Where does God plan for us to spend eternity?
 - ❖ We have an eternal destiny
 - ❖ It is the perfection of everything God ever intended for us.

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- ❖ Genesis 1:26-2:25
 - ❖ God has never changed His desire for our lives
 - ❖ And He didn’t surrender them to the devil’s corruption
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- ❖ We are blessed to live in the greatest nation on earth
- ❖ The United States of America has provided people with God authored liberty and freedom
- ❖ But even this great country was never intended to provide perfection
- ❖ Only God can do that...
- ❖ And He plans to do it personally!

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- ❖ Realize that our time here is not permanent or perfect...
 - ❖ It's not supposed to be.
 - ❖ The longings we have for a rich, fulfilling life,
 - ❖ Free from trouble, sorrow and pain,
 - ❖ Are good, right and true!
 - ❖ If the Spirit of God is in us,
 - ❖ We want what He wants for us...
 - ❖ And that has not changed

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- ❖ Like the father of our faith, Abraham...
 - ❖ According to what is described in Revelation...
 - ❖ Set your affection on the new heaven, and the new hearth,
 - ❖ Where God will dwell with us in sinless perfection
 - ❖ Because that is our destiny!