

HOW THE STORY ENDS ... AND BEGINS

Revelation 20:1–22:21

It seems there's a lot of bad news lately. A sample of recent news headlines report and warn of disconcerting realities that range from escalating humanitarian crises to fatal school shootings, from potential radiation leaks to continued civil unrest, from soaring gas prices to spreading wildfires. Add to the mix a combination of health concerns, growing fatigue, financial strain, relational tensions, feelings of purposelessness, and spiritual apathy and it's difficult to avoid being overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty. However, times like these should prompt God's people to be reminded of *how* the story ends, *what* the future holds, and *how* God wins. This isn't to bury our heads in the sand and ignore the fallenness of the world but, instead, to behold afresh the *good news* of the hope we've been given that can energize, give endurance, restore joy, inspire thanksgiving, and spark true anticipation in spite of all the *bad news*.

Four Things For Which We Wait

1. In the End, Evil Is Destroyed 20:1–3, 7–15; 21:8

2. In the End, Faithfulness Is Rewarded 20:4–6

3. In the End, God Dwells With Us 21:1–7, 9–27

4. In the End, Peace Is Established 22:1–5

Three Things To Do While We Wait

1. Worship 22:6–9
2. Wash 22:10–16
3. Watch 22:17–21