

“A New Beginning”
II Corinthians 5:1-21
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Introduction: The longest continuous prophecy in the entire Bible – Isaiah 40:1-66:24

I. Fulfillment - Cyrus or Jesus (44:28-45:1 / 61:1 & 42:1 / Ezra 1:1-4 & Luke 4:16-21)

- a. Babylon will be humiliated - Isaiah 47:1-14 (Proverbs 11:2 / 16:18)
- b. Babylon's destruction will lead to deliverance for God's people - Isaiah 43:16-19 / Jeremiah 16:14-15
- c. A deliverance that is the background for his vision of a new heavens and earth - 65:17-18
- d. A deliverance that leaves death in place - 65:20-23
- e. A restoration of Old Covenant promises - 66:19-23 (Deuteronomy 28:1-14 / Matthew 5:3-11 & 26:27-28)

II. The old has passed away the new has come! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

- a. Grace and truth instead of the law - John 1:17 & 4:21-24 / Philippians 3:3 (Colossians 3:16)
- b. Not only our worship but the whole world - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (Isaiah 65:17 / Revelation 21:1, 5)
- c. It has changed how we see others - (14-16) Galatians 6:15 / 1 Corinthians 7:19 / Romans 2:29
- d. A big change for Paul and the church - Philippians 3:4-9 / Acts 15 (Isaiah 56:6-7) Ephesians 2:11-19
- e. It has changed our relationship with God - (18-20) Isaiah 44:22-23 / Colossians 2:14-15

III. Reconciliation is a two way street - 20 (Amos 3:3)

IV. Hope and change - Ephesians 1:13-14 / Romans 8:23 (Acts 2:16-21; 33-36)