



In Revelation 4:8 and 7:15 it says they praised God and served Him “day and night.” But in Revelation 21:25 and 22:5 it says there will be no night. Which is it?

This question is an example of some of the questions that have come during one of our recent studies on the book of Revelation.

There are a couple of possible answers to that specific question.

1) In both chapter 4 and chapter 7 the apostle John is getting a glimpse into heaven. These glimpses are visions of heaven prior to the time Christ returns on The Last Day to bring an end to this world (sometimes called “Judgement Day”). Revelation 21 and 22 describe how Jesus will create the New Heaven and New Earth that everyone who follows Jesus will inhabit for eternity. It is on this New Earth that there will be no night, due to the fact that the light of God - who will be constantly visibly present - illumines the world. So, it is correct to say that prior to Christ’s return we still have day and night, since it is only after His return that we are told there will be no more night.

2) The book of Revelation is the type of writing known as “apocalyptic literature.” Apocalyptic writings make great use of symbolism, so saying “night and day” could simply be a symbolic way of saying “all the time” or “constantly.”

The Book of Revelation is a very encouraging and comforting book that was written to give great hope and courage to Christians living in the midst of an anti-Christian world. And it’s not the ‘scary puzzle’ many have made it out to be. I’d invite you to join one of our studies to find the hope and courage we need as Christians living in our times! Men’s Study on Tuesdays at 6:30 or Sunday Morning Study at 9:00

Thanks for asking,
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