

Communion Meditation

Revelation 21.1-4 "No More Sea" December 8th, 2019

From Pearl Harbor to Midway

- Japanese navy attacked Pearl Harbor Dec 7, 1941 (78th anniversary)
 - Destroyed many ships and planes, 2400 lives – but not 3 aircraft carriers
- Admiral Yamamoto – “I fear all we have done is awaken a sleeping giant.”
- Devised 2nd strike against Midway Island – between Hawaii and Japan
 - Torpedo bombers failed – Dive bombers succeeded (without GPS)
 - Four Japanese aircraft carriers were sunk – “providential history”

v1 ~ “No More Sea” – Ocean – “Great Deep”

- Surprising that NKJV does not contain “ocean” / “great deep” or “sea”
- John seems to write “Also there was no more sea” as an afterthought
- But even we in Omaha, far from oceans, have high regard for oceans
- !!!: Show of hands – Married adults who’ve not seen ocean (*thalassophobia*)

Ocean Has Been Romanticized – Many Popular Songs

- “Sailing” by C Cross 1979 / “Edmund Fitzgerald” by G Lightfoot 1976
- “Mandy” by Looking Glass in 1972 ~ “There’s a port on a western bay”
- “The Dock of the Bay” by Otis Redding in 1968 ~ “famous whistling at end”
 - Recorded song December 8th, 1967 – died 2 days later in plane crash

The Ocean Stinks...!

- Romantic from a distance – but up close it tends to stink
- Fisherman have always had – and still have – very difficult lives
 - Farmers and sailors lives have been romanticized

Pastor Kayser Made Many Sad Sept 2018 ~ “No More Sea”

- Statements declaring “no more moon” and “no more sea” made us sad
- But let’s not forget what’s really being said – “no more sin”

Let’s never romanticize sin – Allow God to define good/bad & right/wrong

One day God will remove the moon, the ocean, and the tides

But let’s remember what He promises in their place – Himself