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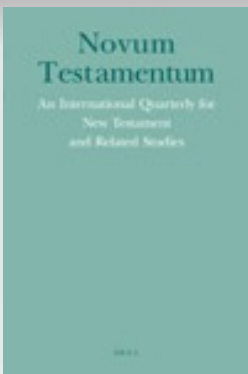
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The enigmatic phrase in Rev 21:1, “the sea is no more”, has yet to be adequately explained or related cogently to the categories of the multiple roles in which ἑλασσα appears in Rev 4-20 and address the potential implications of each of its absence from John's vision of the new heaven and earth. Along the way, the various theories that have been proposed are assessed; this is followed by a brief consideration of the potential relevance of several parallels that have been suggested.

investigations and an analysis of the context of Rev 21-22, it is proposed that the difficult phrase in 21:1c is best explained by a new-creation typology that serves to highlight the way in which this new creation differs from that described in Gen 1:1-2:3.

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