

Lesson 21

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21-22:5

Invite the Holy Spirit to teach and speak to you through the Word of God as you meditate on Revelation 21-22:5 every day this week.

As you read through the verses presented this week, look for a special verse to make your memory verse for the week. We will share our verses at the end of our discussion time.

1. What was a new or interesting thought from last week's lesson?
2. Do you think the Lord wants us to be ignorant about what happens after we die? See I Thessalonians 4:13 and discuss.
3. Where does Paul say our spirit/soul goes when we die according to II Corinthians 5:1, 8 and Philippians 1:23?
4. What did Jesus say to the thief on the cross in Luke 23:43?
5. In John 14:2 what is the truth about heaven in Jesus' words?

“And He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.”

Revelation 21:6

6. In II Corinthians 12:1-7 Paul tells about being “caught up in the third heaven” (This third heaven is the place we usually think of as heaven; the first heaven is the sky above earth; the second heaven is space). From II Corinthians 12:2 did he know if he was in his body or not?
7. From II Corinthians 12:4, 7 how does Paul describe heaven?
8. What is being reserved in heaven for each believer according to I Peter 1:4-5?
9. Will we become angels when we die. See I Corinthians 6:2-3.
10. What does John see in Revelation 21:1-2?
11. In Revelation 20:11 earth and heaven flee away from the face of the One who sat on the great white throne. This happens at the completion of the Millennium and it may be a reference to II Peter 10-13. See Matthew 5:18 and Revelation 22:1. Discuss these verses.

The word *new* in Revelation 21:1 is the same word in II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” *New* does not mean altogether different but superior, qualitatively different. *Pass away* in Revelation 21:1 can be translated to come forth; it does not mean annihilation or passing out of existence.

12. Who has prepared the city and to what does John compare this preparation?
13. What has always been the plan of the heavenly Father according to Ephesians 1:9-10?

14. What did the Lord God do every day in the Garden of Eden according to Genesis 3:8?
15. Where will God live (tabernacle, make His abode) after the Millennium according to Revelation 21:3?
16. What will it be like in His presence according to Psalm 16:11?
17. What will the Father do for believers according to Revelation 21:4-7?
18. Jesus talks about the water of life in the Gospels. Read John 4:13-14 and John 7:37-38 and discuss what these images mean to you. See also Isaiah 55:1 and Matthew 5:6.
19. Overcoming is an important theme in the book of Revelation. Thinking back over the book, why is overcoming so important, what must be overcome, and why should we be overcomers? See also Hebrews 10: 36-39 and discuss.

The Fifth (and final) Angelic Explanation: Revelation 21:9-22:5

In Revelation 21:9 an angel comes to John to show him more about the bride, the Lamb's wife.

20. Who is the bride of Christ according to Ephesians 5:27-32?
21. Describe the city in Revelation 21:10-21. Jasper is thought to be a clear stone, possibly a diamond.
22. What were the believers looking for in Hebrews 11:10, 16; 13:14 and 12:22?

23. Describe what John learns about the city in Revelation 21:22-23. See also Isaiah 60:20.
24. The nations in Revelation 21:24-27 may also be translated ethnic groups or peoples. What are they doing in these verses?
25. Describe the river of the water of life in Revelation 22:1.
26. What will be in the city according to Revelation 22:2? See also Genesis 2:9 and Genesis 3:24.
27. In Genesis 3:16-19 God gives the consequences upon man and earth for the disobedience of Adam and Eve. What will occur in Revelation 22:3? Discuss.
28. Adam and Eve were given meaningful work before the Fall and the Curse. From John 5:17 and Ephesians 2:10, do you think we will have work to do in heaven?
29. Compare Exodus 33:20 with Revelation 22:4 and discuss.
30. What similarities do you see between the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2-3 and the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:22-22:5?
31. Share the memory verse that you found through this week's study and why you chose it.
32. From your meditation this week on Revelation 21-22:5, what do you want to remember?

Lecture Notes: