

# REVELATION

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**Summary**

**Week 11**

In this powerful exploration of Revelation 20-22, we're taken on a journey through the millennial reign of Christ, the final judgment, and the glorious new heaven and earth. The central message reminds us of the hope we have in Christ's return and the eternal paradise awaiting believers. We're challenged to consider how this future reality should shape our present lives. The vivid imagery of the New Jerusalem, with its gates of pearl and streets of gold, symbolizes the perfection and purity of our eternal home. This vision isn't just about the future; it's a call to live holy lives now, knowing our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. As we reflect on this, let's ask ourselves: How does the promise of eternity with Christ impact our daily choices and priorities? Are we living in light of this glorious future?

## Key Points

- The millennial reign of Christ and Satan's temporary binding
- The new heaven and new earth as a restoration of Eden-like paradise
- The New Jerusalem as the eternal dwelling place of God with His people
- The importance of not adding to or taking away from the prophecies in Revelation
- The need for believers to continually seek a deeper understanding and experience of Christ
- The significance of God's grace in the Christian life and in the conclusion of Scripture

# Scripture References

## Mentioned

1. Revelation 20 (entire chapter discussed)
2. Revelation 21 (entire chapter discussed)
3. Revelation 22 (entire chapter discussed)
4. Isaiah 2:1
5. Zechariah 14:1
6. Matthew 18:3
7. Matthew 19:28
8. Acts 3:21
9. Hebrews 6:5
10. Ephesians 1:9-10
11. Isaiah 11:6-9
12. Acts 2:42-46
13. Luke 10:20
14. Revelation 3:5
15. Matthew 10:32
16. 2 Corinthians 5:10
17. Romans 14:10-12
18. Luke 21:33
19. Isaiah 65:17
20. Philippians 3:20
21. Romans 15:13
22. Genesis 2:9-12
23. Ezekiel 47 (entire chapter alluded to)
24. John 7:37
25. John 4 (reference to woman at the well)
26. 1 Corinthians 13:12-13

## Suggested

1. The Alpha and Omega: Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13
2. The Lamb's Book of Life: Revelation 13:8, 20:12, 21:27
3. The New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:2, 21:10
4. The River of Life: Revelation 22:1-2
5. The Tree of Life: Revelation 22:2, Genesis 2:9
6. Christ's Second Coming: Matthew 24:30-31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
7. God's grace: Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 12:9
8. The Holy Spirit: John 14:26, Acts 1:8
9. Spiritual warfare and deception: Ephesians 6:11-12, 2 Corinthians 11:14
10. Hope in Christ: Romans 5:2-5, Titus 2:13

# Small Group Guide

## Key Takeaways:

1. The New Jerusalem represents a perfect, eternal dwelling place for believers.
2. In the new heaven and new earth, there will be no more sorrow, pain, or death.
3. The river of life and tree of life symbolize God's abundant provision and healing.
4. Jesus emphasizes His imminent return and the importance of staying faithful.
5. We are called to continue seeking a deeper revelation of Christ in our lives.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What aspects of the New Jerusalem description stood out to you most? How does this vision of eternity impact your perspective on current struggles?
2. The pastor mentioned that we won't need to "heal" or "overcome" things in eternity. How does this idea affect your view of personal growth and struggles in this life?
3. Discuss the concept of being "ordinary people with an extraordinary God." How have you seen this play out in your own life or the lives of others?
4. The sermon emphasized not adding to or taking away from Scripture. Why is this important? How can we guard against misinterpreting or misapplying God's Word?
5. How does the promise of Christ's return ("I am coming quickly") influence your daily life and priorities?
6. The pastor encouraged cultivating curiosity and childlike faith in our approach to Scripture. What practical steps can we take to maintain fresh enthusiasm in our spiritual lives?



### **Practical Applications:**

1. This week, spend time meditating on one aspect of the New Jerusalem that particularly encourages you. Journal about how this eternal perspective can shape your attitudes and actions.
2. Practice discernment in your media consumption. Before accepting information, pause to evaluate its alignment with biblical truth.
3. Choose one area of your life where you feel "ordinary." Pray for God to work extraordinarily through you in that area this week.
4. Set aside time to read through Revelation 21-22 slowly, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal something new about Christ's character to you.
5. Share the hope of eternity with someone who is struggling this week. Look for opportunities to encourage others with the promises of God's eternal kingdom.
6. As a group, brainstorm ways you can cultivate greater curiosity in your Bible study and prayer times. Consider implementing one new practice together.



## **Day 1: The Unveiling of Christ Reading: Revelation 1:1-8**

Devotional: As we begin our journey through Revelation, we're reminded that this book is fundamentally about the "revelation of Jesus Christ." Just as John was given a divine vision, we too are invited to see Christ more fully. Today, reflect on how you've experienced Jesus in your life. Have you become comfortable with your current understanding, or are you seeking a deeper revelation? Ask God to open your eyes to see Christ in new and profound ways, both in Scripture and in your daily life. Remember, there's always more of Jesus to discover and enjoy.

## **Day 2: Hope in the Midst of Tribulation Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

Devotional: The imagery of the great multitude worshipping before the throne reminds us that no matter how difficult our circumstances, we have a glorious hope awaiting us. Just as the early Christians faced persecution, we too may encounter trials. Yet, like them, we can find strength in knowing our ultimate destiny. Today, consider any challenges you're facing. How might viewing them through the lens of eternal hope change your perspective? Ask God to fill you with "hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13) and to use your trials to refine your faith.

## **Day 3: The Alpha and Omega Reading: Revelation 21:1-7**

Devotional: The vision of the New Jerusalem reminds us that God is both the beginning and the end of all things. He who started the work of creation will bring it to glorious completion. This truth applies to our individual lives as well. Reflect on how God has been faithful in your past and how this assures you of His faithfulness for your future. Are there areas where you struggle to trust His plan? Surrender these to Him today, remembering that He is making "all things new." Let this promise inspire you to live with purpose and hope, knowing that your story is part of His greater narrative.

## **Day 4: Overcoming Through Christ Reading: Revelation 12:10-12**

Devotional: In the cosmic battle between good and evil, we're reminded that victory comes "by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Our salvation and our witness are powerful weapons against the enemy. Today, consider how you've experienced Christ's victory in your life. Are there areas where you feel defeated? Remember that in Christ, you are an overcomer. Spend time praising God for His redemptive work and ask for courage to share your testimony with others. Your story of God's grace can be a beacon of hope in a dark world.

## **Day 5: The Invitation to Living Water Reading: Revelation 22:1-7, 17**

Devotional: As we conclude our journey, we're met with a beautiful invitation: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." This echoes Jesus' words in John 7:37, inviting all who thirst to come to Him. Reflect on your own spiritual thirst. Are you drinking deeply from the living water Christ offers, or are you trying to quench your thirst with lesser things? Today, renew your commitment to seek satisfaction in Christ alone. Ask Him to fill you afresh with His Spirit and to make you a channel of His living water to others. Remember, the invitation is always open – come and drink freely of His grace and love.