

HEAVEN

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Q: When you think about heaven, what do you imagine it will be like?

READ: Revelation 22:1-5 "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."

Q: In this description of the City of God (see Revelation 21), what do you notice about these details?

READ: John 4:13-15 "Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a **spring of water welling up to eternal life.**" ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Q: What was the "spring of water"?

Q: How does this give "eternal life"?

READ: Genesis 2:9 "And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Q: Notice that the Bible starts with "the tree of life" and ends with "the tree of life". Which tree is NOT present in the Revelation vision?

Q: Why is this significant?

A: Revelation 22:3!

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Q: According to verse 3, what will we be "doing" in heaven?

Q: According to Revelation 22:4, what is significant about that?

Q: Notice anything about Revelation 22:5?

READ: 2 Timothy 2:11-12 "The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him"

READ: Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and **they will reign with him** for a thousand years."

Q: What's the difference between Revelation 20:6 above and Revelation 22:5?
(Remember the 1000 years is about the Church Age, or the time we live in now, but verse 5 is about eternity!)

READ: Genesis 3:22-24 "Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life."

Q: Discuss the difference between this passage above and the Revelation 22:1-5. What is absent in the Revelation passage that was present in the Genesis passage?

READ: Revelation 22:6-7 "And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." ⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Q: Where does the "blessing" come from? How do we "keep" it?

Q: Biggest Takeaway from our time in The Revelation?

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