

Revelation

Lesson Fourteen: The New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-8 *A New Start*

1. Explain: After Judgment Day, heaven won't be in the heavens (if it is now at all).
2. According to Rev. 21:3-8, what two things can we say for certain about a believer's life after Judgment Day? (Fill in the blanks.) We will live with _____ in all of his _____, and we will never experience anything _____ ever again.

Revelation 21:9-27 *The New Jerusalem*

3. What exactly is the "new Jerusalem" John saw coming down out of heaven? (cf. Hebrews 12:22, 23; Revelation 20:9; 21:9)
4. What comfort can Christians gain from the following descriptions of the New Jerusalem?
 - v. 11 *It shone with the glory of God and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel* (cf. Rev. 21:23)
 - vs. 18, 19 *the city of pure gold...The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone.* (cf. 1 Peter 2:5)
 - v. 14 *city had twelve foundations...on them were the names of the twelve apostles* (cf. Ephesians 2:20)
 - v. 12 *had twelve [pearl] gates...on them were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel* (cf. Rom. 9:8)
 - vs. 16, 17 *city was 12,000 stadia (1,400 miles) long, wide, and high... city wall...144 cubits (200 feet) thick*
 - v. 18 *wall was made of jasper* (cf. Zechariah 2:4, 5)
 - v. 25 *On no day will its gates ever be shut* (cf. Revelation 21:27)

Revelation 22:1-6 *Paradise, Again*

5. Compare Revelation 22:1-6 with Genesis 2:8-10, 15-17. What similarities do you see between the Revelation picture of heaven and the Genesis Garden of Eden? What differences?
6. Why should we not be surprised that the Bible “ends” where it “started”?

Revelation 22:7-21 *Final Words*

7. Your friend reads this section and concludes, “Our salvation must depend on what we do because Jesus said, “*I will give to everyone according to what he has done.*” (Rev. 22:12) Using another verse or two from this section (22:7-21), reaffirm the biblical doctrine that we are saved by grace and not by works.
8. Which verse or verses from this section (Rev. 22:7-21) are worth sticking on your fridge? Why?
9. What detail in Revelation 20 gives you the most relief as you think about the end of the world?