

The City of Glory

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Revelation 21:1-22:21.

B. There is good news in the last section of Revelation.

II. The promise in the end is that God will be with His people. This brings us back to the beginning where God dwelled with Adam and Eve.

III. The whole universe will be cleansed and changed.

A. The world will have no sea.

1. The ocean acts as an antiseptic for the world.
2. There will be no need for it in the new creation.

B. The new Jerusalem will be the capital of the universe and is called a bride.

1. There is a picture of community with the city.
2. There is a picture of intimacy with the bride.

C. Heaven will be the dwelling place of God

1. Evil and suffering will be no more.
2. Jesus is the alpha and the omega—everything that God wants done is done here.

D. Heaven will be the home of the redeemed.

IV. People will be judged by their actions and will experience the second death.

A. Attitudes keeping people from heaven.

1. Fear.
2. Fowl-mindedness.

V. A picture of the new Jerusalem.

A. The wall speaks of separation and intimacy. The saints will be God's own possession.

B. The gates describe the access to the city. This ministry will be widespread in heaven. (John 10)

C. God measures the city as a sign of His ownership.

1. The government will be upon His shoulders.
2. If God fulfills you, everything will be in harmony.

D. The foundations are the Apostles—the Apostolic truth is filled with light.

E. Great beauty comes from pain, and believers will never forget the pain and shame that came from the cross of Christ.

F. Man is forever the temple of God from who light will emanate.

G. Life will be all around.

VI. The epilogue.

A. Revelation should lead one to worship God.

B. We are either following the Lord or we have determined to go our own way.

C. Jesus assures us that He is coming soon.

D. Meeting Jesus is as close as a person's death.

E. No one has to end up in the lake of fire if he does not want to—only those who refuse Jesus will enter.

Application questions:

1. What excites you the most about the picture of heaven God gives us in revelation?

2. How would you characterize heaven in just a few words based upon the passage?

3. What are some misconceptions people have about heaven today? How does the picture Revelation creates challenge these?
