

The New Heaven and Earth
Revelation 21-22

Track 2: This is for those who wish to dig deeper and have more times to commit. Read the daily Scripture passage and work through the questions provided. Recording your insights in a journal will increase your retention and give you a record of what God is doing in your life!

Let's refresh our memories with the main message of the book: The world is getting darker. Opposition to Christ and his church is getting stronger. But God is in control, and in the end, God wins. So stand firm in your faith.

Monday

Heaven is a real, physical place. List 5 reasons why you look forward to a real place called "heaven". Then, look up the below references to determine what heaven possesses:

- Philippians 3:20
- 1 Peter 1:4
- Luke 6:22-24
- Hebrews 8:1 & Matthew 6:9 & 1 Peter 1:12
- Hebrews 12:23
- 2 Peter 3:13
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

When someone asks you where in the Bible does it say that we go to heaven when we die, what Bible reference would you point them to?

Tuesday

Read Revelation 21:1-7

1. Why do the first heaven and the first earth pass away? Is there comfort in knowing that they will pass away or is it tragic?
2. Why is the New Jerusalem referred to as the "Holy City"? Does it exist today or does it exist only after the first heaven and earth pass away?
3. John said that the city was prepared as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband. Since the Church is the Bride of Christ, in what ways is the Church beautiful?
4. A loud voice said that the dwelling of God is now among the people. If 2 Corinthians 6:16 says that we already are the temple of the living God, what will be different during this time?

Wednesday

Re-read Revelation 21:1-7

1. If there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, how will that change our way of thinking? How will that change our actions?
2. Some tragedies in this life are not able to be forgotten. In order for us not to cry, what has to happen to our memories? Is there Scripture to support this?
3. 1 Corinthians 15:50-51 says that our bodies will be changed. Do you believe our appearance will change after that time or will we have the same spiritual body forever?
4. Why does God specifically say these words are “trustworthy and true”? Isn’t everything that God says trustworthy and true?
5. Verse 7 says that those who are victorious and overcome will be God’s children. Since God has no grandchildren, what does it mean to directly be His child?

Thursday

Read Revelation 22:1-5

1. The tree of life will bear fruit every month. Why is it phrased this way if the month is based on the old calendar year?
2. The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. What is the “healing of the nations”? Everyone and everything was made new, so what is left to be healed?
3. There will no longer be any curse. Specifically, what has the curse affected? What will life be like without the curse?
4. There will be no more night. Remember back to a storm when you lost electricity for a few days. How did the night impact your activities? What is the significance of not having any night?

Friday

Re-read Revelation 22:1-5 & 22:16-21

1. In heaven, we will do real, meaningful things. Verse 5 says that God’s servants will reign forever and ever. What ruling responsibilities do you believe we will have?
 - a. Read Revelation 5:10. What will our role be here?
 - b. Read 1 Corinthians 6:3. Describe in some detail what our role will be here.
2. In heaven we will be in the presence of God. We will serve and worship in a glorified body. Read 1 John 3:2. What does it mean to “see him as he is”?
3. In Verse 16, Jesus identifies himself with three names. What is the significance of each of the names?
4. Verse 17 gives an emphatic invitation. Why is the concept of invitation so important to humans? Won’t people just ask if they are interested? How can we improve the way we communicate God’s invitations?