

What does verse 11 say about us being ready for Jesus to come again? Can we hurry and clean up our lives right before He comes again?

Look at God the Father's name in Rev. 1:8 (1543). Then look at how Jesus named Himself in Rev. 22:13. Jesus said, "I am the _____ and the _____, the _____ and the _____, the _____ and the _____."

What does that say about who Jesus is?

See vs. 16-17. Why did Jesus give these words for the churches? What does Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the church encourage people to do?

Jesus is the one who gave these words. Does God want anyone changing His word? How serious is He about that?

Jesus said He is coming quickly. Do we want Him to come quickly? Why or why not? (To help you, remember that the Bible says Jesus and the church are like a groom and bride.)

The Book of Revelation

God's Picture of History and Heaven

Lesson 18, Revelation 21-22

To Begin...

What do you think heaven will be like? What will it look like and feel like? Can we really imagine what it is like?

The Holy City, Heaven

The end has come! Revelation has shown all the trouble in the world because of sin and God's judgment. Revelation also has shown the end of the world and God's judgment against all who rejected Him. Chapter 20 described God throws the devil, all his angels, and all unbelievers into the lake of fire, hell. What about believers and heaven? Chapters 21 and 22 show us the heaven that we can look forward to.

The New Sky and New Earth

Revelation 21:1-8

What new things did God make?

What happened to the first heaven (sky) and earth, and all the first things (vs. 1 and 4)?

When the first things end, what things will end (vs. 4)?

God made the first sky and earth as a place for God and His people to live together. But sin ruined everything. Is God doing that again, or doing something different?

“Jerusalem” can mean heaven or also mean God’s people. What do God’s people look like? Where did they come down from?

What blessings are for people who belong to Christ?

The New Jerusalem, Heaven

Revelation 21:9-27

Remember this description of Jerusalem is really a description of God’s people. What number means God’s people? What number do you see several times in this description of God’s people?

How big was the “city”? Notice it is the same width, length and height – a perfect cube. For the Jews, that meant perfection.

God brings people from all over the world into His church. How do the gates show you that (vs. 12-13)?

Look at the beauty of the city – all the jewels and gold. What does this say about God’s people?

Verses 22-27 describe our life with God in heaven. What will our life be like?

The Gift of Eternal Life

Revelation 22:1-6

The Bible uses many different pictures for eternal life, but two are very important. They are more than pictures. Read about the first one in Genesis 2:9 (2) and 3:22-24 (4). Can we eat from the tree now? What about in heaven?

Read about the second picture of eternal life in John 4:13-14 (1336) and 7:37-39 (1343). Will we have that water of life in heaven?

The curse in Genesis 3 is that we are separated from God and suffer because of sin. Will we be separated from God in heaven, or together? What words tell you that?

Final Words

Revelation 22:7-21

Now John tells us the final words and instructions from Jesus. How soon is Jesus coming?

The angel said something confusing in vs. 10-11. God’s word should not be hidden (sealed), and people should keep doing what they are doing. Why?