

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

Revelation 21-22

Revelation — Week 26

ICEBREAKER: When you have nothing pressing, where does your mind drift?

OVERVIEW: On November 20, 2022, we embarked on a journey through the book of Revelation. This week we have reached the end. In Revelation 21-22 we see what happens after the final judgment in the order of end-time events — the creation of the new heaven and new earth. In this study we will go deeper with the final destination of those whose names are written in the Book of Life.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Before the sermon, did you know that Christians will spend eternity on the new earth rather than in a far-away, celestial heaven in the clouds?
3. Why is it important to study the new heaven and new earth?
4. Will the new heaven and the new earth be totally new and different from the present heavens and earth, or will there be some continuity between the two? Explain.

5. Read 2 Peter 3:1-13 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What problem is Peter addressing in this passage (see v. 3-4)?
 - b. Why hasn’t Jesus come back yet (see v. 9)?
 - c. What will happen to the present heavens and earth (see vs. 7, 10, 11, 12)?
 - d. When will the present heavens and earth pass away (see v. 7)?
 - e. What else happens on the day of judgment (see Mt. 25:31-34)?
6. Refer to Sunday’s sermon for the remainder of the questions. Who will be in the new heaven and new earth, and who will not be there (see Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:14-15)?
7. What will the new heaven and earth be like (see Rev. 21:3-4)?

The Last Word: “What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived — God has prepared these things for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

