

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 21:9-22:5 we are shown 6 components that show a more detailed look at the New Jerusalem, the bride-city from God (vs. 9-10).

I. The New Jerusalem contains the glory of God (21:11).

II. The New Jerusalem consists of the people of God who reflect His glory (21:12-14, 18-21).

III. The New Jerusalem provides perfect security for the people of God because of the perfect glorious presence of their God (21:15-21).

IV. The New Jerusalem comprises the glorious presence of God and the Lamb (21:22).

V. The New Jerusalem radiates the glory of God (21:23-27).

VI. The New Jerusalem contains only life (22:1-3a).

VII. The New Jerusalem is the place in which God's servants intimately worship Him and reign with Him forever (22:3b-5).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 7, 2019

Passage: Revelation 21:9-14

Memory Passage: Revelation 21:9-10

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 21:9-14.** How does the “hear-see” pattern (cf. 5:5-6; 7:4, 9) help you understand how to interpret vs. 9-10?

(b) How does 21:9-10 relate to 21:1-2, and what does this tell you about what follows in vs. 3ff?

(c) What similarities do you see between 21:9-10 & 17:1, 3, and what is the purpose of such similar language?

(d) Why do you think it is “one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls of the seven last plagues” who led John through this vision?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 21:9-14.** What does “the Bride, the wife of the Lamb” and “the holy city Jerusalem” represent?

(b) Explain the truth conveyed in v. 11.

(c) What purpose did the wall around the earthly city of Jerusalem serve? What purpose does the wall around the spiritual city of Jerusalem serve?

(d) What purpose did the gates in the wall of the earthly city of Jerusalem serve? What purpose do the gates in the wall of the spiritual city of Jerusalem serve?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 21:9-14.** Why are angels perched on every gate?

(b) What does the fact that the city John sees is a 4-sided square reveal to you about its meaning?

(c) What do the names on the gates and foundations tell you about the makeup of the New Jerusalem?

(d) Why are the names of the 12 tribes on the gates instead of the foundations (i.e. shouldn't we expect them on the foundations since they came 1st?)

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 21:9-14, 1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:16, Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Pet. 2:4-5, & Rev. 3:12.** Explain what these verses teach about the New Testament's view of believers and how this helps us understand the imagery in Revelation 21.

(b) Write a summary paragraph explaining what the images in 21:9-15 represent, and what you should expect your life to look like in eternity based on these truths.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 21:9-14, 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1, & 1 Pet. 1:9-12.** Spend today reflecting on your life in the next life in relation to your life in this life. If you are indeed heading toward an eternity in which God dwells in His people in intimacy, and no sin will be in the city, how should we be living in this life as we live in the “already-not-yet” tension of this age? Write down at least 5 personal applications that you will apply this very week. Consider what activities and thoughts you should stop and what activities and thoughts you should start if you are to better live in light of your salvation in Christ and eternity.

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The New Heaven and New Earth (Part II)