

Hope of Heaven

Rev 21-22

Where is your hope during this season?

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Heaven is more -----

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Rev 21:1-2

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. Rev 21:10-12

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. Rev 21:19-21

Heaven will -----

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. Rev 21:3

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. Rev 21:15-17

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. Rev 21:3

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Rev 21:4

and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. Rev 21:25

through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:2

Heaven will be -----

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. Rev 21:6-7

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rev 12:11

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." Rev 19:20

Discussion Questions:

- What are some of the popular conceptions of heaven; what it looks like, what you'll be doing, who gets in. How does that differ from what scripture teaches?
- Re-read Gen 1-3. Notate all the similarities you see in the original garden and in the new heaven in Rev 21-22
- How does the hope of heaven change the way you live? Change the way you handle challenges, difficulties, sorrow?
- Share one thing you are looking forward to in heaven. Share one thing you will do differently this week because of your hope of heaven.

Additional Resources:

<https://bibleproject.com/learn/tree-of-life/>

<https://bibleproject.com/blog/new-heaven-new-earth/>

"The Pursuing God: A reckless, irrational, obsessed love that's dying to bring us home"
Joshua Butler

Worship Songs for reflection

There will be a Day – Jeremy Camp

How Beautiful – Twila Paris