

# THE PLAN

**36. The End**  
(Revelation)  
May 22, 2022

## Story Coordinates (Revelation 1:4-20)

**People** (Who is the story about?)

**Place** (Where is their home?)

**Presence** (How can they meet with God?)

**Purpose** (What did God tell them to do?)

(Revelation 2:26-27)

## The Story (Revelation 12-22)

- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ force at work in the world that opposes God's \_\_\_\_\_. (12:3-12)
- The political, economic and cultural forces of this world tend to be \_\_\_\_\_ that demand our \_\_\_\_\_ and loyalty. (13:1-4, 11-17)
- God will allow the beasts of the world to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the church. (13:5-10)

- The church triumphs over the beast by remaining \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in the face of persecution. (12:11, 14:1-5)
- Jesus will return and \_\_\_\_\_ the forces that \_\_\_\_\_ his plan once and for all. (19:11-20)
- God's presence will return to the \_\_\_\_\_, and he will fully and finally restore his \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. (21:1-4, 22-27; 22:1-5)

## The Morals

- There ARE beasts in the world that work to \_\_\_\_\_ and intimidate us into giving our loyalty to them instead of Jesus.
- The church's mission is not to \_\_\_\_\_ the beasts, but to faithfully witness that Jesus has already \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- No matter what the beasts do, God will \_\_\_\_\_ his people and \_\_\_\_\_ his good design to the world.

## Small Group Questions

### 1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
  
- What kind of job will you want on the New Earth, when everything is restored?

### 2. Into the Bible (Revelation 7)

- Read v. 1-8. What kind of image is being created with this census? What kind of group gets counted and organized so meticulously? (Think units, squads, regiments...)
  
- Does this census refer to the biological 12 tribes of Israel? (Compare the list to Deut. 27:12-13). If not, then who does it refer to?
  
- Read v.9-10. John *heard* the census. What did he *see* when he looked for the sealed ones?

- Read v. 10-17. What did these people do right? How are they going to be rewarded?

### 3. Going Deeper

- Where do you see beasts in the world trying to intimidate the church? Where do you see beasts trying to seduce the church?
  
- What is the difference between slaying the beast and testifying to Jesus? How does that difference work out in our lives?
  
- How should the assurance of the book of Revelation change the way we live? What difference does it make to know that God definitely wins?

### 4. Prayer

- Pray for each other as you face beasts in the world, that you will know them and resist them.