

All Things New

Revelation 21-22:5

“It's over. The wrath is done. The reign is established. The judgment is complete. The punishments have been enacted. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

What will it be like?”

1. Our eternal life began when we received Jesus as our Savior and Lord” When does the author assert eternity truly start? (239)
2. Calling it a “tangent” the author describes the possibility of watching the Great White Throne Judgment and feeling empathy over the sorrow of others being judged. How does feeling empathy over other’s suffering and pain, in part express the image of God (imago dei) in us? How does this relate to His holiness? (239)

The New Heaven and New Earth

3. God fast forwards John to record the unveiling of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:1-2. Where does it come from? And, to what is it compared? (240)
4. “There is precedent for God looking around and deciding to start over.” Genesis 6:5-8 describes how God began again with mankind. Where does the author say, “the hope of mankind appears” in this passage? (241)
5. “When humanity sinned against God, it brought death. This mortality was not just for living creatures but for nature as well.” How

does Isaiah 51:6 describe the state of the earth after the tribulation?
(241)

6. How does the apostle Peter refer to this new creation, even giving us a possible look into what the demolition of the old might look like in (2 Peter 3:11-13)? (242)

7. In Revelation 21:3-4, the loud voice from the throne speaks once again. The author describes, “This will be a world of Emmanuel—God with us!” Instead of our prayers being just, “spirit to Spirit or heart to heart” how does Amir say they will be? (243)

8. “We will be in the presence of the Almighty! And, of course, there will be no more death or pain. We'll be sporting our incorruptible resurrection bodies. New bodies equal physical peace. Presence of God equals spiritual peace. Lord, I am so ready for this day!” Does your heart align with this? Or, Can I get an “Amen!” ? (243)

A Message from the Throne

9. In Revelation 21:5-8, God speaks. “Imagine the stillness in all creation as the voice of the Creator booms forth” these words. When God says, “Behold” He is saying, “Pay attention!” What does He want everyone to know? (243)

10. After this statement, God speaks to us today through His servant John. The message has four parts. What is the first part of God’s message? *(read the third paragraph on 244)*

11. The second part of this message assures us that the plan that God has laid out in this book will come to pass. Why is this?
(found in the fourth paragraph on 244)

12. The third part of God’s message is for “those of us who commit ourselves to following God”. We are part of God’s family. Paul writes in Galatians 4:7 the manner in which we receive all the goodness of God. What is it? What does this include?

(found in the fifth paragraph on 244)

13. The fourth point is for, “those who are still living in their sinful ways”. What do they receive? *(last paragraph on 244)*

The New Jerusalem

14. In Revelation 21:9-11, What does John see? What is it doing? How big does the author’s description make it? *(245)*

15. Why does God provide these details in the next 22 verses? *(245)*

16. What would happen if there were too much detail? *(245)*

17. What would happen if there were too little detail? *(245)*

18. “What John saw descending from the sky is beyond superlatives.” And yet, God provides a number to describe it. John describes the scene in Revelation 21:15-16. How big is 1,380 furlongs? *(246)*

19. In Revelation 21:18-21, John tries to describe the brilliance of the colors he saw. With what earthly things did John use to make comparisons with in order to demonstrate the beauty and value of heaven? *(246)*

20. According to Revelation 21:22, What does John say is missing in this city? What replaces it? *(247)*

21. Why is it *NOT* necessary to have a structure that represents the presence of God in this city which is heaven? *(247)*

22. Why is there no need for the sun or the moon in this city according to Revelation 21:23? (247)

23. “The holy city is finally quite literally the holy city. There will be no sin or darkness in it. There will only be righteousness. That is because the only ones who will live inside its walls are “those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life” (verse 27). How can John be sure of that?” (248)

The River and the Tree

24. How does Psalm 46:4-5 prophetically describe heaven? (248)

25. Ezekiel tells us that water will flow out from under the temple and will eventually turn into a river. But both of those sources only produced regular old water. How does Revelation 22:1-5 describe a new river with a special kind of water? (248)

26. “The water of life flows out from the Source of Life, God Himself. As it pours down the street, it brings nourishment to the tree of life, which stands majestically straddling the flow of water. The tree bears fruit, and its leaves are for healing. Why is healing needed if there is no sickness or death?” *(read the last two paragraphs on 249)*