

Introduction

“The eternal capital city of heaven, the New Jerusalem, will be a place of indescribable, unimaginable beauty. From the center of it the brilliant glory of God will shine forth through the gold and precious stones to illuminate the new heaven and the new earth. But the most glorious reality of all will be that sinful rebels will be made righteous, enjoy intimate fellowship with God and the Lamb, serve Them, and reign with Them forever in sheer joy and incessant praise.”

John MacArthur

The MacArthur New Testament Commentary,

Revelation 12–22, p. 288

This year we memorized Ephesians 2. The *additional verses* this week are Ephesians 4:3–6:
“...being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit,
just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Day One

Read Revelation 21; **All Things New**

1. From last week’s lesson or lecture, what did you find particularly encouraging or convicting?

2. According to Revelation 21:1, Psalm 102:25–26, and 2 Peter 3:10–13, what is the fate of this earth?
 - a. How can this knowledge inform your priorities, and what areas of your life should be affected by it? Be practical and specific.

3. In verse 2, what does John see, and how does it relate to John 14:1–3?

4. From verses 3–4, what is the most precious quality about the Jerusalem from above?
 - a. How does this new covenant fulfill redemptive history?

5. In verse 5, how does Christ’s promise to make all things new relate to the comfort promised in verse 4? What does Christ’s promise to make all things new mean to you personally?

6. From verses 6–8, summarize Christ’s invitation and warning. How does this inspire or motivate you?

Day Two

Read Revelation 21–22; **The New Jerusalem, Part 1**

1. Understanding that John uses both literal and figurative language, from Revelation 21:10–27 and 21:22–22:5, describe *some* of the different elements of the New Jerusalem.

- a. Which of these descriptions do you find most interesting, and why?
2. What is the significance of Revelation 21:22?
 - a. What are some of the implications of this revelation?
 3. What did the angel show John in Revelation 22:1-3? How do John 4:13-14 and 7:37-38 help you better understand the change that takes place in the New Jerusalem?

Day Three

Read Revelation 21-22; The New Jerusalem, Part 2

1. In Revelation 22:4, what will believers in the New Jerusalem experience? How will that compare with the experience of others who had been redeemed earlier? (See Exodus 33:18-23, John 1:18, and 1 Timothy 6:16.)
2. From 1 John 3:2-3, what does the child of God know and do?
 - a. What do you think it means that believers will be like God? Try to find Scripture to support your answer.
3. From Revelation 22:3, what will be the new condition of all creation? How does it relate to Genesis 3:16-19?
 - a. If you are in Christ, one day you will reign with Him. What practical implications should this have in your life?

Day Four

Read Selected Scriptures; The Reversal of the Fall

1. From the following texts, identify the curse and how the effects of the fall are reversed in Revelation 20-22.

	Curse	Reversal
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:19 Romans 5:12 Revelation 20:14, 21:4		
Genesis 3:17-18 Romans 8:19-22 Revelation 21:1, 5		

Genesis 3:22-24 Revelation 22:1-2		
Genesis 3:16-17 Isaiah 53:4 Revelation 21:3-4		
Romans 5:12 Revelation 21:6-8		
Genesis 3:24 Isaiah 59:2 Revelation 21:3, 7		
Exodus 33:20-23 John 1:18 Revelation 22:3-4		

2. Reviewing the chart, identify some ways in your own life that God, through the New Covenant, has already begun the process of restoration and reversal of the fall. Write a prayer of thanksgiving for the work He is doing in your life, and for the promised future final reversal of the curse.

Day Five

Read Revelation 22:6-21; **Come Lord Jesus!**

1. From Revelation 22:7 and 10, what reasons are given for the study and understanding of this book?
2. What does Jesus promise in 22:12?
 - a. How do 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, 4:1-5, and 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 help you understand what Jesus means when He says that He is bringing His recompense with Him in Revelation 22:12?
 - b. Is it your aim to please Christ? What are some things you can and should be doing (or not doing) today as you consider the doctrine of eternal rewards?
3. In Revelation 22:15-19, what call and warning are given?
4. From Revelation 22:20, what is John's hope? Does that reflect your heart? Explain your answer.
5. As you consider our study in the book of Revelation, share one specific truth that encouraged or convicted you, and how it has made an impact on you practically.

6. The theme of our study this year has been “We proclaim Christ,” taken from Colossians 1:28. Take time to consider what you have learned, and share one specific aspect of Christ’s character or work of redemption that is especially meaningful to you, and how you will choose to live differently as a result.

Revelation 21-22
The Future Revealed

“Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” *Revelation 1:19*

I. The Glory of God Revealed in the New Heaven and the New Earth (21:1-27)

II. The Glory of God Revealed in His Testimony (22:1-21)