

REVELATION • Victory in Jesus • LESSON 22 (September 23)

Revelation 21: New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem

1. By its use of “Then,” Revelation 21:1 assumes we remember the context of what is happening in this incredible vision. Take a moment to remind yourself: what is going on?
2. What are “the first heaven and the first earth” (21:1)? And “a new heaven and a new earth”?
3. When an original reader of this incredible revelation given to John heard the phrase “new Jerusalem,” (21:2) what sort of things might have gone through their mind?
4. John hears a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place (*tabernacle*) of God is with man” (21:3). What is the significance of this declaration, especially in light of our Bible classes throughout 2015?
5. What do the glorious promises of Revelation 21:3-4 indicate about the time frame wherein God’s people might expect these comforting words to be fulfilled?
6. “Behold, I am making all things new” (21:5). What should we make of these words of the one seated on the throne?
7. What “is done” (21:6)?
8. In what way is a “portion” in “the lake that burns with fire and sulfur” a “second death” (21:8)?
9. As difficult as it is, how would you put the incredible description of “the holy city Jerusalem” (21:9-27) in your own words?
10. Having reached the end of Revelation 21, what is being communicated? What is the overall message? How does that overall message apply to us today?