

Life with the End in Sight

A Series in Revelation



7. God makes all things new (Rev 21-22)

Introduction

After all of the images of judgment or hardship or weird and wonderful goings on in the heavenly realms, Revelation comes to some beautiful pictures of what new life will look like once God has finally put all things right and made all things new.

This study will focus on a few parts of this picture, as we explore the hope that can be drawn from them.

Part 1, '...all things new'

Revelation 21:1-8

This is a beautiful description of the new life that John sees as the end point for all those who know God.

Read Revelation 21:1-8. Q. Try to pull out and note down as many different parts of these verses that give hope.



Q. Which part of this description speaks most powerfully to you? Is there an aspect of this new life that you are most excited about?



Q. Have there been times for you when this hope has held you and kept you going? If so, when was that? If not, why do you think that is? How useful do you think these pictures are when sharing faith?



Read v3 again. Q. The focus here seems to be about God's presence with His people (the same thing is said in four different ways!). What do you imagine that as being like? How does the idea make you feel?

Read vv7-8 again. Q. It seems that for John, the hope for 'those who conquer' and the fate of those who are judged go hand in hand. How does this sit with us?

Part 2, 'The heavenly city'

Revelation 21:9–22:7

Read these verses slowly. Try to imagine this place. Are there any images in it that speak to you particularly powerfully?

Part 3, 'Come!'

Revelation 22:17

Q. Who are the three different figures who are pictured as inviting people to come to receive from Jesus? What part does each play?



Q. In this invitation, what is our role as the church today? How good a job do you feel we do of that?



Q. If there is a free gift of living water available, and if we are called to invite people to it, how can we be more effective in that?

