

The New Jerusalem Revelation 21

Some believe that the present universe we live in will be annihilated and that a new universe will be created out of nothing. Others, like Martin Luther, believe that after the present universe is destroyed in the fire of the last judgment, God would fashion a New Heaven and a New Earth out of the remains. One thing is certain. Believers will have a fantastic place prepared for them by Jesus. Where it is located, really doesn't matter.

- 1) Who or what is the New Jerusalem?

- 2) What does it mean that in heaven "everything is new"?

- 3) Who are the thirsty ones and how is their thirst quenched?

- 4) What do we learn about nice people who die without Christ?

- 5) What do the walls and names written on the gates symbolize?

- 6) What does the measuring of the city by an angel tell you when the city is 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long?

- 7) Why are no church buildings or temples needed in heaven?

- 8) What does it tell you about heaven when it says that the doors will never be locked?

His Word for My Life:

What is the sole source of light and joy in heaven? Why do we who are still living on this earth find it hard to imagine the perfect joy this will bring?

The River of Life

Chapter 22

9) What does the absence of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil say about our stay in heaven?

10) What will we do in heaven?

11) Why should we allow the one who does wrong to continue to do what is wrong?

12) What is the reward that is with him?

13) What does it mean that he will reward everyone according to what he has done?

His Word in My Life:

Revelation is full of warnings against false teachings. Compare verses 18 and 19 to Matthew 24:22-25. How do the warnings Jesus gave while on earth correspond to the ones he now gives from heaven? How may the apparent decline of Christianity tempt us to let down our efforts to preserve pure teaching?