

# Revelation 21:1-27



## The text – Revelation 21:1-27

1. Read Revelation 21:1-27. The first verse in this chapter is really important. What does John see? What is absent? What does he not see? Why is this significant do you think?
2. The new Jerusalem is portrayed as a bride, who will become the wife of the Lamb (see 21:9), as it comes from heaven to earth. What is the main point being made, particularly in 21:3?
3. Revelation 21:4 does not state that “all things” have passed away, rather that the “old order of things” has passed away. Why is this an important distinction to make?
4. What do you learn about God from Revelation 21:5-7?
5. Revelation includes a list of vices (sins) that do not belong in the new creation or the new Jerusalem. Discuss this list. Do you find it surprising? Why are these eight areas of sin highlighted?
6. Revelation 21:9-27 contains a detailed description of the new Jerusalem. What are some features of this description? How do the images John sees bring together the Old Testament Scriptures with the New Testament Scriptures?

## The Scriptures – Revelation 21:1-27

7. Isaiah 65:17-25 is a key Old Testament description of the new creation. Read it and compare and contrast it with Revelation 21:1-8.
8. God’s promise to dwell among his people is found right through the Scriptures. Read and compare the words of Revelation 21:3 with Leviticus 26:11-13. Words such as these are central to the covenant God has made with his people.
9. Compare Revelation 21:6 with both Revelation 1:8 (speaking of God) and Revelation 1:17-18 (speaking of Jesus). Discuss the meaning of these descriptions.
10. What are the similarities between Ezekiel 40:1-2 and Revelation 21:10? Much of the description of the new Jerusalem in Revelation 21 is shaped by the temple description in Ezekiel 40-48. These are chapters that you should read in your own time.

## Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Revelation 21:1-27

11. What does the hope of new heaven and new earth mean to you? What are you looking forward to?
12. How does this hope change the way you think about your life now?
13. How can we pray for you as you seek to obey God and follow Jesus in response to this study?

