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The God Questions

What Happens When I Die? Part 1 – Heaven

Revelation 21:1-27

1. THE _____ OF WHAT IS TO COME vv 1-8

Revelation 21:1–8 (HCSB)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed. ² I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. ³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look! God’s dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things have passed away. ⁵ Then the One seated on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words are faithful and true.” ⁶ And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water as a gift to the thirsty from the spring of life. ⁷ The victor will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son.

⁸ But the cowards, unbelievers, vile, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars —their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

What John sees vv 1–2

- The new _____ and new earth
- The Holy City descending

What John hears vv 3–8

- The words of the angel (21:3–4)

- The words of the _____ (21:5–8)

2. THE _____ TO THE NEW JERUSALEM vv 9-27

Revelation 21:9–27 (HCSB)

Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ He then carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ arrayed with God’s glory. Her radiance was like a very precious stone, like a jasper stone, bright as crystal. ¹² The city had a massive high wall, with 12 gates.

Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the 12 tribes of Israel’s sons were inscribed on the gates. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ The city wall had 12 foundations, and the 12 names of the Lamb’s 12 apostles were on the foundations. ¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 stadia. Its length, width, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used. ¹⁸ The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The 12 gates are 12 pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The broad street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² I did not see a sanctuary in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its sanctuary. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God’s glory illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Each day its gates will never close because it will never be night there. ²⁶ They will bring the glory and honor of the

nations into it. ²⁷ Nothing profane will ever enter it: no one who does what is vile or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

**John's visit to the New Jerusalem reveals:
vv 9–18, 19–21, 26**

- The _____ of the city
- The grandeur of the gates and walls
- The gigantic size and dimensions of the city
- The _____ foundations
- The gold making up the streets
- The _____ worship of the nations

What John did not see: vv 4; 22-23

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things have passed away.

- _____
- Death
- _____
- All the present things that cause us concern

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- The _____ or sanctuary
- Natural light (the sun and moon)
- _____ gates
- Night
- _____

Summary of what we learn from Revelation 21

1. Heaven will be the _____ destination of the Church and the righteous Jews. (21:3,9,24-27)

2 Peter 3:13 (HCSB)

But based on His promise, we wait for the new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will dwell.

John 14:1–3 (HCSB)

“Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also...”

2. Heaven will reflect the glory of God with splendor.

vv 10-21

3. Heaven will be _____ some key things from the old earth, but we won't miss them. vv 22-26

4. Heaven will be a place of perfection with only those who have been perfected in attendance. v 27

Assignments:

1. **Attend our Wednesday night, in-depth discussion groups at <https://bit.ly/TheGodQuestions>.**
2. **Read chapters 36-42 in The God Questions.**
3. **Invite someone to join you for next week's question, “What Happens When I Die? Part 2-Hell**
4. **Memorize Revelation 21:3–4.**