



"Jesus Revealed – A Study Through Revelation"
Heaven... Chapters 21 & 22
"A Forever Place" Part 3
"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth..."
Revelation 21:1a

A. Heaven will be more...

"...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

1. Heaven will be a restoration of the Garden of Eden.

"Then the angel showed me..."

2. The tree of life will be for all.

"On each side of the river stood the tree of life..."

3. The river will flow with the water of life, clear as crystal from the center of the Throne of God and of the Lamb.

"...the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal flowing..."

4. Nothing impure will be there! The pure in heart will see God!

"Nothing impure will ever enter..."

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8

B. Heaven will be so much more...

1. We will all be equipped with our glorified bodies.

"He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control." Philippians 3:21

2. There is no longer any curse so the consequences of the curse are forever gone.

"No longer will there be any curse..."

3. The glory of God will be our complete light and there will be no darkness.

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light and the Lamb is its lamp."

4. Jesus will be our Alpha and Omega or our A-Z.

Everything we need, will be forever satisfied.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

"If Heaven is truly our home, we should expect it to have the qualities we associate with home. Home as a term for Heaven isn't simply a metaphor. It describes an actual, physical place... a place we'll share with loved ones; a place of fond familiarity and comfort and refuge; a place of marvelous smells and tastes, fine food, and great conversation; a place of contemplation and interaction and expressing the gifts and passions that God has given us. It will be a place of unprecedented freedom and adventure." Randy Alcorn in "Heaven"

C. Heaven's eternal life will be...

1. A life of fellowship and rest.

"They will see his face...they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 22:4; 14:13

2. A life of abundance and joy.

"I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life...He will wipe every tear from their eyes." Revelation 21:6,4

3. A life of knowledge and service.

"Now I know in part; then I shall know fully...his servants will serve him." 1 Corinthians 13:12; Revelation 22:3

4. A life of holiness and worship.

"Nothing impure will ever enter it...after this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God'," Revelation 19:1

D. God's warnings still are given...

1. His coming could be at any moment!

"Behold, I am coming soon!"

2. Beware of who or what we worship!

"Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail

about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind." Colossians 2:18

"And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

"...Worship God!" Revelation 22:9b

3. Don't do the math...don't add or take away anything from this message.

"And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book." Revelation 22:18-19

4. There will come a time when it is too late...the choice is given to each of us!

"Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy." Revelation 22:11

E. God's encouragement is still here...

1. His coming is soon!

"Behold, I am coming soon!"

2. His blessing is for us.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city."

3. His reward is coming with Him.

"My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."

4. His invitation is still being offered!

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come, and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."

"How sweet is rest after fatigue! How sweet will heaven be when our journey is ended." – George Whitefield

Revelation Summary:

Chapter 1 – A Picture of Jesus Christ

Chapter 2/3 – Letters to the Churches

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Judgments

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Mighty Cheer!

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Thoughts on Randy Alcorn's book on Heaven

One of the most appealing things about this book is its question and answer format. The author deals in detail with over 200 questions about Heaven that cover every aspect of the topic. Here are some representative samples:

- What is the nature of the intermediate Heaven (the current Heaven)?
- What is life like in the intermediate Heaven?
- Why is earth's redemption essential to God's plan?
- What will it mean to see God?
- What will the New Jerusalem be like?
- Will there be space and time in Heaven?
- Will we be ourselves?
- Will we eat and drink?
- Will we engage in sexual relations?
- Will we be capable of sinning?
- Will we be reunited with our pets?
- Will there be arts, entertainment, and sports?
- These down-to-earth questions about the life to come on the New Earth are so fascinating that you will find it hard to put the book down once you start reading it.