

## What Is Heaven Like? – Revelation 21-22

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### Introduction

1. Jesus said He was going to prepare a place for His own. He sealed His wonderful promise with His death and affirmed it by His resurrection (John 14:1-3; Revelation 1:18). This makes His message meaningful, personal, and inviting.
2. Jesus will return to receive His own into that glorious abode prepared by the Father “from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34). The Christian does not worry about death, for he knows that when he departs this brief life, heaven is awaiting his arrival! It is among the grandest facts of life!

### I. What Is Heaven Like?

- a. The Citizens Of the City – Revelation 21:1-8
  - i. They are God’s people (v1-5)
    1. God has promised His people a new heaven and new earth (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22) but the old must be cleansed with fire first (2 Peter 3:10-13)
    2. Despite its description, it is still very difficult to imagine what the eternal city will be like. It is described as a holy city (Revelation 21:27), a prepared city (John 14:1-6), and a beautiful city.
    3. The most important thing is that God dwells there with His people!
  - ii. The citizens of heaven are a satisfied people (v6)
  - iii. The citizens of heaven are an overcoming people (v7-8)
- b. The Character Of The City – Revelation 21:9-22:5
  - i. GLORIOUS! – It is filled with God and His glory!
  - ii. SECURE! – It is filled with foundations, walls, and gates which speaks of its permanence and protection (Hebrews 11:8-10).
  - iii. BIG! – It is said to be 1,500 miles square (in all directions). There is plenty of room for everyone!
  - iv. BEAUTIFUL! – the gems and stones describes a place beyond our imagination.
  - v. NEW! – The former things (sorrow, pain, death, darkness etc.) are absent and all things are made new for us!
    1. Revelation 22:1-5 describes the inside of the city with its beautiful garden, the river of that flows from God’s throne and the tree of life.

### II. The Challenge Of Heaven

- a. We must keep God’s Word – Revelation 22:6-11, 18-19
  - i. We must not add nor take away anything in this book. The one who guards the Word and obeys it will be blessed.
- b. We have the responsibility of serving the Lord – Revelation 22:12-14
- c. We must keep our lives clean – Revelation 22:15-16
  - i. Obedience to God’s Word is a mark of true salvation. We must be overcomers!
- d. We must keep expecting Jesus Christ to return – Revelation 22:17, 20-21
  - i. Are you ready? “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”