

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Feed the Need** — Saturday, August 26, 10—2pm. Bring Money for fast food lunch afterward. We will pack lunches and hand them out.
- ◆ **New Fall Calendar!** — The New Fall Calendar will be out next week! There will be lots of fun activities to take part in. Corn Maze, Sky Zone, and a Lock-In! More details to come next week!!
- ◆ **5 Minutes with an Atheist**—How would you respond?
Next weeks topic: *Isn't biblical faith just a blind leap of faith?*

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

“A New Heaven and Earth”

Revelation 21:1-8

What do you think the end times will look like? Will Christians notice?

Read **Revelation 21:1-8**.

What imagery is used about Christians being reunited with Jesus in heaven?

“Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them” v. 3

People were meant to dwell with God—**John 14:6**

What do you think Heaven will be like? What about Hell? Where can you find these descriptions in the Bible?

Jesus said “I am making everything new!” v.5

What new things is He doing in your life?

What old things do you want Him change in your life now?

Which friends do you want to have a new life?

FUGE Motto: The Convergence: Two Paths, Choose One

Have you chosen your path, will you help others choose a path?

THE BIG PICTURE

July 27 - August 2, 2017

Read: Revelation 15 – 22

Understanding What You Are Reading

Congratulations! You have made it to the end! It's been a long four year journey. Often we read things or part of things and do not get “The BIG Picture” but hopefully you have a better understanding of how the 66 books come together and share one consistent theme, God's redeeming love for His creation through Jesus the Son who empowers the church to live by the power of His Spirit to over come sin and death.

Chapters 15-16 describes 7 more plagues that will take place on the earth. These are brought on by 7 angels that carry them in “bowls.” Compared to the previous judgments with the scrolls and trumpets, these plagues are massive and effect the entire earth.

Chapter 17 describes a woman, unlike the woman of chapter 12, this woman is called a “**the great prostitute**” and she along with a scarlet beast who has blasphemous things written all over it will be over come by the Lamb. There are many different thoughts about who this “**woman**” may be. Some have said the Roman empire and others suggest another government or even the Catholic church.

Chapter 18 discusses the fall of “**Babylon**” a name that runs through the Old and New Testaments. John warns all those who “commit adultery” with her to come out and not be a part of her destruction. There is a final call for those who will repent and then the destruction of Babylon will be great. Many interpretations surround who this Babylon is as well.

Chapters 19-20 open with a song of Hallelujah that praises God and then describes a rider on a white horse who is called “**Faithful and True.**” There is a final battle that was building up but with one word from this rider and all will fall dead. The Beast and false prophet will be cast into the Abyss for 1,000 years. **Chapters 21-22** conclude describing the new heaven and earth that are made after the final battle won by God. You will enjoy reading of the beauty and atmosphere of Heaven where there will be no more tears.

THE BIG PICTURE is to see that from **Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21** the Bible is God's way to communicate to His creation. **The relationship that was broken at the beginning will be restored and those who love God and trust in His name will spend all eternity with Him in heaven.**

Journal Ideas: (Some suggestions) Write a one sentence summary of each chapter. What did you learn these past 4 years reading through the Bible? What questions do you have about heaven?

Pray: (Some suggestions) Review and revise your weekly prayer list in your journals. Ask God to help you stay in His Word faithfully each week. Pray for your teachers and friends as you start a new school year.