

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study

LET'S STUDY!!

Your Read-Ahead for: 01 August 2022

A New Home

Monday-The Lord, Our Dwelling Place (**Psalm 90:1-12**)

Tuesday-To Love God Is to Know God (**1 John 2:12-17**)

Wednesday-Faith Is the Victory (**1 John 5:1-5**)

Thursday-God Will Do a New Thing (**Isaiah 43:14-21**)

Friday-Come, You Who Thirst (**Isaiah 55:1-5**)

Saturday-More Than Conquerors (**Romans 8:31-39**)

Sunday-God Will Dwell with God's People (**Revelation 21:1-8**)

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Bible Background: Revelation 21:1-8

Printed Text: **Revelation 21:1-8**; Devotional Reading: **Revelation 15:1-8**

Keep in Mind: *“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.” (Revelation 21:4 KJV)*

Focal Verses

Revelation 21:1-8

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea.

2 I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them; and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.

4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

5 He that sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said unto me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

6 He said unto me, “It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the Water of Life freely.

7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

¹ Urban Ministries Inc, *Directions* Adult edition, June-August 2022; *A New Home*, 47-51, 07 Aug 2022,

Aim for Change

By the end of this lesson, we will EXAMINE the unique genre of “apocalypse” that characterizes Revelation in order to discern how to understand its message, CONTEMPLATE the creation of a new heaven and a new earth for the hope this vision holds for the faithful, and EMBRACE the peace of GOD that begins in this life with Jesus and continues in God’s new creation.

In Focus

Many people would like to have a new beginning. What is it like to begin anew?

I. The People Places and Times

John: John, whose name in Hebrew means “*Jehovah is gracious*” was one of Jesus’ Disciples. John is recorded as being the only disciple present at the crucifixion, and instructed by Jesus to care for his mother Mary (John 19:25-27). According to tradition, John is the only disciples not martyred. He is imprisoned on the isle of Patmos for his faith. While he was on the island of Patmos, he wrote the book of Revelation.

Bride: The imagery of the bride is used widely in the bible as a description of the people of God. In the book Revelation, bride imagery is used for the Church and her relationship to Christ. The bride belongs to Christ who is the bridegroom.

II. Background

The book of Revelation records four visions of seen by John.

1. Jesus and His messages to the Seven Churches. (**Revelation 1:12-3:22**)
2. Jesus at the throne of God, opening of the seven seals and the seven trumpets. (**Revelation 4:1-13:18**)
3. Christ on Mount Zion (**Revelation 14:1-16:21**)
4. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (**Revelation 21:2**)

In this lesson we will learn about the fourth vision, which is the ultimate fulfillment of God’s promise to Christ.

III. In Depth

- a. The Presentation (**Revelation 21:1-2**)
- b. The Proclamation (**Revelation 21:3-4**)
- c. The Promises (**Revelation 5-8**)

IV. Take Aways

V. Announcements

VI. Closing Prayer