

THE STORY



THE END OF TIME

Revelation 21:1-22:5

THE ARC OF GOD'S STORY

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Act 2 – _____

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Sermon on November 20, 2022

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Getting to Know Me

1. What are you looking forward to or hoping for this holiday season? What are you uneasy about?

Digging Deeper

2. What new insight or information did you learn about the Book of Revelation from *The Story* or hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this past Sunday?
3. Phil said we so often get lost in the minutia of the Book of Revelation. From what you've learned in *The Story*, your own study, or Phil's teaching, what would you say the purpose is for the final book of the New Testament? Check out Revelation 13:10b and 14:12 for a clue.
4. Read Revelation 21:1-7. What do we know, or what can we imagine about Heaven from these verses?
5. Read Isaiah 65:17-25. Do these verses add anything to your view of Heaven? When you cross into Heaven, do you think it will feel familiar to you? Why or why not? Does this verse answer that question?
6. Read Revelation 21:3 again. Why do you think God wants to dwell with us? Can we enjoy intimacy with God now on this earth? If so, how? What does that look like?

7. Compare this new Heaven with the Garden of Eden. What is the same between the story of creation and the story of Heaven? What is different?
8. How important do you think it is to consider the end of your days?
9. Read Revelation 21:7-8. What is the difference between those who will be (or are) God's children and those who will be consigned to the fiery lake? What does it mean to "be victorious"? What must you do to dwell with God now and forever in Heaven?
10. How specifically does God's plan for the future give you hope and purpose for today?

Where Do I Go from Here?

Throughout scripture, God is clear that he desires an intimate personal relationship with you. He wants to dwell with you now and into eternity. He also wants to dwell with your family, your neighbors, and your coworkers.

Meet God through His Word, through worship, and through prayer every day this week. Ask God to shine through you and give you opportunities to love those around you in His name and share the promise of the gospel.

Prayer

Ask God to open the hearts of specific people in your life who do not know Jesus. Ask God to use you to plant the seeds of salvation. And thank God for the work He is doing.

"We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

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