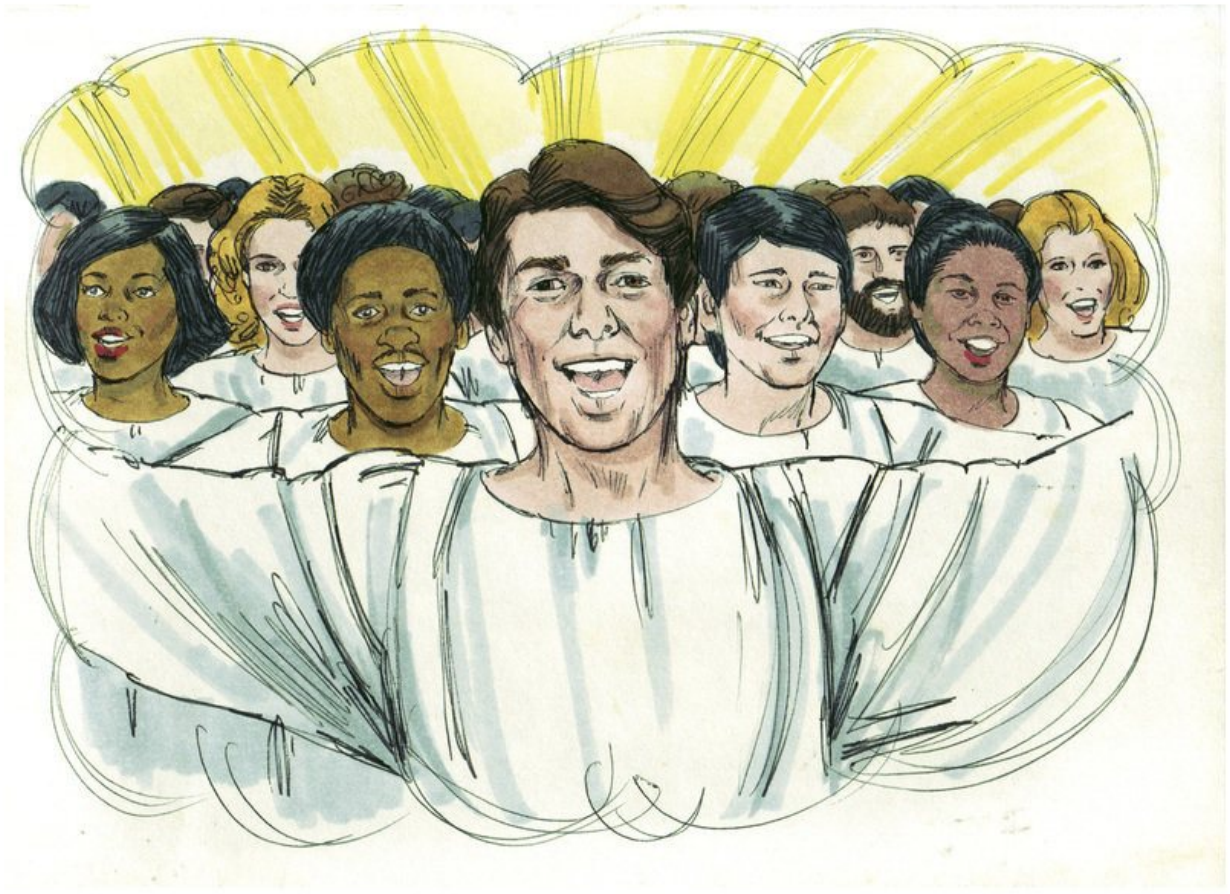
GENESIS TO REVELATION | VISION

A Vision of God Making All Things New

Revelation 21:1-7,9-27



YOUR BIBLE READING

John's vision offers hope of God's presence, renewed creation, and an end to grief.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Vision of God Dwelling with People

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Revelation continues John's visions, using powerful pictures and symbols to speak about God's hope for his people. John sees a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and earth have passed away, and in the vision the sea is no more. This great opening picture announces renewal. What follows will show a holy city, God's presence with people, and a promise that reaches into their deepest sorrow.

John sees the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It is prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. A loud voice announces that God's dwelling is with people. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them. The city and bride are joyful images of belonging. The promise at their center is that God makes his home with his people.

God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death, mourning, crying, and pain will no longer remain, because the former things have passed away. The one on the throne declares that he is making all things new and tells John to write these faithful, trustworthy words. The promise names sorrows people know well, then looks toward their ending. God's care reaches the tears themselves in this tender picture of comfort.

The speaker identifies himself as the beginning and the end. He promises water from the spring of life freely to the thirsty. Those who overcome receive the inheritance of belonging to God as his children. Life, family, and a generous gift come together in these words. John's vision of new creation is filled with relationship: God dwells with people, comforts them, and promises life to those who look to him in hope.

Remember: God's promised future gives hope without asking us to hide today's tears.

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The City Shines with God's Glory

Revelation 21:1-7,9-27



An angel tells John he will show him the bride, the Lamb's wife. In the Spirit, John is carried to a great, high mountain. There he sees the holy city, Jerusalem, coming from God and shining with God's glory. Its radiance is compared to a precious jasper stone, clear as crystal. The bride and the radiant city are connected pictures in the vision, full of beauty, belonging, and joy.

The city has a great wall, twelve gates, and twelve foundations. The gates bear the names of Israel's twelve tribes, and the foundations bear the names of the Lamb's twelve apostles. The angel measures the city; its length, width, and height are equal. Precious stones adorn the foundations, including sapphire, emerald, and amethyst. Each gate is pictured as a pearl, and the street is pure gold, transparent like glass.

God Almighty and the Lamb are the city's temple. Their presence fills the place that a temple building would ordinarily mark. God's glory illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its lamp. The vision describes light coming from the very ones at its center. It joins a beautiful place with a deeper promise: the people dwell in God's presence and receive their light and life from him.

The nations walk in this light and bring their glory and honor into the city. Its gates stay open, and there is no night there. Nothing unclean or false enters; those written in the Lamb's book of life belong within it. John's symbolic vision is a picture of welcome joined with goodness and truth. The city shines because God is with his people, and the promise of renewal surrounds their life together.

Pause and think: Which picture of God's care in this vision gives you room to speak honestly about sorrow and hope?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Hope Makes Room for Tears Now



The promise of tears being wiped away is a gentle picture of comfort. What part of it do you notice: God's nearness, his attention to sorrow, or the hope of pain ending? You can talk about that with your reader while also speaking honestly about something sad now. Hope and a conversation about real feelings can belong beside one another.

John describes the city through bright light, precious stones, and open gates. Choose one of these pictures and explain what it helps you notice. You might draw an open gate and write welcome beside it, or draw light around the words God is with his people. The image and the promise can help you explore the vision together with an adult.

God's promised renewal can encourage us to value people and creation today. With adult guidance, you might tend a plant, listen to a sad friend, or make a shared place more welcoming. These are ordinary actions of care as we look toward the hope John describes. Think about one small action that would show attention to a life or place entrusted to your care.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

John's symbolic vision pictures God dwelling with people, making all things new, and bringing tears and death to an end.

Which picture of God's care in this vision gives you room to speak honestly about sorrow and hope?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What is central to the promise about God's dwelling?

2. What happens to grief in the vision?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ An angel shows the radiant city lit by God and the Lamb.
- ☐ He hears a promise that grief and death will end.
- ☐ John sees renewed creation and hears of God dwelling with people.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw John's vision with symbols of light, open gates, comfort, and God's welcome.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God's promised future gives hope without asking us to hide today's tears.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Revelation 21:3-5

A thoughtful conversation

This is John's vision, full of symbols, not a date-setting chart or a demand to literalize every image. Keep God dwelling with people and the end of grief central. The bride, city, Lamb, light, and precious materials are vision language. Present hope alongside present grief without shaming sadness or using purity language to stigmatize illness, disability, or cultural difference.

Activity answers

1. God will be with his people, and they will belong to him.
2. God wipes tears away, and death, mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, comfort people who grieve and help us hold your hope with patient care for life today. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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