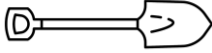


**Revelation 21:9-22:5 Discussion Guide**  
**Hope Church Women's Bible Study April 21-22, 2026**



**DWELL** Take a few minutes to jot down your reaction to the text and any questions you have. Consider repeated words and phrases. Briefly share if you wish.



**DIG 1.** Here in v9-10, describe the difference in what John heard and what he actually saw. What might be a connection between the two? (See Isaiah 54 on back).

2. Quickly summarize what we learn about the holy city from John's description of it (v10-21)?

- Circle the repeated number in the city's description. How many times does it appear? What might be its significance? (See Exodus 28:2;15-21 on back).

3. What does John NOT see in the city? (v22) See references from Ezekiel and 1 Peter on back for further insight. What else is not there? (v23-27)? What is significant about the absence of these things?

4. Use the chart to consider the similarities in the bookends of the Bible. See Genesis reference on back.

Revelation	Genesis	Similarities/Significance
22:1	2:10	
22:2b	2:9	
22:3a	2:16-17;25	
22:4	2:7-8	
22:5b	1:28	

What connections can you make between the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1-2 and the garden imagery in Revelation 22?

5. What else do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?



## DEEPEN

1. What images of both what is in the new city as well as what is not are particularly meaningful to you today and why?

2. How does the story of the city that is to come change how we live now in the city of man? In what ways do we live and operate differently in the city of man as citizens of heaven from those who are citizens of the city of man? (From Even Better Than Eden by Nancy Guthrie)

3. This week, take some time to review the text, your notes and group hand outs on Revelation. What stands out to you? What do you want to remember from this study? Bring your thoughts to share with your group next week as well as ways that the group can be praying for you this summer.

**Isaiah 54:5; 10-13 (NIV):** “For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you...“Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels,

and all your walls of precious stones. All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace.”

**Genesis 1:28:** “And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**Genesis 2:7-10; 16-17; 25:** ...”then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. **8** And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9** And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **10** A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers...**16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat[e] of it you shall surely die....**25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

**Exodus 28:2; 15-21:** “And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty...You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—... You shall set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold filigree. There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes.”

**Ezekiel 11:16:** “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone’ ‘

**1 Peter 2:5:** “...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”