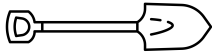


Revelation 21:1-8 Discussion Guide, Apr 14-15, 2026: Hope Church Women's Bible Study



DWELL What images or phrases stand out? What did you think of God making new as you read?



DIG 1. Circle anything that highlights what is new in the new creation. Put a box around anything that is no longer present. What picture is being painted?

2. Let's look at the comparison between those called to conquer in chapters 2-3 and the conquered by drawing lines between the contrasted characteristics.

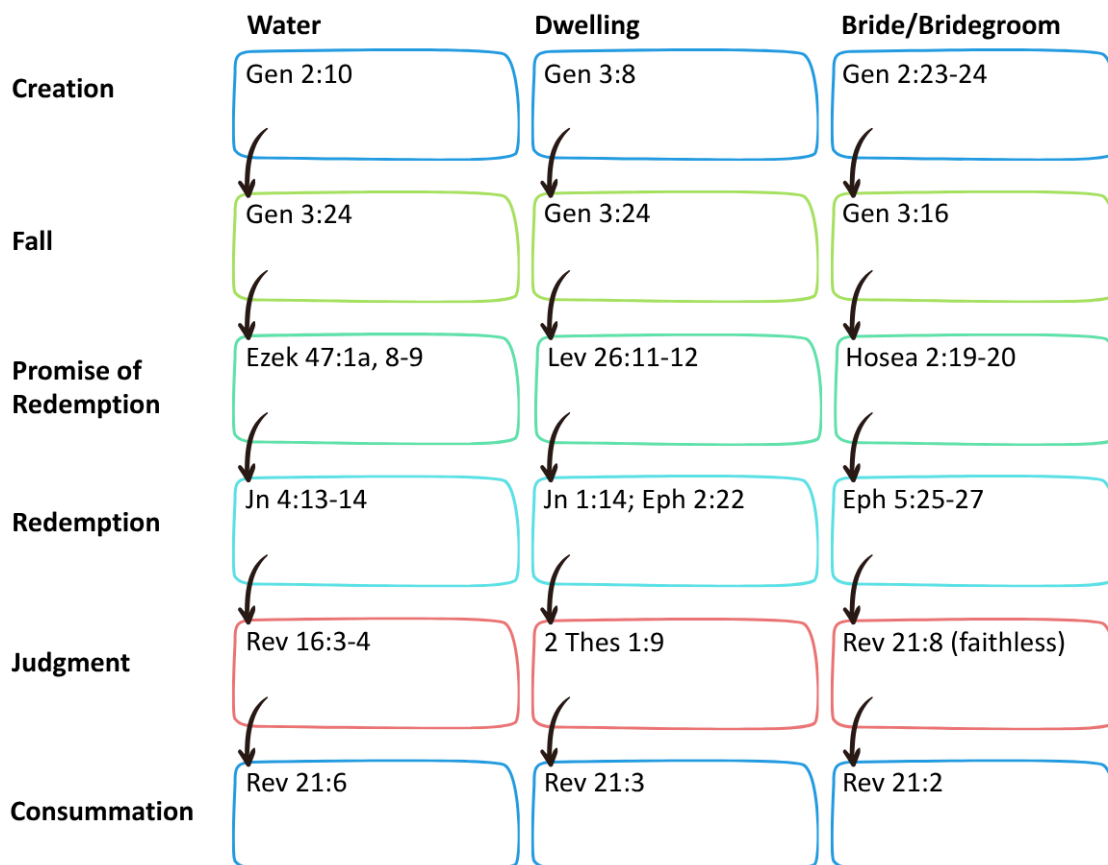
	What Jesus knows	Exhortation/Warning	
Ephesus	Commendation: Their works, patient endurance, intolerance of evil, how they tested the false apostles, and haven't grown weary. Accusation: Abandoned their first love	Remember what you've received, repent, do the works you did at first	cowardly
Smyrna	Commendation: Tribulation, poverty, slander against them by those who say they are Jews but are a synagogue of satan.	Do not fear the coming suffering; be faithful unto death.	faithless
Pergamum	Commendation: Dwell in Satan's throne city; yet hold fast and don't deny Christ's faith. Accusation: Some hold the teaching of Balaam- food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality.	Repent.	detestable
Thyatira	Commendation: Works-faith, love, service, patient endurance, growth. Accusation: Tolerate Jezebel whose false teaching is leading to sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols.	The adulterous will face tribulation until they repent. The faithful should hold fast.	murderers
Sardis	Accusation: Reputation of being alive but are dead, works incomplete.	Remember and keep what you have received; repent.	sexually immoral
Philadelphia	Commendation: Open door (of evangelism). With little power they have kept his word and not denied his name in the face of the synagogue of Satan who says they are Jews but lie.	Hold fast what you have.	sorcerers (associated with idolatry)
Laodicea	Accusation: Neither hot nor cold; reviled (will be spit out!); self-reliant and proud.	Be zealous and repent. Hear his voice and open the door.	idolaters
			liars

What's the main difference between these two groups of people?

Consider what 1 Corinthians 6:11 says about a similar group of people.

3. Many important biblical themes begun in Genesis are made complete here! See how many you can find.

3b. Let's explore a few of them by breaking into small groups, then reporting back:



Seeing how these themes develop, what does it mean for God to “make all things new?”

4. What are you learning about God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?



DEEPEN 5. What part of this old creation do you need to imagine made new? Where do you need heaven to break through? What's giving you true hope for real life?

6. Do you identify with the conquerors or the conquered right now? How can you identify more with the new creation God has made to be, rather than the sin of your old self?

REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

WATER

Genesis 2:10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

Genesis 3:24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Ezekiel 47:1a, 8-9 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east)...And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

John 4:13-14 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Revelation 16:3-4 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.

The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

DWELLING

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Leviticus 26:11-12 I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Ephesians 2:22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might...

BRIDE/BRIDEGROOM

Genesis 2:23-24 Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.”

Hosea 2:19-20 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.