

GOD WITH US

Session Twelve: In the City – The New Creation

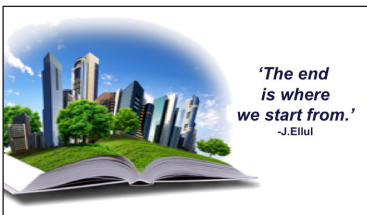
As we have studied the Bible together we have met a God who has come down into the garden, the tent, the temple, in the flesh and in the Spirit. Now as we look at the last book of the Bible, there is a sense of anticipation – for God is coming down to dwell with his people in the New Jerusalem.



1. Where in the Bible do we first encounter the major themes of Revelation?

2. According to Revelation 21, what is the ultimate goal of God's plan? (See Revelation 21:1-5)

3. In what way is the Bible like a "great creation sandwich"?



4. How does the scene described in Revelation 21:1-5 differ from the scene recorded in Genesis 11:1-4?

5. What images do we find in Revelation 21 and 22 that are found earlier in Isaiah? (See Isaiah 25:6-8; 26:1-4; 60:1-3; 62:1-5; 65:17-25)

6. What do Revelation 4 and 5 teach about the identity of 'the Lamb'? (cf. Isaiah 53:4-7; John 1:29). How do these chapters contribute to our understanding of the Trinity?



7. The first letter of the Hebrew Scriptures, 'bet', is also the first letter of the Hebrew word for 'home'. Why is this a fitting image for the entire biblical story? (See Genesis 1:1; 2:8; 3:8; John 1:14; Rev 21:3; 22:1-5).

8. How does the teaching of Revelation give hope to the believer?