

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 19

The Year of Harvest – The Heavenly City

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21:1-2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Ezekiel described a city, and the water coming from the throne. Here in Revelation 21, John describes for us a heavenly city. Scholars differ in whether this is a literal or symbolic city, but one thing is true, it tells us that there is coming a day when God and man will be together, never to be separated. When Adam and Eve sinned there came a great separation between God and man, and even God and His creation. All of creation was contaminated and distanced from God because of the sin of Adam and Eve. To this very day, Paul says, the very creation groans with labor pains until this separation is eternally healed (Romans 8:22). A form of this word is used by Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:2 when he says that we grow weary in our present bodies and long for our heavenly bodies. The New Jerusalem and all that it includes will be the consummation of the plan that God began even before creation to heal this separation caused by the sin of man. Now, in this season, we only see little glimpses of what will be the final reconciliation. Salvation and the restoration of sinners, divine healings, the transformation of neighborhoods, cities and nations that are occurring today are a foretaste of that great day when the great eternal plan of God will be fulfilled and the New Jerusalem, the habitation of God will forever be upon the earth. He will be our God, and we will be His people, never to be separated again forever.

Day 1: Read Revelation 21 and 22 and meditate on what it will be like to always be with God.

Day 2: Praise the Lord today that His eternal plan will be fulfilled because He who is faithful has promised.

Day 3: Pray for healing of the separation of sin (salvation) for those in your family and your friends.

Day 4: Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you keep an eternal perspective on how you live your life.

Day 5: Pray that your church will teach your people to have an eternal perspective on how they live their lives.

Day 6: Pray for believers in your city to have this hope as they live as salt and light in your city.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to have the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the message of restoration with God through Jesus.