

When Jesus Comes Again

Revelation 7:9-17; 21; 22; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 645-652

Can you imagine worshiping God forever and ever? Forever means never ending! Maybe it is hard to imagine it now. But that is what we will do in heaven! Let's look in on a family who is eager for Jesus to come.

Benjamin smiled as he watched the clouds move while he ate his picnic lunch. He turned to his father. "Wow, Dad," he said. "Those clouds make me think of Jesus' coming!"

"Me too!" Dad agreed. The family had been hiking in the mountains. Now they were sitting on a huge rock by the river eating lunch.

"I want Jesus to come and take us to heaven right now!" little brother Bryson shouted.

"Me too!" Mom replied with a smile.

Later, during worship, they read from Revelation 7, 21, and 22. "The Bible says that Jesus will make a new heaven and a new earth," Dad began. "And when Jesus comes again, we will live with Him and praise Him forever!"

"And there won't be any tears or death or pain either," Mom added.

"Just imagine it!" Dad continued. "The New Jerusalem will be like a big square. It will have 12 gates and 12 foundations."

"WOW! Look at all the jewels that make up the foundations!" Benjamin exclaimed. "Green jasper, blue sapphire, yellow chrysolite . . ." He read on through the 12 different stones. "And every huge gate will be made of a single pearl!"

"Think how beautiful it will be," said Mom. "There won't be a temple, or

church, there. Jesus IS the temple. Jesus will always be with us. Nothing can keep us from being with Him."

"I like this part," Dad added. "We won't need any lamps or lights. The glory of God's presence is the light. And there will never be night again!"

"No more naps for me!" little Bryson chimed in.

Mother smiled. She knew Bryson didn't like to take naps.

"People from every nation on earth will be there," Benjamin added. "Those who loved and obeyed Jesus."



The Message

When Jesus comes again, we will live with Him and worship Him forever.

Memory Verse

*"The Lord will save me,
and we will sing with
stringed instruments all
the days of our lives in
the temple of the Lord"
(Isaiah 38:20, NIV).*

Dad read more In Revelation 7. There they learned what John tells about the people in heaven. They will wear white robes and wave palm branches as they sing to praise God. Everyone will thank Him. As they bow down before His throne they will say:

"Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and
ever.

Amen!"

"Oh," Mom added,
"chapter 22 says the River
of Life flows from God's
throne and runs right
through the city. The
Tree of Life is in the
very middle of the city.
Part of its trunk is on
both sides of the river!
The tree gives 12 different
kinds of fruit, a different
one each month of the year.
Mmmmm, I can't wait!"

Dad continued, "There won't
be any more sin. We'll see God's
face, and have His name. And we will live
with Jesus always!"

"I want Jesus to come!" Benjamin shouted.

"That's just what John said," Dad pointed
out. "Yes, Jesus, come!"

"Yes, Jesus, come!" little Bryson echoed.

How about you? Jesus says to you, "Come!
Come drink of the water of life! Come live with



Me forever." God offers us the gift of heaven
and a life with Jesus forever. It will be more
wonderful than we can even imagine. And we
will want to thank God and Jesus for it often.
Yes, we will worship and praise them forever.
We will never get tired of doing that!



S A B B A T H

DO If possible, go to a beautiful outdoor place with your family. Sit in a quiet place and read your lesson together. How will heaven be different from this earth? In what ways will we worship God? For how long?

SING Sing some favorite praise songs. Then teach the memory verse to your family. Ask: Who wants to be there? Ask Jesus to make you ready.

S U N D A Y

READ During family worship read and discuss Revelation 7:9-17. What will be your favorite part of the city? What will people who worship God today say to Him in heaven? What will never happen again?

SING Sing praise songs to Jesus while you wave scarves or palm branches. Thank Jesus for His promise to come again.

DO Share the picture of yourself you made in Sabbath School with someone. (Or draw a picture of yourself worshipping in heaven.) Tell them about heaven and the New Earth and what you will do there. Pray for them today.

M O N D A Y

READ For worship today read and discuss Revelation 7:9. Who is the Lamb? How many people will be in heaven? Where will they come from? Name as many countries as you can. Then look at a world map. How many countries can you count? Will people from every country be in heaven?

SING Sing "Amazing Grace" together, especially the first and last verses. Then thank Jesus for giving His life so you and your family can live with Him forever.

T U E S D A Y

READ Read and discuss Revelation 21 during family worship. Tell how heaven will be different from life here on earth. Which change will you like best? Why is there no temple, or church, in the city? In what book do you want your name to be written? Why? Describe the New Jerusalem.

DO Find out more about the precious stones mentioned in verses 19 and 20. (Hint: Look in an encyclopedia or get a book from the library.)

PRAY Thank Jesus for His promise of heaven and the New Earth. Tell Him why you want to be there.

W E D N E S D A Y

READ With your family, read and discuss Revelation 22. Describe the river and the special tree. Why won't we need lights anymore? When does Jesus say He is coming? Ask each person to act out something they want to do in heaven. Guess what they want to do. Which can't you do here on earth now?

DRAW Draw a picture of the tree with 12 different kinds of fruit. Show it to your family. Then thank Jesus for the heavenly fruit He promises to give and the fruit you enjoy now.

Jesus promised His disciples that He would come again the same way that He left—in the air.





T H U R S D A Y

READ

With your family, read Revelation 2:17 and 21:7. Who will go to heaven when Jesus comes? Ask each person to think of a new name God might give them and tell why. (The name will reflect God's character.) Make a list of questions you would like to ask Jesus when you get to heaven.

DO

Think of five people you want to go to heaven with you. Make five paper stars and give one to each person. Tell them you want them to go to heaven with you when Jesus comes. Pray for each person today and every day.

F R I D A Y

READ

For worship today, read and discuss together *The Great Controversy*, pages 645-647 (paragraphs 22-26 of chapter 40). Do you want to be there?

DO

Say your memory verse together, then listen to some string instrument music. Ask your family: What instrument would you like to play now? In heaven? What musical talent do you want to have in heaven?

SING

Sing some praise songs, then thank God for the gift of heaven and the promise of eternal life.

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PUZZLE

Directions: Look at the shapes and numbers of the fruit on the tree to find out the words that make Jesus happy.

