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Video Summary

One of Jesus' followers, John, sees a symbol-filled vision of life in the new creation — a total renewal which will be completed when Jesus returns.

The new earth is totally formed and totally filled. God's original plan is successfully complete. The Garden has been expanded and upgraded into a world-covering city. The man and the woman have become countless people from all nations.

King Jesus sits on God's throne. A river flows from it, watering the Tree of Life which bursts with fruit. God's people enjoy the full and unending benefits of living in God's kingdom. Total connection and closeness to God brings life as it's supposed to be. There is no chaos, death and darkness. There is only beauty, life and light.

There is no Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Jesus has fulfilled the responsibilities of living in God's kingdom. He did what we couldn't do. He has succeeded so there is no possibility of failure.

Jesus reigns. He is the champion. He has saved his people from their enemies and from themselves. He has eliminated sin. He has crushed the Snake. He has permanently established God's kingdom on earth. God's people live in God's place, blessed under his rule by King Jesus who is the blessing to the world. There is a worldwide kingdom, everywhere for everyone, forever.

Discussion Questions

- 1** The new creation is a city full of countless people from all nations. What does that show us about the kind of community God wants? What does that mean for how we live together now?
- 2** Life will be as it's supposed to be. There will only be beauty, life and light. What parts of the future hope are you most comforted or excited by? What do you long to see less of? What do you long to see more of?
- 3** How does the certainty of Jesus' ultimate victory in establishing his eternal kingdom impact how you face current struggles and uncertainties? How do you feel about a world where there is no possibility of failure?
- 4** The story ends with a worldwide kingdom, everywhere for everyone, forever. How does that inspire you to join in with spreading God's kingdom now?

Bible Passages for Further Study

Revelation 21–22:5 — Vision of the new creation

