

# BOOKENDS

Sunday, May 1, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 2 | **From Garden to City**

Genesis 2:4-17; Revelation 21:9-22:5

God plants the **GARDEN**

**about the Garden** Genesis 2:4-17ff

**paradise, God's presence** Genesis 3:8; Revelation 21:3

to grow into a **CITY**

**the tale of two cities in Scripture** Genesis 1:26-28ff; 2:19-20; Genesis 11:1-9; Revelation 21:9-22:5

**about the City** Revelation 21:9-22:5; Hebrews 11:10-16

where he'll **LIVE WITH US!**

**God loves us and wants good for us** Jeremiah 32:36-42

**choose your treasure** Matthew 6:19-21ff; Hebrews 13:14



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**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group*. If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

Part of our time together is learning more about one another and sharing life. Toward that end...

*What is the most beautiful place you have ever been? Describe the place in terms of sights and sounds.*

## Review...

We're in a series called Bookends, looking at the beginning and the end of Scripture, and how they parallel one another. **Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Digging Deeper

In the future, God will bring our present universe to an end. Then in a dazzling display of power, God will create a new heaven and new earth as our dwelling place forever. The apostle John caught a glimpse of God's new creation, and words almost failed to describe the glorious sight he saw. **Read Revelation 21–22.**

- As you look back through these chapters, what one scene would you like to capture in a photograph?
- What fact about heaven is new to you either from reading Revelation 21-22 or from this weekend's message?
- What promise from God is most significant?
- What has caused you "mourning or crying or pain" over the past year?

- How does it make you feel to know that these old things will pass away (**Revelation 21:4**)?
- Why did God reveal to John so many details about the new Jerusalem—the measurements, the stones, the streets (**21:12–21**)?
- What will be missing from the future city (**21:22–27**), and why is each absence significant?
- According to 22:1–5**, what will the inhabitants of the city be doing?
- Who is excluded from the city (**21:8; 22:15**)?
- What do their actions on earth demonstrate about their relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Who can gain entrance to God's city, and on what basis does that person enter (**22:17**)?

## Closing

**Read Hebrews 11:8-16.** What was Abraham looking forward to and living for? Why?

**Read Hebrews 13:14.** What should we be living for? Why?

**Pray for everyone in your group by name.**

*This week's Study Guide is adapted from Douglas Connelly, Heaven: Finding Our True Home: 8 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2000), 38-40.*

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## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Psalm 24:1-7 (CSB)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup>The **earth** and **everything** in it, the world and its **inhabitants**, **belong** to the **LORD**; <sup>2</sup>for he **laid** its **foundation** on the **seas** and **established** it on the **rivers**.  
<sup>3</sup>Who may **ascend** the **mountain** of the **LORD**? Who may **stand** in his **holy place**? <sup>4</sup>The one who has **clean hands** and a **pure heart**, who has not **appealed** to what is **false**, and who has not sworn **deceitfully**. <sup>5</sup>He will **receive blessing** from the **LORD**, and **righteousness** from the God of his **salvation**.  
<sup>6</sup>**Such** is the **generation** of those who **inquire** of him, who **seek** the **face** of the God of **Jacob**. **Selah** <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in.