

SERMON – ‘Looking forward to the City-What will heaven be like? Heb 11:10, Rev 21 - 22:5

Hope in the reality of heaven is looking towards *something* in the future in a way that **POSITIVELY, POWERFULLY & PERSONALLY** affects our living NOW.

A **compelling vision** heaven
affects our lives with a
a **convincing hope** of all things made new.

5 Observations about the reality of heaven:

#1 New heaven and new earth will be _____ .
v1,2,5

#2 New heaven and new earth will be _____ .

#3 New heaven and new earth will predominantly be a _____ .
v2, 9

HEB 13:14 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For **here** we have no lasting city, but we seek the **city *that is to come***.

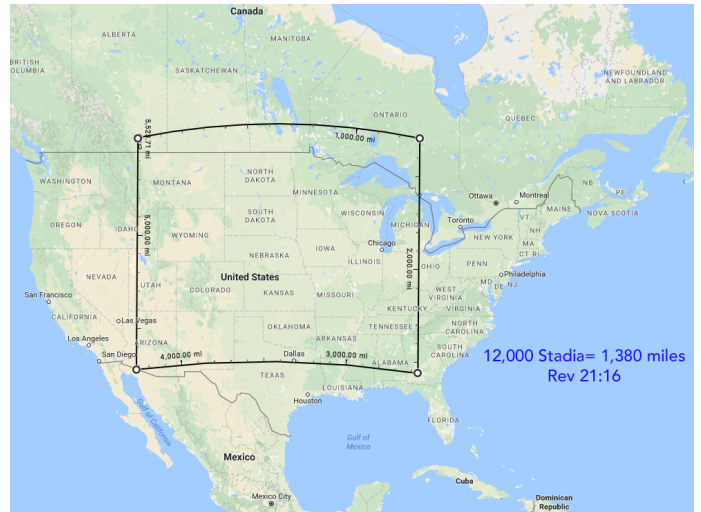
#4 New heaven and new earth will be _____ .

#5 New heaven and new earth will be saturated with the _____ _____ .
v10-11 , v23; 22:4-5

Answers: New, Real, City, Beautiful, Glory of God

Pilgrims ponder what they pursue.

Labor to be much acquainted with heaven. - If you are not acquainted with it, you will not be likely to spend your life as a journey thither. You will not be sensible of its worth, nor will you long for it. Unless you are much conversant in your mind with a better good, it will be exceeding difficult to you to have your hearts loose from these things, to use them only in subordination to something else, and be ready to part with them for the sake of that better good. - Labor therefore to obtain a realizing sense of a heavenly world, to get a firm belief of its reality, and to be very much conversant with it in your thoughts. (246)



Discussion / Application

1. Describe in detail a favorite place you like to visit.
2. How does this passage help you describe the reality of heaven?
3. Why is it hard for us to grasp the reality of heaven?
4. How is the presence of God the most comforting characteristic of heaven? In what specific way?
5. Abraham (Heb 11:10) “was looking forward to the city” with hope. How is that an example for us?