

UMC Heaven Study  
Session 1 – Class Question from Session 1

1. Why would God destroy the earth?
  - He does destroy the earth He renews earth and makes it a holy place where a holy God can dwell. Rev 21:1, 2Pet 3:7
2. How can there be a New Heaven come down to earth. How is it a “New Earth”, does God destroy the earth and bring it back?
  - There will be a new heaven and a new earth. The New Jerusalem that comes down from heaven will rest above the new earth. God dwells with men on the New Earth abiding in new Jerusalem.
3. Where are people now in heaven and when to they come down to earth?
  - God dwells in heaven where the souls of the saints’ dwell. Jesus beings them with Him when He returns to earth. At that time Jesus will give them resurrected bodies.
4. Who goes to heaven and who doesn’t?
  - There will be a handout that helps to answer that question.
5. What is the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd heaven?
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> is everything on this earth, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is everything we see when we look up. Star, planets, sun, etc. The third is where God is now, angels, souls of the redeemed.
6. What happens to people who are on earth when Jesus returns?
  - They can trust in Christ or reject Christ
7. Are we in the end times and how do we know?
  - There are hints of a great deception already occurring on this planet. Mat 24:4,5,11,24. See how many times Jesus warns up about being deceived.
8. Why does God release Satan from the Lake of Fire? What are the 2 battles mentioned in Revelations?
  - To give all those who lived during the Millenium an opportunity to choose or reject Christ. 2 battles - Rev 19:19 and Rev 20:8-9
9. Are we part of God’s army when He comes back?
  - It seems so, Rev 19:14 and Jud 1:14-15
10. Will we have technology and what kinds of Jobs will we have?
  - Technology is the output of creative individuals. We have been made in God’s image who is the master of creativity. I believe in the millenium that we will have all types of technology. Who is going to fix the roads and our plumbing and electrical issues?
11. Does New Jerusalem need to be built and who is building. Jesus says He is going to prepare a place for us. Joh 14:2 God can do anything