

# SERIES: THE STORY OF US

## LESSON SIXTEEN: GLORY



### MEMORY VERSE

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:1–4)

### KEY POINTS FOR THE LESSON:

New creation, Kingdom, Covenant, Seed.

### WHAT TO REMEMBER:

God created a kingdom, and he is the King, but he made human beings to represent him in that kingdom. Adam and Eve rejected this call, which led to sin and death. But God promised to defeat the Serpent through the seed of the woman, who is also the seed of Abraham. Through Abraham's family, and specifically Judah's royal seed, David, the covenant blessings would come to the world. Because all people were guilty and deserved death, the sacrifices of the Mosaic law revealed more clearly their need for a substitute—the suffering servant. Through the servant and the work of the Spirit, God would establish a new covenant and give lasting life to his people in the new heavens and the new earth. Jesus is the One through whom all of these promises find fulfillment, first in his sacrificial death as a necessary and just payment for sin and then in his victorious resurrection and reign as King. This great story will find its culmination when the redeemed from every tribe, tongue, and nation gather in the new creation to live with God forever.

### CONVERSATION QUESTION:

- 1) Can you imagine heaven without God's presence? Based on what we've seen about God's covenant promises, would such a place really be heaven?

### DEVOTIONAL BIBLE READING FOR THIS WEEK:

*Psalm 96*

*How does this psalm help you understand the biblical theological themes from this chapter and the big story of the Bible, which culminates with Jesus?*