

Q: (v.14) God calls us blessed, those who “wash our robes” of sin? This is a continual action (like how today, we have to regularly wash our dirty clothes). Spiritually, do we do this on our own power or by the grace of Jesus? How does Jesus help us “stay clean?” (Phil 1:6)

Q: What is significant regarding how Jesus describes Himself in this chapter? (see vv.13, 16)

Q: (vv.10, 15, 17) How does this chapter give one final warning for those currently “outside” the family of God, to repent?

Q: (vv.18-19) How do people today, add or take away from the words of Scripture, and specifically, this book of Revelation? What does God have in store for those who do so?

Q: Who do you know is thirsty for the “water of life” (Christ)? Who can you be praying for, to become thirsty for Him? How can you be ready to help thirsty people get connected to Jesus?

Q: How does this final chapter of Revelation reveal God’s desire to welcome all who accept His loving, gracious invitation to come to Him? How does it also reveal what one must do to come to Him (and the eternal destiny for those who choose not to come to Christ)?



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(for personal and/or small group study)

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Revelation 22

Imagine building a beautiful, lavish home with room for all your children, having everything they need. This home also had expansive colorful fields, and a rich diversity of flowers, vegetation and animals for all to enjoy. There are mountains and valleys to explore and endless beauty and joy. But instead of your kids’ gratitude, they bicker and fight, destroy the home, and one another. The worst part is, they rebel against you, the creator. This describes what humans did to God. God could have just wiped us out and started over. But because of His deep love for us, He began a rescue plan, involving entering into His creation, taking on flesh, becoming one of us, paying the penalty for sin, in our place, and granting us freedom, forgiveness and eternal life with Him, in a renewed home, Heaven!

Q: In chapter 21, Heaven is described like a huge glorious city, that descends to earth. It is the dwelling place of God, like the holy of holies in the OT Temple. Here in chapter 22, inside this heavenly city, it is described as a beautiful garden, like the Garden of Eden in Genesis. If Adam and Eve had never sinned, this is what they would have had. When you think of Heaven, what thoughts come to mind?

Q: In Heaven, we will worship God all the time (v.3). But we can have a misunderstanding of what true worship is. Worship is NOT just going to a place (like church) to sing and hear a sermon and then go home. Worship is a lifestyle of bringing glory to God, each day, throughout the day, in whatever we are doing (1 Cor 10:31). In heaven, whatever God has in store for us to do, we will be worshipping Him forever as we do it! Having this perspective of what true worship is, how can you choose to worship God now, each day, in your relationships, your work, your struggles, your joys, when eating, etc.?

Q: How many times in this chapter does it refer to Jesus as “coming or coming soon?” (v.7, 12, 17, 20)

Q: Think back to a time in your life, when you anxiously waited for something to happen (i.e. school to be over for the summer, or the birth of a child, or vacation to finally get here, etc.) and thought it would never get here *soon* enough (but eventually it did come!). But now as you look back, you wonder, where did all the time go? From eternity’s perspective, how could Jesus’ return be both *soon* in AD 95 (when Revelation was given) and today? _____

Q: What events in your life make Jesus’ return seem slow in coming? _____

Q: (v.1) from God’s throne, a river (water of life) flows. How might this reflect OT prophecy (Zech 14:8; Isa 35:6-9) and Jesus’ words in John 4:10-14, 7:37-39? _____

Q: (vv.2-3) In the Garden of Eden, there were two trees mentioned. The forbidden tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the Tree of Life (which represented the source of eternal life). When Adam & Eve rebelled, they were mercifully kicked out of the Garden, so they could not eat of the Tree of Life and thus, live forever in their sin-filled state (Gen 3:22). But here in Heaven, we see the Tree of Life (Rev 2:7), but not the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. What is significant about that? _____

Q: Describe the fruit of this Tree of Life. Also, what does it mean that it’s leaves are for the “healing of the nations?” (see also Ezek 47:12). If there is no longer any curse, no illness or broken relationships in heaven, has this “healing” already taken place? (see Zech 14:11)

Q: What is significant about the fact that we will see God face to face? (see Exo 33:20; Ps 17:15; Matt 5:8; John 14:7; 1 Jn 3:2; John 1:1-18).

Q: What is significant about God’s name being on our foreheads (see Rev 3:12; 7:3; 14:1)?

Q: (v.7) Why are those who keep the words of this prophecy (which is “trustworthy and true” v.6) called “blessed?”

Q: (v.8-9) John, once again (see Rev 19:10) is overwhelmed and attempts to worship the angel. What does the angel say? What things may Christians be tempted to worship today?

Q: In it’s context, what is the point of v. 11? (see also Rom 2:4-10)
