

Reflection Questions for Chapter 22

For the next session on May 27th, please read Chapter 22, pages 357-368 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "Loving Father, if I awakened today wondering what will be, may I look for the guidance of your Spirit in me. If today I experience loneliness, may your Son's compassion fill the emptiness. If in body, mind, or spirit is pain, may I turn to You for hope sustained. If the answer to a prayer occurs, may I be grateful that every prayer is heard. If I fail to seek You in all that I do, may the desire to serve You be renewed. Amen." <https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **May 27th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this final chapter we see Life-Giving Water / Tree of Life (1-5) and the Epilogue (6-21).

Life Giving Water / Tree of Life (1-5)

1. (1-2) The waters of baptism begin our life in Jesus. We read the fulfillment of the promise of eternal life in Chapter 22. (John 4:14, Genesis 2:9). *What do you think the river of water of life represents? Why is it important where this river flows from?*

2. (2) Now instead of guarding the tree of life as in Genesis, an angel is showing it to John. *What are your observations about the tree of life? How do you think it is growing on both sides of the river? What importance do you think this holds? How does all this imagery apply to the Holy Spirit in your life?*

3. (2) It is estimated that there are around 8.7 million species of animals and plants. In our lifetime, it would be impossible to explore all of them. *What do you think is the significance that the tree of life has twelve kinds of fruits? Are there any clues about heaven that you can learn from the tree of life?*

4. (4) "They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads." *What do you look forward to most about being with God?*

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Epilogue (6-21)

5. (8-9) John writes that when he heard and saw these things, he “fell down to worship at the feet of the angel.” *Why do you think John would do this? What does the angel’s response tell you?* (Luke 4:8)

6. (p 363) “Revelation does not convey mere information but teaching to be put into practice.” *How do you interpret this?*

7. (14) “Blessed are they who wash their robes...” We have a role to play in this. *How are we called to be active participants and what is the hoped for result?*

8. (18-21) God’s Word is to be taken seriously. False teachers may alter Scripture to meet their own message. Remember, Gods timing is not ours and may seem to take forever. (Habakkuk 2:3) *How does this help when reading and obeying Scripture? Are you ready for Jesus to return? What else could you do to be ready?*

What else stood out for you in this chapter?

What is an important lesson you learned in studying the Book of Revelation?

For your personal prayer:

Overall, we have learned many important things. Jesus promises that He is coming again. We are called to take heed the words of the prophecy and to obey. We can see five directives from Revelation that we are called to keep: *overcome* obstacles or temptations; *endure* and be faithful; *stay awake*, always being ready; *be separate* by not clinging to the worldly things but stand firm in your beliefs, and to *repent*—our salvation depends on it.

Which directive will you focus on going forward as a result of this study?

“Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.”