

What Happens When a Church Worships | Part 11

Lesson 6

Revelation chapter 22

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Reasons to Worship God

INTRODUCTION

Is New Jerusalem “for real?” Ask Abraham! He “look(ed) forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10), thereby affirming his certainty 2,100 years before Revelation was written. Now, 4,000 years post-Abraham, the eternal city is established truth, thanks to John’s Christ-directed narrative.

After weeks of negotiating Revelation’s symbolic obstacle course of “sevens” (i.e., trumpets and bowls) and applauding Satan’s demise, discovery of the eternal city is the reward.

New Jerusalem’s infrastructure, beauty, and radiance are without equal, reflecting the excellence of her foremost residents, Jesus and His Father who are worshiped by adoring citizens. Unlike other cities, she needs no hospital or power company because pain, evil, and darkness have passed away.

“Getting there” is the challenge. Following directions is critical. Not everyone is admissible. Gates remain open only for those who wear upon their brows the seal of Him who was crucified.

Memory Verse: “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”—Revelation 22:12-13

Pray, and read Revelation chapter 22. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?

1. What in the city's description is a reminder of the Garden of Eden? (Revelation 22:1-2)
2. There are seven Beatitudes in the book of Revelation. What are the sixth and seventh Beatitudes in this week's lesson? (Revelation 22:7, 14)
3. Why does the angel instruct John *not* to seal the prophecy of the scroll? (Revelation 22:10-11)
4. In verse 16, it appears that Jesus has put his authorization on the whole of Revelation. What is His glorious declaration?
5. What will be the consequence of anyone who amends or detracts from the book of Revelation? (Revelation 22:18-19)

