

Welcome to Bible Study 22 May 2022 – All shall be well

Welcome everyone!

Opening Prayer Please pray together

Dear God, we thank you that Easter and the weeks after are not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices and hearts, and that the tomb is empty because **Jesus is risen**, that we might know forgiveness, that our lives can be reborn and your name glorified now and forever, Amen.

Q 1 What is your favourite movie? Why did you love it so much and what moved you? Did the movie fill you with hope and joy or did it affect you emotionally. Did it challenge you and inspire you?

Music Worship

Be still for the presence of the Lord
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
I will sing the wondrous story

Word - Psalm 67;

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us -

² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Word - Revelation 21.10 to 22.5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. ¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth,

and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it.

²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Q 2 Revelation is a fascinating book. I once heard that the only thing you need to know about Revelation is that in the end God wins. What do you think, please discuss?

Revelation was written for Christians facing extreme persecution but John encourages his readers through powerful imagery that light will triumph over darkness, hope will overcome despair, and people, nations and all of creation will be healed and made whole.

Q 3 What a beautiful picture of hope. Is this correct in your mind? Please discuss.

Revelation was written in a language that was understood by its readers. If I said to you that the dragons beat the sharks you would understand that I was talking about a footy match. The imagery that John used made sense to his readers. If I told John's readers that the dragons beat the sharks, they would look at me in a very confused way just like we sometimes read in Revelation and are left very confused.

Q 3 Is this vision John shares with us is a beautiful hopeful picture for all humanity? How do you see these statements? Please discuss

Works

How can God use us as agents of hope and healing for others?

Ending prayer Please pray together

We have gathered here today to honour your name. Gracious God, we praise you for the promise of Scripture, the depth of your love and thank you for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Shalom! Rev Darren King (Ref. Roots on the Web, Life Application Study Bible)