

Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

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Summer Quarter Theme: Partners In A New Creation

Unit 3: “The Great Hope of The Saints”

Sunday August 21, 2022

Lesson Title: The River of Life

Text: Revelation 22:1 - 7

Devotional Reading: Revelation 21-22

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LESSON SERIES REVIEW

- **Director : GOD | Author: Jesus Christ**
- **Messenger : Heaven Sent Angel.**
- **Recorder | Reporter: The Apostle John | Rev 1:1,2**
- **Location : The Aisle of Patmos / Aegean Sea**
- **Audience: The Seven Churches of Asia | Rev 1:11**
- **Blessed: All Who Read, Listen & Obey.**

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Infinite Life (Revelation 22:1-2)

2. A New Dimension (Revelation 22:3-5)

3. Holy Confirmation (Revelation 22:6-7)

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. Explore the text and the imagery given by John to learn the spiritual and symbolic reference to the river and the tree of life.**
- 2. Visualize the beauty of the New Heaven, New City and River of Life, all by God's creation in his love for us.**

INTRODUCTION

John continues describing the vision given to him by a Holy Angel. In this lesson he describes Eden including the River and Tree of Life and their powers. John further describes the beauty of the New City, God's infinite reign with the saints in Heaven and receives confirmation from the Holy Angel that all these things were spoken by Jesus.

Tips for Studying The Book of Revelation

- 1. A hermeneutical approach.**
- 2. Biblical hermeneutics is the study of the principles of interpreting God's Word.**
- 3. The purpose of biblical hermeneutics is to understand what the Scriptures communicated to the original audience and what timeless principles and applications there are for us.**

Revelation 22:1-2 NIV

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.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

- 1. Where do we first hear of the Tree of Life?**
- 2. What other tree was named with it?**
- 3. What were some of the curses God placed?**
- 4. Read Genesis Chapter 3**

GENESIS 3:8-9

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

GENESIS 3:22-23

²² And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever.” ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

GENESIS 3:24

24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 22:3-4 NIV

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.

Revelation 22:5 NIV

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.

Key Points to Remember

- 1. The river and tree of Life are symbolic to the infinite presence of God and Eden.**
- 2. There is One River that flows from throne of God and the Lamb. (The two are one).**
- 3. We will serve and worship God in His presence.**
- 4. There is no more darkness, nor Sun or Moon.**

Revelation 22:6 NIV

⁶ The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

Revelation 22:7-8 NIV

7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

Revelation 22:9 NIV

9 But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

LESSON SUMMARY

The Revelation of the River and Tree of Life gives a description of the New Eden & New Heaven, a special place designed for those who have reservations, the Children of God, believers in Jesus Christ. It is a special place like none other in the Universe. Knowing that we have a Royal Heavenly Home. We should walk & live today as Royal Children of the MOST-HIGH GOD.