SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Revelation

Chapter 21

All Things New: The New Jerusalem

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 21:5

"And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I am making all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Revelation 21

This week we stand at the end of the story and see where God has been heading all along: He moves in with His people and wipes away every tear Himself. Come to this chapter thirsty, not trying to look full. The One who makes all things new offers you the water of life without cost.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Revelation study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

God Moves In

READ · REVELATION 21:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List everything verses 1 and 4 say will be gone or 'no longer.' What does verse 3 say God Himself will do?

REFLECT

Tears and death leave in verse 4 only after God arrives in verse 3 (vv3–4). What does that order tell you about where real comfort comes from?

REFLECT

Which tear in your own life (grief, regret, lost years) do you most need to hear that God will wipe away Himself (v4)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the one loss you carry most heavily. Under it write verse 4, and pray it back to God by name.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 21:5)

DAY 2 OF 5

Come Thirsty

READ · REVELATION 21:5–8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does the One on the throne say He is doing (v5), and what does He promise to give, to whom, and at what price (v6)?

REFLECT

What are you still trying to earn from God that He says He gives 'without cost' (v6)?

REFLECT

'The cowardly' heads the list in verse 8: the man who picks his own safety over Christ. Where has fear of people kept you quiet about Jesus lately (v8)?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one place you have been a coward for your comfort. Ask Christ, who already overcame, for courage, and take one small step of standing with Him today.

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DAY 3 OF 5

The Bride and the Names

READ · REVELATION 21:9–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Whose names are written on the gates (v12), and whose names are on the foundation stones (v14)?

REFLECT

The same kind of angel who showed John the harlot (17:1) now shows him the Bride (v9). What is the difference between a life built to glorify yourself and a life that is God's gift?

REFLECT

God keeps Israel and the apostles each in their own place in one wall (vv12–14). What does that tell you about whether He keeps His promises to you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God by name for one promise He has already kept in your life, and tell one brother about it.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Room for All, Entered Through a Wound

READ · REVELATION 21:15–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What are the city's length, width and height (v16)? What is each gate made of, and what is the street made of (v21)?

REFLECT

The city is shaped like the Holy of Holies, where only one priest went once a year (v16). How does it change you to know every washed sinner will live there?

REFLECT

A pearl forms around a wound (v21). Where has God brought something good out of your hurt, and how does that point you to the wounded Christ?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend five minutes thanking Jesus for the wounds He took to open the gate for you.

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DAY 5 OF 5

The Lamb Is Its Lamp

READ · REVELATION 21:22–27

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why is there no temple in the city (v22), and what lights it instead (v23)? Who alone will enter (v27)?

REFLECT

If God's presence is what makes the city what it is (vv22–23), what would it look like to spend time with Him this week, not just work for Him?

REFLECT

Nothing unclean will enter (v27), but those written in the Lamb's book of life will. What part of your past do you need to bring to Him to be washed, instead of hiding it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write the name of one man who has not come to Christ yet. Pray for him by name, and ask God for one open door to invite him.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

John describes heaven mostly by what is missing: sea, death, mourning, crying, pain, night (vv1, 4, 25). Which 'no longer' means the most to you, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The water of life is free to the thirsty (v6). What wells have you tried in place of Christ, and what did they cost you?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

The city's gates never close, yet nothing unclean enters (vv25, 27). How do grace and holiness fit together in your own walk with Christ?

MY PRAYER

Alpha and Omega, You are making all things new, and today I come to You thirsty for...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 21:5

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