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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Revelation

Chapter 22

Paradise Restored: Surely, I Come Quickly

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 22:17

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let the one who hears say, Come. And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Revelation 22

The Bible ends where it began, with a river and the tree of life, and with Jesus promising three times that He is coming quickly. This week, let His last words shape your days: heed His Word, worship God alone, and carry His invitation to every thirsty man you meet.

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

Paradise Restored

READ · REVELATION 22:1–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where does the river come from (v1)? What grows on either side of it (v2), and what will His bond-servants do and see (vv3–4)?

REFLECT

Adam hid from God's face; here His servants 'will see His face' (v4). What makes it hard for you to look God, or anyone, in the eye right now?

REFLECT

Heaven is not idle: His bond-servants serve Him and reign (vv3, 5). How could your ordinary work this week become service to Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Read Genesis 3:8–24 beside these five verses. Write down one thing Adam lost that Jesus gives back, and thank Him for it.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 22:17)

DAY 2 OF 5

Heed and Worship

READ · REVELATION 22:6–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does the angel say about these words (v6)? Who is blessed (v7), and what does the angel tell John to do instead of worshiping him (v9)?

REFLECT

The blessing is for the one who 'heeds' the prophecy, not just the one who studies it (v7). What is one thing from Revelation you need to start living, not just knowing?

REFLECT

John fell at the angel's feet twice (v8; 19:10). What good thing (a teacher, a ministry, a habit, even your own insight) is most at risk of getting the worship that belongs to God?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one command from these last chapters and obey it today. Tell your group how it went.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Washed, Not Earned

READ · REVELATION 22:10–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why must the book not be sealed (v10)? What does Jesus bring with Him (v12), and who has the right to the tree of life (v14)?

REFLECT

Verse 11 says a day comes when character is fixed. Which habits are shaping who you will be when He comes, for better or worse (v11)?

REFLECT

The way in is washing, not earning (v14). Where are you still trying to clean yourself up instead of coming to the Lamb to be washed?

RESPOND — TODAY

Confess one specific sin to God today and thank Jesus by name that His blood washes robes clean (v14; 7:14).

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DAY 4 OF 5

The Last Invitation

READ · REVELATION 22:16–17

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What two names does Jesus give Himself (v16)? Count the times 'come' appears in verse 17. Who is invited, and what does it cost (v17)?

REFLECT

The morning star shines in the darkest hour, right before dawn (v16). Where do you need Jesus to be your morning star right now?

REFLECT

The invitation goes to 'the one who is thirsty' and 'the one who wishes' (v17), not the worthy. Who have you quietly decided is too far gone to invite?

RESPOND — TODAY

Invite one thirsty man this week, to church, to your group, or simply to hear what Jesus has done for you.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Come, Lord Jesus

READ · REVELATION 22:18–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What warning is given about adding to or taking away from this book (vv18–19)? What does Jesus promise, and how does John answer (v20)? What is the last word (v21)?

REFLECT

Can you honestly pray 'Come, Lord Jesus' today (v20)? What would have to change in you to want Him to come?

REFLECT

The Bible ends with grace (v21). How would your week look different if you lived on that grace instead of on your own performance?

RESPOND — TODAY

End each day this week with the Bible's last prayer: 'Amen. Come, Lord Jesus' (v20).

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The epilogue repeats the prologue: soon, blessed, the time is near, Alpha and Omega (vv6–13; 1:1–8). Why do you think God framed the whole book this way?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Verse 15 says some are outside the city. How does that truth move you toward urgency rather than fear?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

After studying all of Revelation, what is one way your hope in Christ's coming has changed how you live?

MY PRAYER

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CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 22:17

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