

Chapter 31 – The End of Time



Discussion Questions

1. What this chapter speaks of is how Jesus revealed Himself to John and how that apostle related what he saw. It begins with the statement/promise "blessed is the one who reads...who hear...and take to heart" What do you believe to be the point of this statement? Why does John begin with these words? What do you believe to be the hope of John (and the Ultimate Author, God) is when someone reads this passage of prophecy?
2. How many churches did John write to? Where were they? Who was he writing on behalf of?
3. How does John describe Jesus? What does this description as it relates to time show us about Jesus' nature?
4. How has Jesus freed us from our sins? What is the result of this freedom that He has provided?
5. What is the significance of saying "I am the Alpha and the Omega"?
6. What were the instructions John was given when he was "on the Lord's day...in the Spirit"?

7. Why is Jesus described as having a sharp, double-edged sword" coming out of His mouth? What else is described like this in the scriptures? Is there a connection? Yes or No? (if Yes what is that connection?)
8. What was John's response to seeing Jesus? Why was this an appropriate action even though John and He were old friends who hadn't seen each other in quite some time?
9. What are the churches of Asia likened to? Why is this an important description of what a church does and is within its place and time? Do you think this is how churches today can be described? If yes how so? If not, why not?
10. What does it look like to "not tolerate wicked people?" In the first century? In the 21st?
11. What does it mean for a church to repent?
 - a. What was Jesus calling them to turn back to?
 - b. What was the consequence if they did not do so?
 - c. Are there issues which a church should repent of in our day?
What do you see as most pressing?
12. The Sardis church's reputation was for being alive, but it wasn't, what was the instruction Jesus gave them?
13. If a person's name is found in the book of life what does Jesus' promise to do?
 - a. How does one get their name written in the Book of Life?
14. The Laodicean church thought more highly of themselves than was warranted.
 - a. In what ways do they hold themselves higher than they ought to be??
 - b. What ways were they seen by Jesus?
 - c. Are there behaviors that are like be found in the 21st century church? If yes what ways?
15. What are the definite acts of God's love for someone? Have you ever experienced the shaping of God in this way? If so, how & what was the result?

16. What were the four living creatures described like?
 - a. What was their statement that they repeated?
 - b. What did this spark in those who surrounded the throne?
17. Why was John weeping? What was the task that needed to be done? Who was ultimately worthy and why?
18. What did Jesus' blood purchase? Why is this significant for 21st century believers?
19. Where is it blessed to be invited to? Why is this a blessing?
20. What was Jesus leading while on "the white horse"? What were they going out to do? What was the ultimate end to this march?
21. What does it mean to call Jesus "king of kings and lord of lords"?
22. What were the dead judged according to? Where did the dead come from?
23. If a person's name was not found in the book of life where what was their destination? Who were they sent there with? What is this called?
24. Where is God's dwelling place? Why is this significant? Where was the last time this occurred? What does this mean about the presence of sin?
25. What is swept away with the old order of things?
26. Why was there no temple in the New Jerusalem?
27. What is the significance of saying "nothing impure will ever enter" the gates of the New Jerusalem?
28. Jesus' finished work will result in "no longer will there be any curse" What does this signify? What does this mean for a 21st century believer? Does this give you hope if so why?
29. Who are the ones who are left on the outside of the new Jerusalem?
30. What is the warning given at the end of chapter 31 by John? What will happen if these criteria aren't heeded?
 - a. Are there any significant ways which you are aware of that this command is broken in 2019?
 - b. How can you (*and Oxlip as a whole*) be those who adhere only to what is written in God's word?