

“The Reality of Healing” (Revelation 21:22-22:5)

On www.biblegateway.com, there is a free *Asbury Bible Commentary* that would be a good companion to your Scripture Readings.

Keep reading the scriptures out loud as John intended for us (Rev. 1:3).

Monday - Revelation 19:1-10

“The marriage of the lamb [Jesus] and his bride [the Church] is to be the focal point of the marriage of heaven and earth themselves.” (Wright)

Tuesday - Revelation 19:11-21

Another white horse appears (the first was in 6:2), the Rider is Jesus. Notice Jesus uses a sword coming out of his mouth to defeat the rebellious nations. Victory is won, not through force of arms, but by the Word of God (Eph. 6:17; Isaiah 49:2; Heb. 4:12-13). Thank you God for Your Word!

Wednesday - Revelation 20:1-10

Compare to Ephesians 2:4-6 for “first resurrection” and “reigning”. There are a lot of different ways of understanding the thousand years. Normally, in scripture, statements about a thousand years do not point to literal calendar years, but longevity (2 Peter 3:8 is an example).

Thursday - Revelation 20:11-21:8

We aren’t being taken away to somewhere ‘up there’. Instead, Heaven comes down to earth and commingles with it. God says, “I am making everything new!” “Thy kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven” is fulfilled.

Friday - Revelation 21:9-21

The gates are inscribed with the names of the Israelite tribes and the foundation stones with the names of the apostles. These people who were so ordinary - faithful and fearful, hopeful and doubting, sinful and sacrificing. With the good news of Jesus, “there is nothing so evil in my unfaithfulness and nothing so obscure about my life that is not, even now, being fashioned into the foundation stones and entrance gates of heaven.” (Peterson)

Saturday - Revelation 21:22-22:9

The repeated instructions for obedience in 22:7, 9 (and again in 22:18-19), reminds us that this vision is not a theoretical discussion of future events, but a revelation of what it means to be faithful in the midst of a fallen world.

Sunday - Revelation 22:10-21

At the end of this vision, after all the scary and confusing parts, Jesus says, “I am coming soon”. And the immediate response is “Come, Lord Jesus!” No longer do we face the future with anxious questions on chronology, but with the welcoming expectation: “Come!”

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Sunday, November 8, 2020

For Kings and Nations (and you and me)

“May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.” (Psalm 72:11)

For Creation

“Where the river flows everything will live” (Ezekiel 47:7-9 NIV).

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord” (Habakkuk 2:14 NIV, also Psalm 72:19).

By God and the Lamb

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you” (Ephesians 5:14 NIV).

By the Lamb’s Followers

“For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.” (Psalm 36:9 NIV)