

Sunday, 08-21-22

**The River of Life**  
**Bible Background: Revelation 22:1-7**  
**Printed Text: Revelation 22:1-7 KJV/NLT**  
**Devotional Reading: Genesis 1:1-13**

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**Aim for Change (Page 584):**

1. **RESEARCH** the biblical references to the “river of life” to learn its spiritual, symbolic, and material effect on creation – *Psalm 46:4; Isaiah 43:2; Ezekiel 47:9; Tue: Zechariah 14:8; Fri: John 7:37-40*
  2. **IMAGINE** God’s provisions to be found in the river of life, which will nourish and heal people and nations in the New Jerusalem
  3. **RESPOND** to the river of life through acceptance, faith, and entrance into the fullness of God’s kingdom
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**In Focus (Page 584):**

- What is the thing you most look forward to in God’s new heaven and new earth?
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**The People, Places, and Times (Page 586):**

- **Lamb** – symbolic reference to Christ that unites redemption/kingship and victorious power and vicarious suffering
    - Lamb that has been slain – *Revelation 5:6, 12*
    - Their robes washed by the blood of the Lamb – *Revelation 7:14*
    - Overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb – *Revelation 12:11*
    - The Lamb has the power to take the book and loose its seals – *Revelation 5:6-7*
    - The wrath of the Lamb – *Revelation 6:16*
    - The Lamb in the midst of the throne – *Revelation 7:17*
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**Background (Pages 586-587):**

- Why is it so hard for people to believe in the Good News (Gospel) of Christ? How often are you spending time strengthening your relationship with Him? – *Isaiah 60:19-20; Revelation 1:3*
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**In Depth (Pages 587-588)**

1. **God’s Glorious People (Revelation 22:1-2)**
    - a. In what ways might the tree of life be used “for healing the nations”? – *Wed/Thu: John 4:4-26*
    - b. Is your personal dam (sin) blocking the flow of God’s River in your life? – *Proverbs 8:33; Ezekiel 47:12; Hosea 9:17*
    - c. What are you doing with your tree? - Wisdom – *Proverbs 3:18*; The fruit of righteousness – *Proverbs 11:30*; Fulfilled desire – *Proverbs 13:12*; A wholesome tongue – *Proverbs 15:4*
  2. **God’s Glorious Presence (Revelation 22:3-5)**
    - a. Jesus is the light of the world, and of heaven. How have you seen His light in your life? – *John 3:19-20; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54*
    - b. Are you being a light in other’s darkness? – *Ephesians 5:8; 1 John 1:7*
  3. **God’s Glorious Promise (Revelation 22:6-7)**
    - a. How do we know that God’s words are trustworthy and true? – *Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 1:70; Revelation 1:1*
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**Discuss the Meaning (Page 588):**

1. What did God mean by saying these things “must shortly be done” when this was recorded so long ago? – *Revelation 22:6*
  2. Why is it often hard to have a true longing for heaven?
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**Application for Activation (Page 588):**

- How do you respond when you feel slighted?
  - Does a focus on making things right in this world keep you from longing for the next?
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\*\*Note – *Bold/Italicized* scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class\*\*

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