

11. How is the capital of the universe, the New Jerusalem described in the book of Revelation, chapters 21 and 22?

Revelation 21:10-11. "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

Revelation 21:11 "Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even clear as crystal." And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God..."

Revelation 21:12. "And had a wall, and had twelve"

Revelation 21:14. "And the wall of the city had twelve, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

Revelation 21:16. "And the city lieth and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand"

When we convert the measures, we get a perimeter of 2200 Km, namely 550 Km on each side.

Rev. 21:21. "And the twelve gates [were] twelve: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was"

Rev. 21:23. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof."

Rev. 22:2. "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

12. Who are the only ones who will enter the city of God? Revelation 21:27.

"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's"

- ✓ Revelation 22:15 and 19 show who will be out, while verse 17 shows us who will be out: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

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Topic 18

The beautiful promises in the book of



The book of Revelation presents the battle between good and evil, light and darkness, Christ and Satan. But all along the centuries, it communicates to us God's promises of love and assures us that He holds the helm of history and that among the turbulences of the time He will look after and save His children. The book of Revelation is not a thriller, as many people think, but a message of consolation and hope. It describes the scenes of a new wonderful world where we shall live happily with our God. Let us consider some of those wonderful promises:

1. With what blessing does the Book of Revelation begin and end? Revelation 1:3; 22:7.

"Blessed is he that, and they that the words of this prophecy, and those things which are written therein for the time is at hand."

"Behold I come quickly! Blessed is he that the of the prophecy of this book."

- ✓ The promises of God are for those who take His invitation seriously. We must read and keep what God has revealed us.

2. What other blessings does the apostle transmit?

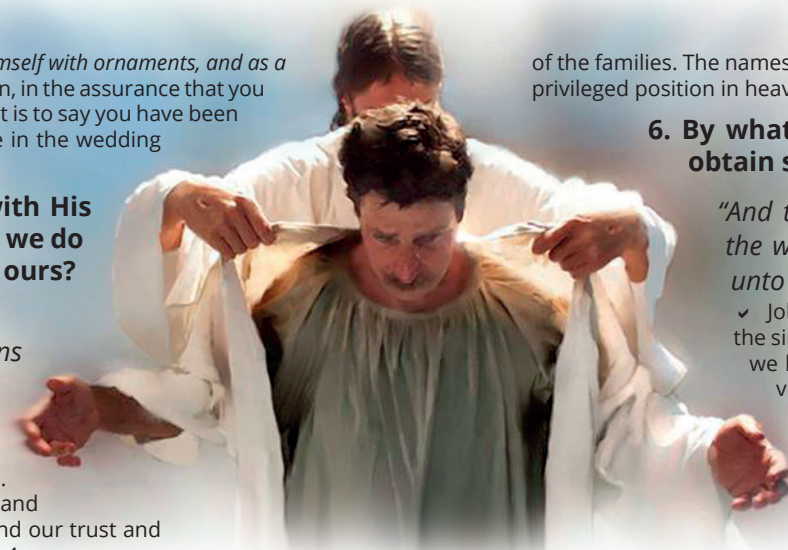
Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that, and keepeth, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Revelation 19:9 "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God."

- ✓ It is due to our sinful condition that we are naked. Adam and Eve wanted to cover their nakedness with fig leaves (Genesis 3:7), in the same way that we want to gain heaven with our own works. But what counts is to be dressed with Christ's righteousness. All along the Bible, many times, we find this beautiful illustration. The man invited to the wedding feast received clothes from the king (Matthew 22:11) and the prodigal son who came back to the father in his own dirty and torn clothes was covered with a mantle by his father. In Isaiah 61:10 we are called to rejoice for that dress and say: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered

me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Rejoice in your salvation, in the assurance that you have been forgiven, and have the robe of righteousness, that is to say you have been saved, have communion with God and one day will rejoice in the wedding feast of the Lamb.



3. Jesus loved us and set us free from our sins with His blood, according to Revelation 1:5. What should we do so that that forgiveness and salvation can be ours? Acts 3:19.

"Repent ye therefore....., that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

- ✓ The Bible shows us that we should repent of our sins and have a change in our life, a conversion, a change of direction. Let us contemplate God's love, meditate upon the life, works and teachings of Jesus let us give Him our heart, our feelings and our trust and He will guide us to repentance, as we can read in Romans 2:4.

4. What promise do we find in the book of Revelation that this gift is for free and we receive it by faith? Revelation 21:6; Romans 5:1; 3:24-25.

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him freely."

5. What promise receive those who come out victorious in the fight against sin?

Revelation 2:7. "To him that overcometh will I give, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Revelation 2:11. "He that overcometh shall not"

Revelation 2:17. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. "

Revelation 2:26. "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give over the nations."

Revelation 3:5. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed; and I will not blot out his name, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. "

Revelation 3:12. "Him that overcometh will I make, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him....."

Revelation 3:21. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

- ✓ It is worth to be an overcomer! God promises overcomers that they will eat from the tree of life; they shall have eternal life and will not suffer the second death after the judgment. They will eat of the hidden manna, that is to say, they will have eternal life. The white stone refers to the old custom of having a white stone with the name engraved on it to perpetuate the friendship of two families. This stone was used as a sign of friendship for the descendents

of the families. The names of the overcomers will be in the book of life and they will have a privileged position in heaven.

6. By what means can we be overcomers, that is to say, obtain salvation and victory over sin? Revelation 12:11.

"And they overcame him by, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

- ✓ John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God that carries the sin of the world (John 1:29). Since Jesus overcame Satan in Calvary, we have salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. If we make that victory ours, we shall be able to overcome sin with Christ, and have a living testimony of the power of God in our life.

7. What promises does the book of Revelation give us for the time when we shall have to face death? Revelation 14:13; 20:6; 1:18.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are from henceforth."

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part: on such the second death hath no power..."

"... and have the of death."

8. With what event will God put an end to the suffering and pain that reign upon this earth? Revelation 22:12.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and, to give every man according as his work shall be."

- ✓ Christ will succeed to put an end to human suffering and death. Revelation 14:14 and 6:14-17 describe His coming and show the despair of those who are not prepared or reconciled with God.

9. Where will Jesus take us when He comes back? Revelation 21:1; 1 Corinthians 2:9.

"And I saw: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. "

But as it is written, heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, for them that love him."

10. How does the book of Revelation explain the arrival of the redeemed ones in heaven? Revelation 7:9-10, 15:2.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, in their hands."

"And I saw mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."