GENESIS TO REVELATION | VISION

The River of Life and a Hopeful Promise

Revelation 22:1-5,12-21



YOUR BIBLE READING

John's vision pictures God-given life and ends with Jesus' hopeful promise.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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The River and Tree in John's Vision

Revelation 22:1-5,12-21



Revelation's final chapter continues John's visions, full of symbols of life and God's presence. An angel shows him the river of the water of life, clear as crystal. It flows from the throne of God and the Lamb through the city's street. The source of life is at the center of the picture. From God's throne comes the bright river that fills this next part of the vision.

The tree of life is pictured on both sides of the river. It bears twelve kinds of fruit and yields its fruit each month. The leaves are for the healing of the nations. River, fruit, and healing belong together in this vision of abundant life. The picture reaches beyond one person's need toward the nations, offering hope of restoration wherever peoples have known pain, division, and loss.

No curse remains. The throne of God and the Lamb is present, and God's servants serve him. They see his face, and his name is on their foreheads. These images speak of a close relationship and a clear belonging to God. The people who serve him are welcomed into his presence. The river's generous life is joined with the joy of knowing the one from whom that life comes.

There is no night, and the servants need neither lamp light nor sunlight, because the Lord God gives them light. They reign forever. John's vision gathers its symbols into a hopeful whole: clear water, fruitful branches, healing for nations, and light from God himself. The same throne from which the river flows is present among the people. Life, service, and belonging are held together in the brightness of God's presence.

Remember: Life from God is offered generously, and Jesus' promise invites hope.

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An Invitation and a Promise from Jesus



Revelation 22:1-5,12-21

The final words include Jesus' promise that he is coming, bringing his reward and judging rightly according to what people have done. He identifies himself as the first and the last, the beginning and the end. The city is a place of faithful belonging, while harmful falsehood and wrongdoing remain outside its life. The promise joins hope with goodness: the future pictured here is shaped by God's righteous care.

Jesus says he has sent his angel to testify to the churches. He is described through the family line of David and as the bright morning star. The Spirit and the bride invite people to come, and those who hear are invited to join that call. Whoever is thirsty may receive the water of life freely. The river's picture of abundance becomes a generous invitation addressed to people who long for life.

The chapter also warns against adding to or taking away from the words of this prophecy. Its message is to be received faithfully and treated with care. Our explanations and retellings are not Scripture; they are aids for reading beside the Bible. An adult can help compare the passage with an explanation, keeping John's words and the learning aid clearly in view. Faithful reading attends to what the text actually gives us.

The book ends by welcoming Jesus' promised coming and speaking grace to the readers. Its final prayer looks toward the Lord whose promise has been heard. The vision's river and tree, its light and healing, now stand beside an invitation to come and receive life. John has given the churches a message to hear and keep. The closing words leave them with the grace of Jesus and a hope they can welcome together.

Pause and think: Which images in John's vision help you notice God's generosity, belonging, and hope?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Life Freely Offered, Hope Shared



The tree's leaves are for the healing of nations. Think about how wide that picture reaches, including peoples who have known division and loss. With your reader, name a place or community you would like to remember in prayer. You might draw leaves around its name as a way to explore the vision's generous hope for healing and peace.

The water of life is offered freely to the thirsty. Picture someone receiving a needed drink, then consider the greater gift of life pictured here. What does the invitation help you notice about God's generosity? You could draw the river and add the words life freely offered. Talk with an adult about how this picture connects with belonging and hope.

Jesus' promise and the invitation to come give the ending a shared voice. The Spirit, the bride, and those who hear are joined in the call. Read the ending aloud with your adult reader, then discuss one image or phrase you want to remember. Let that conversation lead toward gratitude for God's gift and a thoughtful way to care for someone today.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

John's symbolic vision ends with life freely offered, Jesus' promised coming, and a call to receive his words faithfully.

Which images in John's vision help you notice God's generosity, belonging, and hope?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What flows from the throne of God and the Lamb?

2. How is the water of life offered?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Jesus speaks his promise, and people are invited to receive life freely.
- ☐ The prophecy is to be received faithfully, and the book ends in hopeful grace.
- ☐ John sees the river, tree of life, healing, and God's light.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a clearly labeled vision with a bright river, a fruitful tree, and symbols of healing and welcome.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Life from God is offered generously, and Jesus' promise invites hope.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Revelation 22:1-5,16-21

A thoughtful conversation

Keep river, tree, light, and morning-star language within John's symbolic vision; provide no dates or end-times predictions. The leaves are not medical instructions. Explain the warning against altering prophecy as respect for Scripture, while explicitly distinguishing this educational retelling from Scripture itself. The freely offered water and Jesus' promise support hope without fear-based speculation or claims to decode every image.

Activity answers

1. The river of the water of life, pictured as clear as crystal.
2. Freely to the thirsty person who desires to come.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us receive your words carefully and live with patient hope in your promise. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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