

# *Revelation to the Nations*

## *JESUS IS COMING QUICKLY TO TAKE US*

### *HOME WITH HIM FOREVER PART I*

There is a day just about to burst upon us when God's mysteries will be seen, and all His ways vindicated; when justice, mercy, and love will be the attributes of His throne. When the earthly warfare is accomplished, and the saints are all gathered home, our first theme will be the song of Moses, the servant of God. The second theme will be the song of the Lamb, the song of grace and redemption. This song will be louder, loftier, and in sublimer strains, echoing and re-echoing through the heavenly courts. Thus the song of God's providence is sung, connecting the varying dispensations; for all is now seen without a veil between the legal, the prophetic, and the gospel. The church history upon the earth and the church redeemed in heaven all center around the cross of Calvary. This is the theme, this is the song,--Christ all and in all,--in anthems of praise resounding through heaven from thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand and an innumerable company of the redeemed host. All unite in this song of Moses and of the Lamb. It is a new song, for it was never before sung in heaven.

Again I ask, In view of the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos, which from the opening of the first chapter to the close of the last chapter is light, great light, revealed to us by Jesus Christ, who chose John to be the channel through whom this light was to shine forth to the world--with such wonderful, solemn truths revealed, with such grand truths unfolded before us in the events to transpire just prior to the second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, how can those who claim to see wondrous things out of the law of God, be found in the list of the impure, of the fornicators and adulterers, constantly evading the truth, and secretly working out iniquity? Do you think that they can hide their ways from the Lord? that God seeth not? that God taketh no knowledge?

Our wonderful journey through the book of Revelation is coming to an end, we have had a wonderful picture of Jesus and His great love for us. We have learned how to have a close relationship with Him, so that when He comes we can live with Him, and all that love Him forever. We have learned too of the great love of the Father who gave His only begotten Son so that we could live together with both of them on the New Earth. We have learned of the closest friend to us the Holy Spirit who has revealed Jesus to us in this seminar. He is the one who has taught and guided us into the marvelous blessings in studying the message of Revelation. We have learned too of the angels our protectors and friends ministering to our salvation and who will be the first to meet us on the resurrection morning. We have also learned to love each other more because the study of Jesus and His love for us always draws us closer to each other because our forever friend, Jesus, makes us friends forever too. We will now investigate the last chapter of the message of love to those preparing to meet their Lord in the air at the Second Coming of Jesus when He comes with all His holy angels to take us home. Will you be ready?

## **JESUS GIVES US THE WATER OF LIFE HERE ON EARTH THAT WE MAY DRINK OF THE WATER THAT FLOWS FROM THE RIVER OF LIFE IN HEAVEN**

### **1. What was John shown in heaven coming from the throne of God? Rev 22:1.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>1</sup>And he shewed me a pure \_\_\_\_\_ of water of \_\_\_\_\_, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev 22:1.

**Ans: b.** <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall \_\_\_\_\_ again: <sup>14</sup>But whosoever drinketh of the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ shall give him shall \_\_\_\_\_ thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be \_\_\_\_\_ him a well of \_\_\_\_\_ springing up into \_\_\_\_\_ life. Jn 4:13,14.

**Ans: c. Thank God that He who spilled His blood for us, lives to \_\_\_\_\_ it, lives to make \_\_\_\_\_ for every soul who \_\_\_\_\_ Him. "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and to cleanse us from \_\_\_\_\_ unrighteousness." The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from \_\_\_\_\_ sin. . . . We need to keep ever before us the efficacy of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. That life-\_\_\_\_\_, life-\_\_\_\_\_ blood, appropriated by living \_\_\_\_\_, is our hope. We need to grow in appreciation of its \_\_\_\_\_ value, for it speaks for us \_\_\_\_\_ as we by faith \_\_\_\_\_ its virtue, keeping the conscience clean and at peace with God. This is \_\_\_\_\_ as the pardoning blood, inseparably connected with the \_\_\_\_\_ and life of our Redeemer, illustrated by the ever-flowing \_\_\_\_\_ that proceeds from the throne of God, the water of the river of life. Ellen G. White, Sons and Daughters of God, page 226.**

**Thank God that He who spilled His blood for us, lives to plead it, lives to make intercession for every soul who receives Him. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. . . . We need to keep ever before us the efficacy of the blood of Jesus. That life-cleansing, life-sustaining blood, appropriated by living faith, is our hope. We need to grow in appreciation of its inestimable value, for it speaks for us only as we by faith claim its virtue, keeping the conscience clean and at peace with God. This is represented as the pardoning blood, inseparably connected with the resurrection and life of our Redeemer, illustrated by the ever-flowing stream that proceeds from the throne of God, the water of the river of life. Ellen G. White, Sons and Daughters of God, page 226.**

## THE TREE OF LIFE TRANSPORTED TO HEAVEN BY GOD – JESUS GIVES US THE WORDS OF LIFE, HIS PROMISES, AND LOVE HERE SO THAT WE MAY EAT OF THE FRUIT OF THE TREE OF LIFE IN HEAVEN

### 2. What was growing was growing on either side of the river of Life? Rev 22:2.

**Ans: a.** <sup>2</sup>In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was *there* the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree *were* for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations. Rev 22:2.

**Ans: b.** <sup>8</sup>And the \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Gen 2:8,9.

**Ans: c.** <sup>22</sup>And the \_\_\_\_\_ God said, Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ is become as one of us, to know good and \_\_\_\_\_: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and \_\_\_\_\_ also of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and eat, and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: <sup>23</sup>Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. <sup>24</sup>So he drove \_\_\_\_\_ the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ sword which turned every way, to \_\_\_\_\_ the way of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Gen 3:22-24.

**Ans: d. Here we saw the tree of life and the throne of God.** Out of the throne came a pure \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and on either \_\_\_\_\_ of the river was the \_\_\_\_\_ of life. On one side of the river was a \_\_\_\_\_ of a tree, and a trunk on the other side of the river, both of pure, transparent \_\_\_\_\_. At first I thought I saw two trees. I looked again, and saw that they were \_\_\_\_\_ at the top in \_\_\_\_\_ tree. So it was the tree of life on either side of the river of life. Its branches bowed to the place where we stood, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was glorious; it looked like \_\_\_\_\_ mixed with \_\_\_\_\_. **Ellen G. White, Early Writings, page 17.** See note below.

**Ans: e. The fruit of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden possessed \_\_\_\_\_ virtue.** To eat of it was to live \_\_\_\_\_. Its fruit was the antidote of \_\_\_\_\_. Its leaves were for the \_\_\_\_\_ of life and immortality. But through man's disobedience death entered the world. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the \_\_\_\_\_ of which he had been \_\_\_\_\_ to touch. His transgression opened the floodgates of woe upon our race.

After the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin the heavenly Husbandman \_\_\_\_\_ the tree of life to the \_\_\_\_\_ above; but its \_\_\_\_\_ hang over the wall to the lower world. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ purchased by the blood of Christ, we may still eat of its life-giving fruit.

Of \_\_\_\_\_ it is written: "In Him was \_\_\_\_\_; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life. Obedience to Him is the life-giving power that gladdens the soul.

Christ declares: "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_: he that cometh to Me shall never \_\_\_\_\_; and he that believeth on Me shall never \_\_\_\_\_." "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. . . . It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the \_\_\_\_\_ that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are \_\_\_\_\_." "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, which is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." John 6:35, 57-63; Revelation 2:7. **Ellen G. White, Testimonies to the Church, Volume 8, pages 288,289.** See note below.

**Ans: f. In his efforts to reach God's ideal for him,** the Christian is to despair of nothing. \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, through the \_\_\_\_\_ and power of \_\_\_\_\_, is promised to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is the source of power, the fountain of life. He brings us to His \_\_\_\_\_, and from the tree of life presents to us \_\_\_\_\_ for the healing of sin-sick souls. He leads us to the throne of God, and puts into our mouth a \_\_\_\_\_ through which we are brought into close contact with Himself. In our behalf He sets in operation the all-\_\_\_\_\_ agencies of heaven. At every step we touch His \_\_\_\_\_ power. **Ellen G. White, The Acts of the Apostles, page 478.** See note below.

**Ans: g. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is our sanctification and righteousness, because it is spiritual food.** To study it is to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree of \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing is more uplifting to God's servants than to teach the \_\_\_\_\_ just as Christ taught them. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God contains divine \_\_\_\_\_, which satisfies the appetite for \_\_\_\_\_ food.-- **Letter 17, 1902. Ellen G. White, Evangelism, page 138,139.** See note below.

**Ans: h. So with all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word.** In them He is speaking to us \_\_\_\_\_, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His \_\_\_\_\_. It is in these \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to us His \_\_\_\_\_ and power. They are \_\_\_\_\_ from that tree which is "for the healing of the nations." Rev. 22:2. Received, assimilated, they are to be the strength of the \_\_\_\_\_, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and \_\_\_\_\_ which give vital energy to the whole being. **Ellen G. White, The Ministry of Healing, page 122.** See note below.

**Ans: i. God accepts the services of those only who are partakers of the divine nature.** Without Christ man can do nothing. \_\_\_\_\_ for God and man alone places human beings on vantage ground with God. Obedience to the divine command enables us to become laborers together with God. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ that is borne on the Christian \_\_\_\_\_, the fruit that is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations.--**Manuscript 108, 1903. Ellen G. White, Selected Messages Book 2, page 187.** See note below.

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3. **Would you like to partake of the spiritual fruit and leaves of the tree of life by 1. Praying to God for grace and power each day to overcome sin and to become more like Jesus 2. Reading His Word and claiming His promises every day for spiritual nourishment, strength and growth in Christ 3. Witnessing in love to others of Jesus, His Second Coming and how to be ready to live with Him forever? \_\_\_\_\_**

## NO MORE CURSE IN HEAVEN –WE WILL SEE GOD'S FACE

4. **What promise is given for us after we reach the paradise of God? Rev 22:3.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>3</sup>And there shall be \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: Rev 22:3.

**Ans: b.** **The earth promised to the meek will not be like this,** darkened with the shadow of \_\_\_\_\_ and the curse. "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" 2 Peter 3:13...

There is no \_\_\_\_\_, no sorrow, no \_\_\_\_\_, no one who shall say, I am \_\_\_\_\_; there are no \_\_\_\_\_ trains, no mourning, no death, no partings, no \_\_\_\_\_ hearts; but Jesus is there, peace is there. There "they shall not \_\_\_\_\_ nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for He that hath mercy on them shall \_\_\_\_\_ them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them." Isaiah 49:10. Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, page 17,18. See note below.

**To dwell forever in this home of the blest, to bear in soul,** body, and spirit, not the dark traces of sin and the curse, but the perfect likeness of our Creator, and through ceaseless ages to advance in wisdom, in knowledge, and in holiness, ever exploring new fields of thought, ever finding new wonders and new glories, ever increasing in capacity to know and to enjoy and to love, and knowing that there is still beyond us joy and love and wisdom infinite--such is the object to which the Christian's hope is pointing. Ellen G. White, *God's Amazing Grace*, page 363. See note below.

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5. **What is something very special that we will see in heaven that no one has ever seen before on earth? Rev 22:4.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>4</sup>And they shall \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. Rev 22:4.

**Ans: b. We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror,** in the works of \_\_\_\_\_ and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, \_\_\_\_\_ a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence, and \_\_\_\_\_ the glory of His \_\_\_\_\_. Ellen G. White, *The Faith I Live By*, page 363. See note below.

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## NO NIGHT IN THE HEAVENLY CITY – WE WILL REIGN FOREVER

6. What will be the source of lighting for the city. How long will we be with Jesus in this wonderful city? Rev 22:5.

**Ans: a.** <sup>5</sup>And there shall be \_\_\_\_\_ night there; and they need \_\_\_\_\_ candle, neither light of the \_\_\_\_\_; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and ever. Rev 22:5.

7. Who is the message of Revelation given to? Rev 22:6.

**Ans: a.** <sup>6</sup>And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the \_\_\_\_\_ God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his \_\_\_\_\_ the things which must shortly be done. Rev 22:6.

**Ans: b. The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker.** God gave to men the \_\_\_\_\_ word of prophecy; \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ Himself came to make known to Daniel and \_\_\_\_\_ the things that must \_\_\_\_\_ come to pass. Those important matters that concern our \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ left involved in \_\_\_\_\_. They were \_\_\_\_\_ revealed in such a way as to \_\_\_\_\_ and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: "Write the vision, and make it \_\_\_\_\_, . . . that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who study it with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "Light is sown for the righteous." Psalm 97:11. And \_\_\_\_\_ church can advance in holiness unless its members are \_\_\_\_\_ seeking for \_\_\_\_\_ as for hid treasure. Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 521,522.

**Ans: c. The word servant as we notice at the beginning of this seminar comes from the Greek word  $\gamma\omicron\upsilon\lambda\omicron\varsigma$  (~~gouros~~)** which means: "one who gives \_\_\_\_\_ up to another's (Christ's) \_\_\_\_\_, those whose \_\_\_\_\_ is used by Christ in extending and \_\_\_\_\_ His cause among men, devoted to another (Christ) to the \_\_\_\_\_ of one's own interests." See note below.

**The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker.** God gave to men the sure word of prophecy; angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: "Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "Light is sown for the righteous." Psalm 97:11. And no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 521,522.

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8. Would you like to be one of Christ's servants telling others of His wonderful love in preparing a beautiful home for all who will follow Him? \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS IS COMING QUICKLY

9. What did Jesus say about His Second Coming to take His people home forever? Rev 22:7.

**Ans: a.** <sup>7</sup>Behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_: blessed *is* he that \_\_\_\_\_ the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Rev 22:7.

**Ans: b.** <sup>11</sup>Behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_: hold that \_\_\_\_\_ which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev 3:11.

**Ans: c.** <sup>12</sup>And, behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_; and my \_\_\_\_\_ *is* with me, to give every man according as his \_\_\_\_\_ shall be. Rev 22:12.

**Ans: d.** <sup>20</sup>He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come \_\_\_\_\_. Amen. Even so, \_\_\_\_\_, Lord Jesus. Rev 22:20.

**Ans: e. The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short.** Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued \_\_\_\_\_ than we \_\_\_\_\_ in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did \_\_\_\_\_ appear as \_\_\_\_\_ as we hoped. But has the word of the Lord failed? \_\_\_\_\_! It should be remembered that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God are alike \_\_\_\_\_. Ellen G. White, *Maranatha*, page 61.

**The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short.** Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did not appear as soon as we hoped. But has the word of the Lord failed? Never! It should be remembered that the promises and threatenings of God are alike conditional. Ellen G. White, *Maranatha*, page 61.

10. What did John do for the second time to the angel that was showing him the wonderful things of God? Rev 22:8,9.

Ans: a. <sup>8</sup>And I John \_\_\_\_\_ these things, and \_\_\_\_\_ them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to \_\_\_\_\_ before the feet of the \_\_\_\_\_ which shewed me these things. <sup>9</sup>Then saith he unto me, See thou do it \_\_\_\_\_: for I am thy \_\_\_\_\_, and of thy brethren the \_\_\_\_\_, and of them which \_\_\_\_\_ the sayings of this book: \_\_\_\_\_ God. Rev 22:8,9.

Ans: b. **The angel from heaven came to John in majesty, his countenance beaming with the excellent glory of God.** He \_\_\_\_\_ to John scenes of deep and \_\_\_\_\_ interest in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and brought before him the perilous \_\_\_\_\_ which Christ's followers were to endure. John saw them passing through fiery \_\_\_\_\_, made white and tried, and, finally, victorious \_\_\_\_\_, gloriously saved in the kingdom of God. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the angel grew \_\_\_\_\_ with joy and was exceeding glorious, as he showed John the \_\_\_\_\_ triumph of the church of God. As the apostle beheld the final \_\_\_\_\_ of the church, he was carried away with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the scene and with deep \_\_\_\_\_ and awe \_\_\_\_\_ at the feet of the angel to \_\_\_\_\_ him. The heavenly messenger instantly raised him up and \_\_\_\_\_ reproved him, saying, "See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_ God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." The angel then showed John the heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ with all its splendor and \_\_\_\_\_ glory, and he, enraptured and overwhelmed, and forgetful of the former reproof of the angel, \_\_\_\_\_ fell to \_\_\_\_\_ at his feet. Again the \_\_\_\_\_ reproof was given, "See thou do it not for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which \_\_\_\_\_ the sayings of this book: \_\_\_\_\_ God." **Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pages 230, 231.**

Ans: c. **The words of the angel, "I am \_\_\_\_\_, that stand in the presence of God,"** show that he holds a position of high honor in the \_\_\_\_\_ courts. When he came with a message to Daniel, he said, "There is \_\_\_\_\_ that holdeth with me in these things, but \_\_\_\_\_ [Christ] your Prince." Dan. 10:21. Of Gabriel the Saviour speaks in the Revelation, saying that "He sent and signified it by His \_\_\_\_\_ unto His servant \_\_\_\_\_." Rev. 1:1. And to John the \_\_\_\_\_ declared, "I am a fellow \_\_\_\_\_ with thee and with thy brethren the prophets." Rev. 22:9, R. V. \_\_\_\_\_ thought--that the angel who stands next in honor to the Son of God is the one \_\_\_\_\_ to open the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_ men. **Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, page 99.**

**The angel from heaven came to John in majesty, his countenance beaming with the excellent glory of God.** He revealed to John scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the history of the church of God and brought before him the perilous conflicts which Christ's followers were to endure. John saw them passing through fiery trials, made white and tried, and, finally, victorious overcomers, gloriously saved in the kingdom of God. The countenance of the angel grew radiant with joy and was exceeding glorious, as he showed John the final triumph of the church of God. As the apostle beheld the final deliverance of the church, he was carried away with the glory of the scene and with deep reverence and awe fell at the feet of the angel to worship him. The heavenly messenger instantly raised him up and gently reproved him, saying, "See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." The angel then showed John the heavenly city with all its splendor and dazzling glory, and he, enraptured and overwhelmed, and forgetful of the former reproof of the angel, again fell to worship at his feet. Again the gentle reproof was given, "See thou do it not for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God." **Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pages 230, 231.**

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## REVELATION AN OPEN BOOK TO GOD'S SERVANTS

11. What did the angel say to John about the book of Revelation that showed it can be understood Rev 22:10.

Ans: a. <sup>10</sup>And he saith unto me, Seal \_\_\_\_\_ the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. Rev 22:10.

Ans: b. **The book of Revelation must be opened to the people.** Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but it is sealed \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ light and \_\_\_\_\_. The truth it contains must be proclaimed, that people may have an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ for the events which are so soon to transpire. The third angel's message must be presented as the \_\_\_\_\_ hope for the \_\_\_\_\_ of a perishing world.-- Letter 87, 1896. **Ellen G. White, Evangelism, pages 195,196.**

**The book of Revelation must be opened to the people.** Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but it is sealed only to those who reject light and truth. The truth it contains must be proclaimed, that people may have an opportunity to prepare for the events which are so soon to transpire. The third angel's message must be presented as the only hope for the salvation of a perishing world.-- Letter 87, 1896. **Ellen G. White, Evangelism, pages 195,196.**

12. When does the close of probation for the Human Race expire? Rev 22:11.

Ans: a. <sup>11</sup>He that is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be unjust \_\_\_\_\_: and he which is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be filthy still: and he that is \_\_\_\_\_, let him be righteous \_\_\_\_\_: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev 22:11.

Ans: b. **O, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well ordered life,** and \_\_\_\_\_ conversation that we have \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, and are his meek and lowly followers. We \_\_\_\_\_ work while the day \_\_\_\_\_, for when the dark night of \_\_\_\_\_ and anguish comes, it will be too \_\_\_\_\_ to work for God. Jesus is still in his Holy \_\_\_\_\_, and will now \_\_\_\_\_ our sacrifices, our prayers, and our \_\_\_\_\_ of faults and sins, and will now \_\_\_\_\_ all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ out before he leaves the

\_\_\_\_\_ . When Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Sanctuary, \_\_\_\_\_ he that is holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for \_\_\_\_\_ their sins will then be \_\_\_\_\_ out, and they will be \_\_\_\_\_ with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore, what is done to \_\_\_\_\_ souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. **Ellen G. White, The Present Truth, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 1849.**

**Ans: c. All who would have their names retained in the book of life,** should now, in the few \_\_\_\_\_ days of their probation, \_\_\_\_\_ their souls before God by \_\_\_\_\_ for sin, and \_\_\_\_\_ repentance. There must be deep, faithful \_\_\_\_\_ of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged in by so many professed Christians must be put \_\_\_\_\_. There is earnest \_\_\_\_\_ before all who would \_\_\_\_\_ the evil tendencies that strive for the \_\_\_\_\_. The work of preparation is an \_\_\_\_\_ work. We are \_\_\_\_\_ saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. . . . Every one must be \_\_\_\_\_, and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Solemn are the scenes connected with the \_\_\_\_\_ work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The \_\_\_\_\_ is now passing in the \_\_\_\_\_ above. . . . In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in \_\_\_\_\_. . . . When the work of the investigative judgment \_\_\_\_\_, the destiny of all will have been \_\_\_\_\_ for life or death. Probation is ended a \_\_\_\_\_ time before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. . . . Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is \_\_\_\_\_ in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure-lover is seeking \_\_\_\_\_, while the daughter of fashion is \_\_\_\_\_ her adornments, --it may be in that hour the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the earth will pronounce the sentence, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found \_\_\_\_\_." Silently, \_\_\_\_\_ as the midnight thief, will come the \_\_\_\_\_ hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of \_\_\_\_\_ offer to guilty men. "Watch ye therefore . . . lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." **Ellen G. White, Sons and Daughters of God, page 355.**

**Ans: d. No literal Devil, and probation \_\_\_\_\_ the coming of Christ,** are fast becoming \_\_\_\_\_ fables. The Scriptures plainly declare every person's \_\_\_\_\_ forever \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. **Ellen G. White, Spiritual Gifts 4b, page102.**

**O, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well ordered life,** and godly conversation that we have been with Jesus, and are his meek and lowly followers. We must work while the day lasts, for when the dark night of trouble and anguish comes, it will be too late to work for God. Jesus is still in his Holy Temple, and will now accept our sacrifices, our prayers, and our confessions of faults and sins, and will now pardon all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be blotted out before he leaves the Sanctuary. When Jesus leaves the Sanctuary, then he that is holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the Sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore, what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done before Jesus leaves the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. **Ellen G. White, The Present Truth, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 1849.**

**All who would have their names retained in the book of life,** should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin, and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged in by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery. The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. . . . Every one must be tested, and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. . . . In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. . . . When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. . . . Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure-lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments, --it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting." Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men. "Watch ye therefore . . . lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." **Ellen G. White, Sons and Daughters of God, page 355.**  
**No literal Devil, and probation after the coming of Christ,** are fast becoming popular fables. The Scriptures plainly declare every person's destiny forever fixed at the coming of the Lord. **Ellen G. White, Spiritual Gifts 4b, page102.**

## JESUS BRINGS HIS REWARD WITH HIM SHOWING THAT PROBATION HAS CLOSED FOREVER

13. What does Jesus bring with him when He comes the Second Time? Rev 22:12.

**Ans: a.** <sup>12</sup>And, behold, I come quickly; and my \_\_\_\_\_ is with me, to give every man \_\_\_\_\_ as his \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 22:12.

**Ans: b. Let every true, honest hearted worker be encouraged to work on,** keeping in view the fact that every one will be rewarded as his works have been. Work with an eye \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of God. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to bear \_\_\_\_\_ because you have a sense of your \_\_\_\_\_ and inefficiency. God can give you strength and wisdom if you are consecrated to Him and keep \_\_\_\_\_. Let none through slothfulness \_\_\_\_\_ to work; and let none \_\_\_\_\_ ahead, urging his service when it is not wanted. **Ellen G. White, Counsels on Sabbath School Work, page 70.**

**Let every true, honest hearted worker be encouraged to work on,** keeping in view the fact that every one will be rewarded as his works have been. Work with an eye single to the glory of God. Do not refuse to bear responsibilities because you have a sense of your weakness and inefficiency. God can give you strength and wisdom if you are consecrated to Him and keep humble. Let none through slothfulness refuse to work; and let none rush ahead, urging his service when it is not wanted. **Ellen G. White, Counsels on Sabbath School Work, page 70.**

14. What titles does Jesus remind us of that were used to describe Him at the beginning of Revelation? Rev 22:13.

Ans: a. <sup>13</sup>I am \_\_\_\_\_ and Omega, the beginning and the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the last. Rev 22:13.

Ans: b. <sup>8</sup>I am \_\_\_\_\_ and Omega, the beginning and the \_\_\_\_\_, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Rev 1:8.

Ans: c. <sup>11</sup>Saying, I am \_\_\_\_\_ and Omega, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. Rev 1:11.

Ans: d. **When the students of prophecy shall set hearts to know the truths of Revelation**, they will realize what an importance is attached to this search. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is the Alpha and the Omega, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New. Both \_\_\_\_\_ together in \_\_\_\_\_. Adam and God are \_\_\_\_\_ by the obedience of the \_\_\_\_\_ Adam, who accomplished the work of overcoming the temptations of Satan and \_\_\_\_\_ Adam's disgraceful failure and fall. The \_\_\_\_\_ Adams will \_\_\_\_\_ in Paradise and \_\_\_\_\_ each other, while the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, and all who have refused the opportunities and privileges given to them at such infinite cost, and have not returned to their loyalty, will be \_\_\_\_\_ out of Paradise (MS 33, 1897). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary, Volume 6, page 1092, 1093.

**When the students of prophecy shall set hearts to know the truths of Revelation**, they will realize what an importance is attached to this search. Christ Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Genesis of the Old Testament, and the Revelation of the New. Both meet together in Christ. Adam and God are reconciled by the obedience of the second Adam, who accomplished the work of overcoming the temptations of Satan and redeeming Adam's disgraceful failure and fall. The two Adams will meet in Paradise and embrace each other, while the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, and all who have refused the opportunities and privileges given to them at such infinite cost, and have not returned to their loyalty, will be shut out of Paradise (MS 33, 1897). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary, Volume 6, page 1092, 1093.

## ONLY THOSE THAT KEEP ALL OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WHEN THEY HAVE HAD THE LIGHT WILL ENTER INTO THE HEAVENLY CITY

15. Who are the only ones that will be able to eat of the tree of life enter into the gates of the New Jerusalem Rev 22:14.

Ans: a. <sup>14</sup>Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, and may \_\_\_\_\_ in through the gates into the city. Rev 22:14.

Ans: b. **Not one of us can afford to dishonor God by living in transgression of His law.** To \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible and give ourselves up to the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ treasure is a loss which is beyond \_\_\_\_\_. Eternity alone will reveal the great sacrifice made by many to secure worldly honor and worldly advantages, at the loss of the soul, the loss of eternal riches. They might have had that \_\_\_\_\_ which measures with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; for Jesus died to bring the blessings and treasures of heaven within their reach, that they might not be accounted poor and wretched and miserable in the high estimate of eternity. \_\_\_\_\_ who have had the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth will enter the city of God as commandment-\_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ lies at the \_\_\_\_\_ of His government in earth and in heaven. If they have \_\_\_\_\_ trampled upon and despised His \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth, they will not be taken to heaven to do the same work there; there is \_\_\_\_\_ change of \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ comes.

The \_\_\_\_\_ building is to go on during the hours of probation. Day by day their actions are registered in the books of heaven, and they will in the great day of God be \_\_\_\_\_ as their works have been. It will then be seen who receives the blessing. "Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14). Ellen G. White, Faith and Works, page 43. See note below.

Ans: c. **Transgression of God's requirements excluded Adam from the Garden of Eden.** A flaming sword was placed around the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, lest man should put forth his hand and partake of it, \_\_\_\_\_ sin. Obedience to \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments of God was the \_\_\_\_\_ of eating of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life. Adam fell by \_\_\_\_\_, forfeiting by sin \_\_\_\_\_ right to use either the life-giving fruit of the tree in the midst of the Garden, or its leaves, which are for the healing of the nations.

\_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ gives to man perfection of \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to that tree of life. The \_\_\_\_\_ of again partaking of the fruit of the tree are plainly stated in the testimony of Jesus Christ to John: "Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments, that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life, and many enter in through the gates into the city" (MS 72, 1901). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary, Volume 1, page 1086.

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None who have had the light of truth will enter the city of God as commandment-breakers. His law lies at the foundation of His government in earth and in heaven. If they have knowingly trampled upon and despised His law on the earth, they will not be taken to heaven to do the same work there; there is no change of character when Christ comes.

The character building is to go on during the hours of probation. Day by day their actions are registered in the books of heaven, and they will in the great day of God be rewarded as their works have been. It will then be seen who receives the blessing. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14). Ellen G. White, Faith and Works, page 43.

*Section twelve –The Great Controversy Finished–  
Lesson 44 – Jesus is coming quickly to take us home with Him Forever Part I*

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Obedience through Jesus Christ gives to man perfection of character and a right to that tree of life. The conditions of again partaking of the fruit of the tree are plainly stated in the testimony of Jesus Christ to John: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and many enter in through the gates into the city" (MS 72, 1901). Ellen G. White, *The S. D. A. Bible Commentary, Volume 1*, page 1086.

**16. Would you like to be among those who keep all of God's commandments including the Seventh Day Sabbath so that you can enjoy eternity with Jesus in the New Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_**