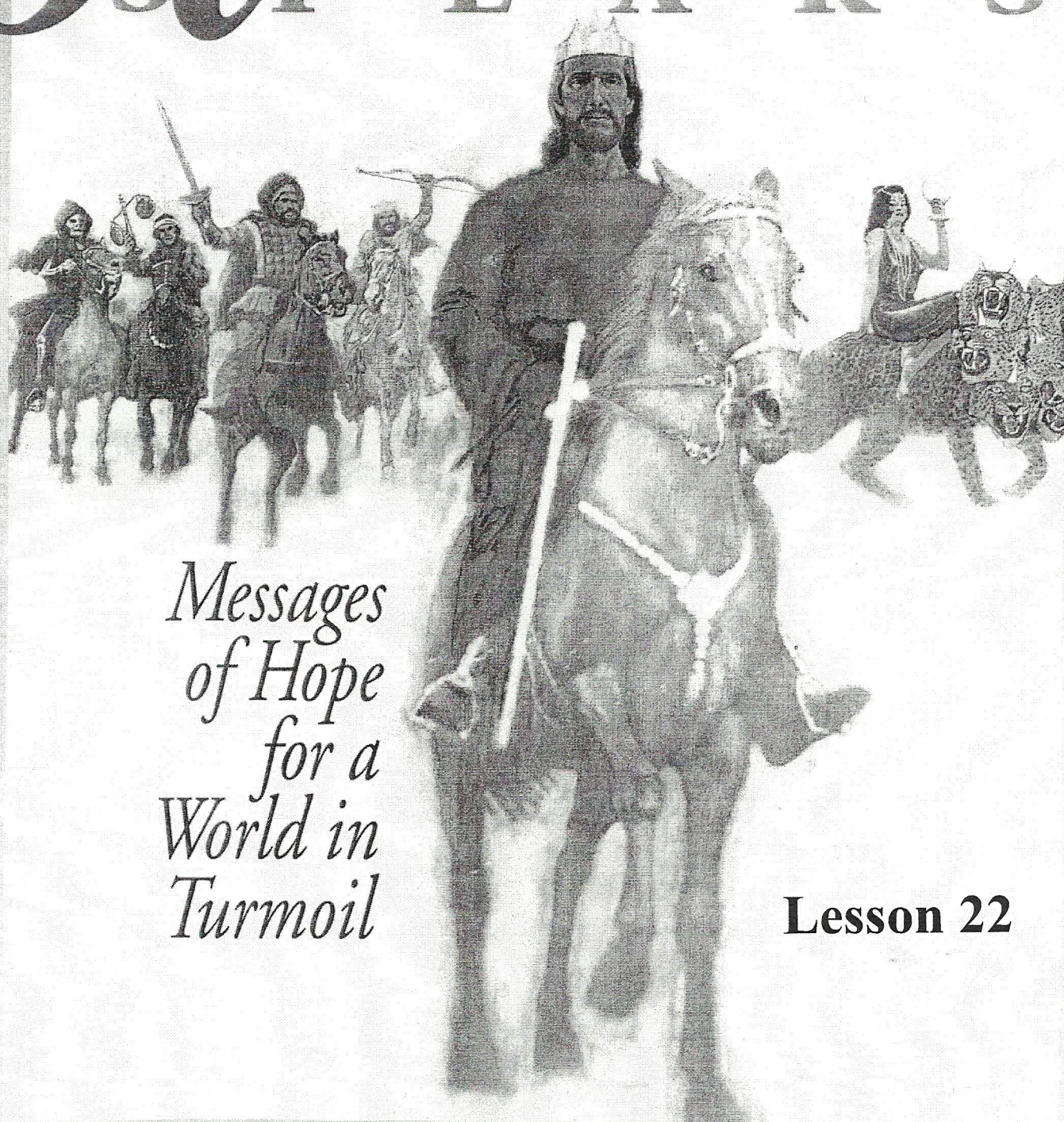


Revelation

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*Messages
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Lesson 22

A Revelation of Earth's Last Hour

[This chapter is based on Revelation, Chapter 19]

Often, "We make the return of Christ sound so inevitably final. And it is for those who have no plans for after hours, after the planet is locked up and left empty and deserted.

"But it does not need to be final at all. For those who love their Lord, who have accepted His sacrifice, closing time does not mean the end. It does not lock them out of anything. It opens the doors and sets them free, as they have never been free before. Their unhappy responsibilities and care and toils are over. They have put in their hours. Now comes what they have been living for, waiting for. Closing time will not end their day!

"So, we follow through now with the sequence of events that begins with the coming of Christ." -Heritage Bible, p. 1223.

READ: Revelation 19:11-21.

1. What glorious scene did John see happening in heaven? Revelation 19:11.

2. Who is this person riding on the white horse? Revelation 19:12, 13; John 1:1-3, 14.

3. Who accompanies Christ when He returns for this battle? Revelation 19:14; Matthew 25:31; 24:30,31.

10. How visible will this event be? Matthew 24:27.

11. What does Christ bring with Him at that time? Revelation 22:12; Matthew 16:27

12. How will Christ's return affect the righteous, living and dead? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

- a. Righteous living _____
- b. Righteous dead _____

13. What knowledge of the events taking place do the dead have just prior to Christ's second coming? Ecclesiastes 9:5,6; Psalm 146:3, 4.

14. Outline the events that happen at death and after death to the righteous: Job 14:12-15.

- a. Verse 12 _____
- b. Verse 13 _____
- c. Verse 14 _____
- d. Verse 15 _____

NOTE: As you can see, the coming of Christ and the resurrection of the saved taught in Revelation is not a new teaching. The Book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible, and yet we find the same outline of events as in the Book of Revelation.

15. What does the Bible call the death of those who await the Lord's return? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 11:11-14.

16. What will the return of Christ bring to the righteous? 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

NOTE: God will give every follower of Jesus His gift of love-life everlasting. He will also give them another gift: He "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." (Philippians 3:20, 21). No more aches. No more pain. No more disease. No death! What could be more welcome?

17. What happens to the wicked who are alive at Christ's second coming?
Revelation 19:15, 21. (Compare Jeremiah 25:31-33).

NOTE: They are lost, and they know it. How sad, when it could have been so different. Friend, that day will be real! If we are deceived or are not prepared for Christ's coming, we lose everything! Nothing is really more important on earth than being ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

"How fragile the earthly treasures we prize so greatly! One earthquake, one tornado, one nuclear bomb, one doctor's diagnosis, one threatening phone call from a stranger in the night, and our security is shattered. That is why Paul said, 'Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.' (Colossians 3:2)." -*Open Secrets*, p. 123.

18. What happens to the beast power and the false prophet at this time?
Revelation 19:20.

19. What assurance do those who accept Christ have now? 1 John 5:11-13.

My Response

- ☐ I do not have the assurance of eternal life.
- ☐ I would like to have the assurance of eternal life.
- ☐ I want to be ready for Jesus' second coming, but I need help.