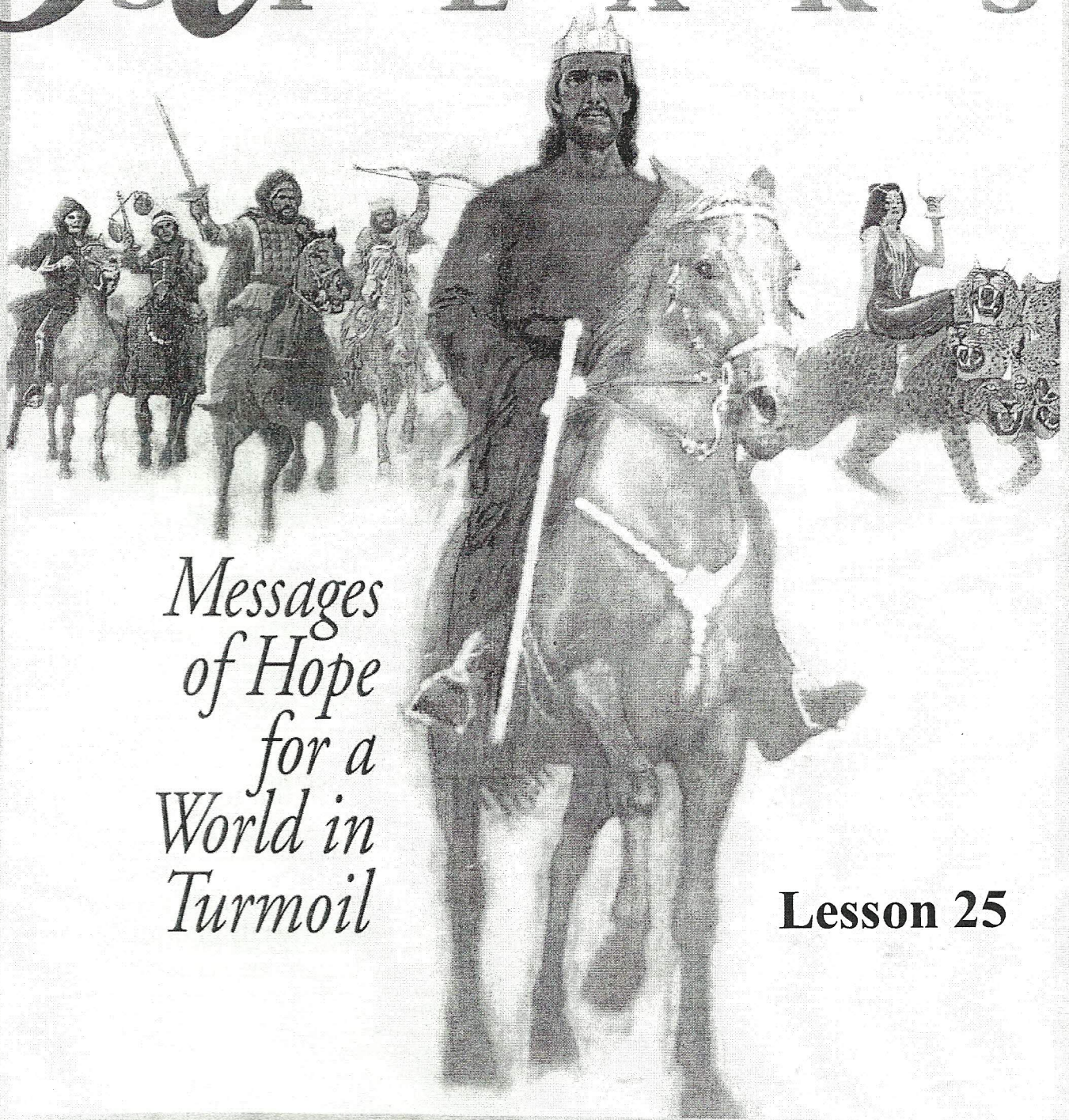


# Revelation

S P E A K S



*Messages  
of Hope  
for a  
World in  
Turmoil*

**Lesson 25**



# God's New and Perfect World

[This chapter is based on Revelation, Chapter 21]

The first two chapters of the Bible tell how God created the world and describe the paradise home He made for man to enjoy eternally. The third chapter tells of the rebellion and expulsion of man from his paradise home. In the last two chapters of the Bible-in the Book of Revelation-we are given a view of God's plan to restore this planet to a glorious paradise for those who love and follow Him.

What an exciting future God promises His people on earth! Our fondest dreams and hopes will be realized when our heavenly Father restores the dominion lost by Adam and Eve. Let's study about that future.

*READ: Revelation 21:1 - 22:5.*

**1. What did John see after the first heaven and earth had passed away? Revelation 21:1.**

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NOTE: The conflict is over! Our battle-scarred, bloodstained, polluted planet is transformed into a glorious paradise. The long-cherished promises to God's people have been fulfilled. This is the thrilling climax to which Abraham looked with fond anticipation, and toward which the Book of Revelation has been moving.

**2. What did John see coming down from heaven? Revelation 21:2**

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NOTE: It is hard to imagine the joy and awe that filled the heart of the grand old prophet as he was given a view of the majestic city floating gently through the sky toward Planet Earth. This is the magnificent city with its glorious mansions that Jesus went home to prepare for us. (John 14:1-3).

**3. Where did Jesus say that the mansions for the saved were? John 14:2.**

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**4. What other promise did Christ make at the same time? John 14:3.**

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**5. What does the Bible say that God had prepared for those who trust Him? Hebrews 11:16.**

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NOTE: Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, said that He was going to "prepare" a city. He also said He would prepare a place. What a joyous day that will be when Jesus returns to fulfill those promises!

**6. What is the size of this Holy City, New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:16.**

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NOTE: An English furlong is one-eighth of an English mile. Ancient cities were measured by their circumference around the outside walls, which would mean that this square city measures at least 375 miles on each side.

**7. How is the New Jerusalem described in the Bible? Revelation 21:9-27.**

- a. The wall was of \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 18)
- b. The city was pure \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 18)
- c. The 12 gates were 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 21)
- d. The streets were pure \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 21)
- e. The city had no need of the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 23)
- f. There shall be no \_\_\_\_\_ there. (verse 25)

**8. Where will God ultimately set up His everlasting kingdom? Daniel 2:44.**

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**9. In His sermon on the mount, what did Christ promise the meek? Matthew 5:5.**

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## Revelation Speaks - 3

NOTE: Jesus never promised that we would inherit a cloud or a star, a spirit world, or another planet! He promised that His people would inherit the Earth! Of course, not too many people would want to inherit the Earth in the condition it is in now, but God's gifts are always good! God will restore this planet to its Edenic beauty.

**10. How will God take care of the plague of sin that now contaminates this world? 2 Peter 3:10-12.**

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**11. After the earth has been purified, what will God do? Revelation 21:1, 2, 5; 2 Peter 3:13.**

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NOTE: Before Adam and Eve sinned, they had the extraordinary privilege of walking and talking with God face to face. In this sinful world we haven't had that honor. But the Bible says, "They shall see His face." We will again be able to walk and talk with God. Isn't that awesome? And we are told that after everything is all settled, God Himself will wipe away *our* tears, and there shall be no more crying! Just like a loving parent, He will tenderly dry *our* eyes. Doesn't that make you love Him a little more? Little wonder that Jesus asked us to call Him "Father."

**12. What will the saved do on earth during the years of eternity? Isaiah 65:21, 22.**

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**13. On what special occasions will the righteous worship their Redeemer and King? Isaiah 66:22, 23.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Isn't that thrilling? Just think, each Sabbath we will all go up to worship God. Can you imagine the music? An angel choir! And we'll all join in, because we can't help but praise the Lord for His goodness to us! We'll be able to walk along the River of Life that flows by the golden streets of that magnificent city. We'll be able to sit and chat with friends and loved ones under the mighty branches of the tree of Life! This is when the mansions in the city will come in handy, as well as the country homes we'll build.



## Revelation Speaks – 4

**14. What will our bodies be like in that day? Philippians 3:20, 21.**

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**15. What does God tell us about sorrow and death? Revelation 21:4.**

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NOTE: It almost seems too good to be true, doesn't it? But praise God, it's real! No wonder Paul echoed Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4), when he said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things God hath prepared for them that love *Him*." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

**16. How may we become eligible to receive this wonderful future promised by God? Galatians 3:29.**

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NOTE: Don't you want to be there? If we miss that, we miss everything! Nothing else matters! Nothing is more important than having our names in the Book of Life!

### *My Response*

- ☐ It is my desire to receive Jesus into my heart to be the Saviour and Lord of my life.
- ☐ I want to be a part of that joyous group whom Jesus welcomes home.
- ☐ I have decided to be among those who will inherit the earth made new.