

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 22:1-5

Remember to begin your studies early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 22:1-5.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

1 Then he showed me a river
 of the water of life,
 clear as crystal,
 coming from the throne
 of God and
 of the Lamb,
 2 in the middle of its street.
On either side of the river was the tree of life,
 bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit,
 yielding its fruit every month;
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
3 There will no longer be any curse;
and the throne
 of God and
 of the Lamb
 will be in it,
and His bond-servants will serve Him;
4 they will see His face,
and His name will be on their foreheads.
5 And there will no longer be any night;
and they will not have need of
 the light of a lamp
 nor the light of the sun,
 because the Lord God will illumine them;
and they will reign forever and ever.

1. In verse 1, who is the pronoun “he” referring to? List the verse reference as well as name this individual. (Hint: trace the pronouns back to their reference, or antecedent, to determine who is “showing”.)

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6. Note in the diagram above all of the different forms and/or helping verbs (i.e. will).

Count the future tense (“will”), present tense, and past tense (“ed”, were, etc.) of the underlined words in the diagram.

7. Count all the underlined verbs that are a form of “is” or “to be” in verses 1-6.

Note that the verb “is” or its forms are often called “stative”, meaning that they express a state of being.

8. Bonus: What kind of state are these verses trying to convey?
(Hint: ponder the previous couple of chapters in relation to this one.)

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 22:1- again.

9. Where is the river located? Be as descriptive as you can based on these verses and their immediate prior context.

10. What kind of tree is found in verse 2?

11. Where is the earliest reference to a tree of this kind in Scripture? Hint, review Genesis.

12. Can we definitively say what the fruit is for? Can we definitively say what the leaves are for? Clarify your answers with Scripture references.

13. Notice in verse 2 in the NASB (see the diagram) the words “kinds of” are in italics. See if you can use your Bible or BlueLetterBible.org to find a foot note that explains another possible meaning. Note: this word is not found in the original text, hence the NASB italicized reference.

14. Describe what makes this tree unique in the timing of the fruit it produces as found in verse 2.

15. How does the curse in verse 3 relate to the prior verse?

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16. What is repeated in verse 3 from verse 1? Why would this be repeated in this context?

❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 22:1-5 again.

17. In verse 4, “they will see His face” reverses what aspect of the curse?

18. Where else have we seen foreheads being marked for something in Revelation? What are we bearing by having Gods’ name on our foreheads?

19. List the relationship descriptions found in verse 3 and 4 between God, the Lamb, and the bondservants.

20. Read Number 6:22-27. List similarities between Numbers 6 and Revelation 22:1-6.

21. Notice whom the bond-servants serve, "Him". What is this pronoun pointing back to (antecedent)? What theological point could be made in the grammatical construction here?

22. Try to summarize this passage in 22 words or less. List a few key words that are critical to include from the text in your summary.

In preparation for Sunday... pray we yearn for the blessing of Yahweh to shine upon us as we continue to persevere and strive under the curse on this first earth now. Maybe we increase in building one another up into imitating Christ (Eph 4-5).