BEHOLD OUR GOD!

Prophecy reminds us that we are on the very cusp of eternity. In just a short while, we will finally go home. Few things are as hopeful and moving as thinking of the exhilarating moment Jesus returns to earth. Unimaginable joy will flood the hearts of the redeemed when the sky finally breaks open and Christ appears in the glory of His Father, accompanied by millions of angels. Seeing the brightness of God's throne pierce the dark clouds, God's children will shout, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us” (Isa. 25:9). His mighty lifegiving voice will thunder across the planet; the graves will open and release the redeemed to eternal life. Those who are alive will be transformed and glorified in an instant, and the wicked will perish in the light of Christ’s presence. Then, the moment for which all believers have waited will finally arrive: gravity will let go, and we will be lovingly lifted off this dark and broken planet. We will move through the air toward our beloved Savior, and we will be welcomed by the angels onto the cloud with Christ Jesus. Shouts of joy will swell into songs of praise, joining the ecstatic choir of angels. Filled with perfect joy, love, peace, and gratitude, we will know that we are forever safe, for “thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:17). Eternity with Christ awaits us. What unadulterated joy that day will bring! No words can capture it; no art can properly portray it. While the Second Coming marks the physical separation of the redeemed from the wicked, it’s not quite the end of the great controversy. This week, we will focus on the final destruction of the wicked and the dawn of an eternity without sin.
Write out Revelation 20–22 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Revelation 21:1–8. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/ phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What does the wicked's attitude after the millennium teach you about the nature of sin?

Why will no one doubt God's justice after the judgment is over?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are some ways we can experience God’s recreating power in our lives today?

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What relationship do the following verses have with Revelation 20–22?

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17
Matthew 24:30, 31
Isaiah 65:17–25
Isaiah 66:22, 23
1 Corinthians 15:26
Isaiah 25:8, 9
John 14:1–3
2 Peter 3:9–14
Titus 2:13
2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9

What other verses come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Revelation 20–22.
How will knowing Jesus on this side of eternity differ from knowing Him once the great controversy is over?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

What is He saying to you personally through this week’s passage?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Revelation 20–22 again and look for where Jesus is.

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the passage, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are some practical applications you must make in your daily walk of life?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/GC13-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

What excites you when you think about eternity with God?

Why is it significant that God is love, and how should it impact our spiritual activities and outreach?

How can you share our hope with people you know who are lost?

What kinds of things do you feel when studying the end of the great controversy?

What difference should the Second Coming effect in young people’s lives?

What insights do you think the redeemed might gain during the millennial judgment?

Why is it essential that the wicked are not only destroyed but also judged?

What have you learned about trusting God in the past thirteen lessons?

What has your study of the great controversy taught you about God’s love?

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