



TEACHER NOTES FOR CHAPTER 14 THE RETURN OF THE KING

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THEME	THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS
HOMEWORK BIBLE READING	Matthew 24 & Revelation 21-22
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OVERVIEW

If you have made it through the course to this lesson you should be proud of yourself! This final session looks at the implications of the Bible's teaching that Jesus will return as well as asking students to look at the final two chapters of Revelation as a picture of what heaven will be like.

This chapter asks students to consider what the ultimate implications of this unfolding historical story are. What happens to those who come to faith in Christ and what happens to those who reject the message? How does this tie into what we saw at the start of the Bible's story?

It is really important that students have the chance to explore the teaching of this chapter in detail. We want them to see that Christianity is a forward looking faith and that God's work in human history to redeem fallen men and women climaxes in the future kingdom where God will again dwell with his people.

The Bible ends with a new beginning and the final chapter of the Bible encourages its readers to come and take their place in the future kingdom through Christ.

OUR TIPS

Although the teaching of the chapter is foundational to Christian faith and worldview, many students won't have had a chance to sink their teeth into it which provides you with a great opportunity to finish on a high note....as the Bible does!

Definitely have a class party or some form of celebration at the end of this lesson. Ask students to reflect on their journey through the Bible and to share what they have learnt.

When looking at the implications of Jesus' return, the passage from 2 Peter on p.232 provides a great perspective on how God has worked in the age of the Church. God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish!

The last two chapters of the Bible finish off some huge themes that run through the Bible:

- Separation from God is removed
- There is no temple in the city that John sees in his vision because God is the temple
- The city has 12 gates but entry is on God's terms
- The tree of life appears again as John confirms that there is no longer any curse
- The redeemed are in the new kingdom but not everyone.

YOUR TIPS

We would love to hear what you have learnt after teaching this chapter. If you have tips that you are happy for us to freely share with other teachers using this course please let us know by emailing them through to us at admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au.

COMMON QUESTIONS STUDENTS ASK

- Do people get a second chance?
- How could God send people to Hell if he is a God of love?
- What will we do for eternity?

We would love to hear what questions students are asking in response to the content of this chapter. Please let us know at admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TEACH THIS CHAPTER

If you know of any websites or resources that would assist teachers with bringing this chapter to life please let us know at admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au.

ANSWERS FOR CHAPTER 14

Answers have been provided for questions where we believe clarification may be needed or where an activity requires the teacher to have the correct answer before the students commence the activity.

If you have any questions about an activity not written up in the following notes, please contact us at admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au.

What do the following passages teach us about heaven?

John 14:2

2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

Philippians 3:20-21

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Revelation 7:9-17

- Great multitudes from every nation praising God in heaven
- They do not hunger or thirst or cry

Revelation 21:22-27

- There is no temple in heaven because God and Jesus are the temple. That is, we don't need one!
- Heaven is pictured as being lit by God
- There is no night
- Nothing pure will ever enter the city.

Revelation 22:1-5

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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What do the following passages teach us about the Christian attitude to heaven?

Matthew 6:20

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 13:14-46

Do all that you can to ensure that you enter

God will weed sin out

The message should be spread to all so all have the chance to enter.

2 Peter 3:13

13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Colossians 1:5

5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel