



2. [about 5 minutes] Read the last chapter of the book of Revelation. One person might read aloud the first five verses (Eden restored), another person read verses 6 to 11 (John and the angel) and a third person from verse 12 onwards (Epilogue). To make it more dramatic, separate readers could take the roles of the angel (6, 9, 10–11) and Jesus (7, 12–16, 20). All could join in with 'Come!' in verse 17.

1. [about 5 minutes] If you can, tell about a time when you experienced something 'better than new'; that is, something repaired or restored and turning out better than the original — a place, a thing, a relationship.

Revelation 22

Revelation: Re-creation

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Revelation 22 — Conclusion to the Apocalypse

[spend about 5 minutes on each of the 8 topics]

1. A beautiful vision (22:1–5)

List all the items John mentions in verses 1 to 5, and all the people. How would you go about sketching or painting the scene?

2. Eden restored

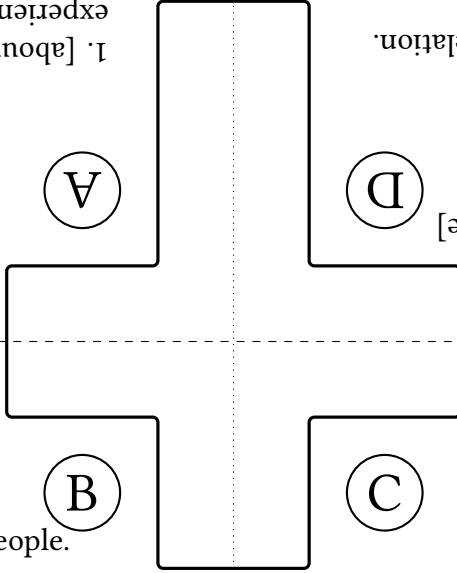
This description in the last book of the Bible brings to mind the description in the first book of the Bible. How are the pictures in Revelation 22:1–5 and Genesis 2:8–17 similar? How are they different?

3. Revelation 1, Revelation 22: book ends

We have seen that the last chapter in the last book of the Bible, Revelation 22, reflects the first chapters of the first book of the Bible, Genesis 1 and 2. In a similar way, the last chapter of Revelation contains echoes of the first chapter of Revelation. See how many connections you can find between Revelation 22 and Revelation 1.



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6. Warning: judgement

What does this last chapter of the Bible warn about the persistently unrepentant (verses 11, 15)?

7. Invitation: salvation

In wonderful contrast, according to Revelation 22, what awaits the servants of God (verses 3, 5, 9, 7, 14, 17)?

8. Jesus

From first to last, the book of Revelation is fundamentally about Jesus. Identify all the places where Jesus appears in Revelation 22. What do we learn about Jesus from Revelation 22?



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From there to here [spend about 10 minutes on this page]

1. Have you taken up the offer of verse 17 to 'the free gift of the water of life'? Why or why not?
2. Take a moment to reflect on all you have learned from Revelation. What has stood out most? What will continue to have impact on how you live out your life?

Worth remembering (from Revelation 22:20)

(Jesus) says, 'Yes, I am coming soon';

Looking ahead: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!