

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

CHAPTER 31 – THE END OF TIME

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God's grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God's expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

Key Events: The revelation of Jesus Christ given to John

DIGGING IN

- 1) The book of Revelation begins with this promise: "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it." What is the blessing that God gives to those who read and believe the words of Revelation?
- 2) Make a list of the ways that Jesus is described in this chapter. (Page 460 is a good place to start) Do these descriptions of Jesus make you afraid or fill you with joy?

- 3) The *Story* includes three of the letters that Jesus dictated to Christian churches of John's day. For each of the letters identify the following:
- Description of Jesus
 - Commendation/Rebuke
 - Warning/instruction
 - Promise

Is there such thing as a "perfect" church? What should every church be striving for?

- 4) Pages 464 and 465 contain several of the songs of praise sung by the beings in heaven. What do they teach us about Jesus? About his Church?
- 5) This chapter describes the ultimate defeat of all of God's enemies and the final judgement of all people. Those whose names are written in the book of life inherit a new life in the holy city, Jerusalem. How is heaven described? (pages 467-469) Can a Christian every truly be sure he or she will see its gates?
- 6) What warning does Jesus give at the end of the vision? (Page 470)
- 7) "Yes, I am coming soon." This is the promise Jesus gives to him people. What should these words stir us to do?