

# Walking Prophetically

## Preparing for the Bridegroom



## *Our prayer as we begin preparing for the Bridegroom*

**“Oh Most Holy God, our Father, thank you for your only begotten Son, Jesus. Abba, you have betrothed us to Him. Jesus is our Bridegroom! “As a husband loves His wife, Jesus loves His Church (His Bride), giving Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present to Himself the Church (His Bride) in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle ... but that she would be holy and blameless.”**

**Father God, we long to “make ourselves ready...to clothe ourselves with fine linen, bright and pure ... the righteous deeds of the saints.” Open the eyes of our hearts to “see;” to know the hope to which our Bridegroom Jesus has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.” “Open our ears that we hear what your Spirit says to the Church (His Bride) “**

**Make us ready to respond with joyful obedience as a testimony of our love. Our Bridegroom exhorts us, “Maranatha, Jesus is coming quickly.”**

**Ephesians 5:26, Revelation 19:7,8, Ephesians 1;15-18, Revelation 3:22, Revelation 22:7, 1Corinthians 16;24**

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# Jewish Wedding

“Blow the trumpet in Jerusalem!... Call the people together.... Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room” (Joel 2:15–16, NLT). A royal wedding is announced by the sound of trumpets, and the wedding is blessed under the traditional canopy.

Marriages in ancient Israel were arranged by parents, like Abraham did for his son Isaac. Typically the bridegroom would go to the house of the bride-to-be (sometimes their first meeting) and bring three things: the wedding contract, a skin of wine, and the bride price. After the father approved the bride price, the young man would present his vows of love. A glass of wine would be poured, and the betrothal contract then became a legal document, a ketubah. The couple’s status changed to betrothed, and they were legally married, though the wedding ceremony was still some time away.

With all the transactions completed, the groom took his betrothed aside to tell her that he was going away to build their bridal chamber. When the chamber was finished, he would return for her. Who decides when the chamber is ready? The groom tells his bride that he does not know exactly when the wedding will begin. Only his father determines the day and hour (see Mark 13:32). This is when the bride begins the wait for the day when her groom will come to capture her. She is confident of his return for two reasons: the vows he pledged and the price he paid. Meanwhile, she wears a veil to signify that she is taken.

She receives regular progress reports about her new home. The foundation is laid. The walls are up. The doors are hung. Now the roof! Her excitement grows. Any day her beloved will come. She gathers her closest friends, and they begin watching through the night, two by two, waiting to hear the shouts of young men as they race toward her father’s home (see Matthew 25:6–7). This gives her just minutes to wake up, ready to be “raptured” from her own home. Traditionally the Jewish father waited until the middle of the night, when his son was fast asleep and tired from all his hard work. I can picture the proud father gently shaking his son and whispering, “It’s time.” Time to claim his bride.

When Jesus told His disciples, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself” (John 14:3), He was giving the speech of a Jewish bridegroom. He paid the ultimate bride price. “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18–19).

He gives us our ketubah (our contract) through the promises in His Word, and He invites us to the most glorious wedding that will ever take place (Revelation 19:7–9). “Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” (verse 9).

# Welcome

## **OUR GOAL IS RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP:**

To be Brides, waiting, worshipping, watching, for our Bridegroom:

- That we would hear the voice of Jesus our Bridegroom
- That we would grow in our identity as the Bride of Christ Jesus
- That would we make ourselves ready for the wedding feast, clothed in white linen that is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Father God sent Jesus to be our Bridegroom:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Jesus told us in our engagement He has gone to make a home for us in His Father’s house. He promises He will come again to take us to be with Him forever. We must make ourselves ready to meet Him. Romans 10:25 encourages us, “if we hope for what we do not see, we will wait for it eagerly with perseverance.” This is our time to forsake all others and keep ourselves only unto Jesus. We must be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

As Jesus’ bride, we wait with eagerness – learning everything we can about our bridegroom.

“Study to show yourself approved of God, a workman rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15. The Word is His love letter to us for such a time as this. “I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” Psalm 119:11

Now we worship – spending time in intimate prayer. This is our response to all that the Holy Spirit is revealing of our bridegroom, our future and our sure hope. “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a hope and future.” Jeremiah 29:11

As a virgin bride we watch – active in being a witness and testimony of our bridegroom. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8. “...Like the ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise...” Matthew 25:1

For the next eight weeks we will spend time together in, “The Revelation of Jesus to John” to see our bridegroom, in His beauty, glory and majesty; to learn of Him in all His fearsome power and authority; to experience His intimate love and care for us. We will learn about our new home in heaven where we will rule and reign with Jesus, King of Kings.

This is our time to prepare ourselves for the calling of being the bride of Christ. “The hour has come for us to wake from sleep, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.” The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Romans 13:11-13

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“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” Revelation 22:7

**OUR ETERNAL FUTURE IS NOW!**



# *Lesson One*

Revelation 1

Your Bridegroom



# Revelation Chapter One

## Lesson 1

**Begin with Prayer-** Take a few minutes to settle yourself before the Lord. **Ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart and mind to see and hear what the Word of the Lord is revealing to you.** Confess anything that would hinder you from hearing, seeing or obeying the Holy Spirit as you prepare for the Bridegroom.

- I. Share with your group: all that you are asking the Holy Spirit to do to prepare you for the Bridegroom.
- II. Read all of Revelation chapter 1: this is very important to get flow and context.

## **Revelation Chapter 1:1-9,17-19**

### ***Your Bridegroom***

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that He saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed, are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia; Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the Seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so, Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos on account of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus...”

When I saw Him (Jesus), I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last., and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this...”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: As you read, focus on what you “see and hear” in this scene.







# Showing

## What do I SEE?

SEEING....(The Logos Word). This is recording the general facts that everyone sees. **Yours may be a little different than another's but you all will be working from the same passage.**

- Who is this revelation written about and why was it written?
- Who is John and what is promised?
- Who is John writing to?
- How is the trinity made known in this revelation?
- What is John's testimony of brotherhood in vs.9
- What is the testimony Jesus gave of Himself to John and how did this strengthen Him?
- Describe what stands out to you most about your Bridegroom.

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## What do I HEAR?

HEARING... (The Rhema Word) This is a personal word you hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you from this portion of Scripture. **Listen for the whisper of the Holy Spirit to your Spirit. It is a call to obedience and worship; called Revelation.**

- How do the first 3 verses resonate in your Spirit? The Holy Spirit is your teacher and counselor.
- Listen as you read slowly vs.4-6, giving testimony, exalting in the Father and Spirit. How he gives witness of who Jesus is in the world and in believers' lives. All this because John had a personal, life-giving relationship with Jesus. How do you give witness in your relationship with Jesus?
- What do you hear in vs. 7-9? Does it bring you anticipation or fear?
- Listen and record the personal encouragement and exhortation as you hear what the Spirit is saying in vs.17-19

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# Journal

**Write down your reactions and responses to what you saw and heard.** Re-read your response to seeing & hearing. This may prompt a remembrance of a song or an experience you have had or maybe evoke personal meditations in what it says and how it affects you in the midst of the circumstances of your life. This is called fellowshipping in the Spirit – engaging your senses; your spirit responding to the moving of the Holy Spirit – taking the Word to your own heart, life and spirit.

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# Believing

**Because you are seeing and hearing what the Holy Spirit is impressing on your spirit, you now must choose to respond ... or not.** Believing is moving from Logos (knowledge of the general Word) to Rhema (hearing the living, confronting, revealing personal Word to you); Choosing to actively live out, by faith, what you see and hear, by your obedience.

**Believing always leads to action.**

Obedience is Radical Discipleship...it's what Jesus did. Because this is what I saw and heard the Lord say, I will respond by obeying His revealed will to me.

Take a moment to review Seeing and Hearing. Reread your Journal page. Now you're ready to write down your commitment to obediently walk out the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Is it forgiving someone or ...receiving forgiveness for yourself? Confessing a sinful pattern or weakness. Walking in faith to testify of Jesus to someone in word or deed? Taking a special action of obedience in some practical way?

- From this scripture portion what has the Holy Spirit revealed to you?
- What practical action are you committed to take because of this portion of scripture?

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# Prayer

Take some time and pray with a partner or two. **Pray about what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you and HOW you have committed to take personal action on it.**

Praying together – committing to pray for one another - gives you support and makes you accountable to one another before the throne of God.

- Begin with praise and worship as John did – recognizing and worshipping the Lord.
- Surrender your will to the will of the Holy Spirit in all He has revealed
- Remember and worship who God is, who the Holy Spirit is, and who Jesus is in and through your life.
- Repent of anything that keeps you from being a testifier of God’s plan; Jesus in you, your hope of glory! Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you up to be Jesus radical disciple.
- Give thanks for what the Holy Spirit has revealed and how God has been faithful in the past, written how Jesus is your Savior, and how you will live by “it is written.”

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# Homework

Revelation 1



# Testimony

Write down your testimony of all the Lord's faithfulness in you and through you to be His witness. **It is powerful to share with others how you lived out what you heard by the Holy Spirit impress upon your spirit through His Word.** When we testify what we have seen and heard and believed – we proclaim by our action of obedience that we are Jesus radical disciples. This raises our own faith and ignites faith in others to believe the good news. Your witness and testimony proclaims, “Do it again Lord, do it again please.”

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# Lesson Two

Revelation 2:1-17

Your Bridegroom- Who holds the Seven Stars...

Who has the Sharp Two-Edged Sword...

# Revelation Chapter Two

## Lesson 2

**Begin with Prayer- Quiet your heart and mind from all the distractions and give your full attention to spending time with the Holy Spirit.** Put away phones, and anything else that will distract for this time. Bring your thoughts into captivity by setting each worry and every “to do” down at the foot of the cross. Ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart to see and hear what the Spirit is saying to you.

- I. Share with your group: Share how you are making yourself ready to meet the Bridegroom! How you have exercised what you truly believe by what you have been obedient to do.
- II. Read Revelation chapter 2: We will be taking portions of the first three letters to the churches to hear the message that the Holy Spirit has for us to see and hear and believe.

## **Revelation Chapter 2:1-17**

### ***Your Bridegroom Who holds the Seven Stars...Who has the Sharp Two-Edged Sword...***

*Revelation 2:1, 3-5,7: Church of Ephesus-* “The words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for My Name’s Sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first...” to the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

*Revelation 2: 8-11: Church of Smyrna-* “The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews (believers) and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer...you will be tested...you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life...The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”

*Revelation 2: 12-17: Church of Pergamum-* “The words of Him who has the sharp two-edged sword. I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast My Name, and you did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you; you have some who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality...some hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans... Repent. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”

III. Re-read the entire chapter – paying close attention to the portions of scripture – the letters – on what you see and hear in these letters that speaks to you.

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# Showing

## What do I SEE?

SEEING....(The Logos Word). **This is recording the general facts that everyone sees.** Yours may be a little different than another's but you all will be working from the same facts of the passage. Refer back to the scripture portions for clarity...

- Describe the distinguishing characteristics of the Bridegroom in the 3 letters.
- What good things did the Lord applaud each church about?
- What accusations did the Lord have for each church?
- What is the warning for each church?
- What is the promise for each church?

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### What do I HEAR?

HEARING....(The Rhema Word) This is the word spoken personally to you by the Holy Spirit from this portion of Scripture. **Each of us is the Church! Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how these letters speak personally to you.** It is a call to repentance, obedience and promise. Revelation happens as we submit to the Holy Spirit.

- How do you describe Jesus? (remember you can refer back chapter 1) He is your Bridegroom.
- What do you hear about your personal walk with the Lord when reading these letters? When He gives affirmations of good deeds and faithfulness?
- What do you hear about your personal walk with the Lord when reading these letters? When He admonishes about sinful patterns and falling short?
- How are you moved by His exhortation to repent?
- How are you encouraged by His promises about conquering?
- What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you about your walk of faith and love as you prepare for your Heavenly Bridegroom?

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# Journal

**This is a personal time to reflect and respond to what you have seen and heard.** Take time to consider and reflect. Writing helps to see what is in your heart. This is called fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit – revealing our hearts.

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# Believing

**The Holy Spirit has given you revelation as you read and consider the scriptures, and now... you must choose to respond... or not. We need to be intentional...JESUS WAS.** Believing is moving from Logos (knowledge of the general Word) to Rhema (hearing the living, confronting, revealing, personal Word to you); Actively living out, in faith, what you see and hear from the Holy Spirit, by your obedience.

Obedience is Radical Discipleship. That's what following Jesus requires. Because this is what you saw and heard the Lord say, you choose to respond by acting in obedience to His revealed will to you.

Take a moment to review Seeing and Hearing. Reread your Journal page. **Now you're ready to write down your commitment to obediently walk out the revelation of the Holy Spirit.** Is it forgiving someone or... yourself? Confessing a sinful pattern or weakness. Walking in faith to testify of Jesus to someone? Taking a practical action in serving or...acting?

- How do you relate to the letters to the Churches? What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you?
- What personal, practical action are you committed to take by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

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Homework  
Revelation 2:17



# Testimony

**Write down the testimony of what God did in your heart and how your actions reflected His deep work of revelation and restoration.** When we testify what we have seen and heard and believed – we proclaim by our action of obedience that we are Jesus radical disciples. This raises our own faith and ignites faith in others to believe the good news. Your witness and testimony is saying, “Do it again Lord, do it again please Lord.”

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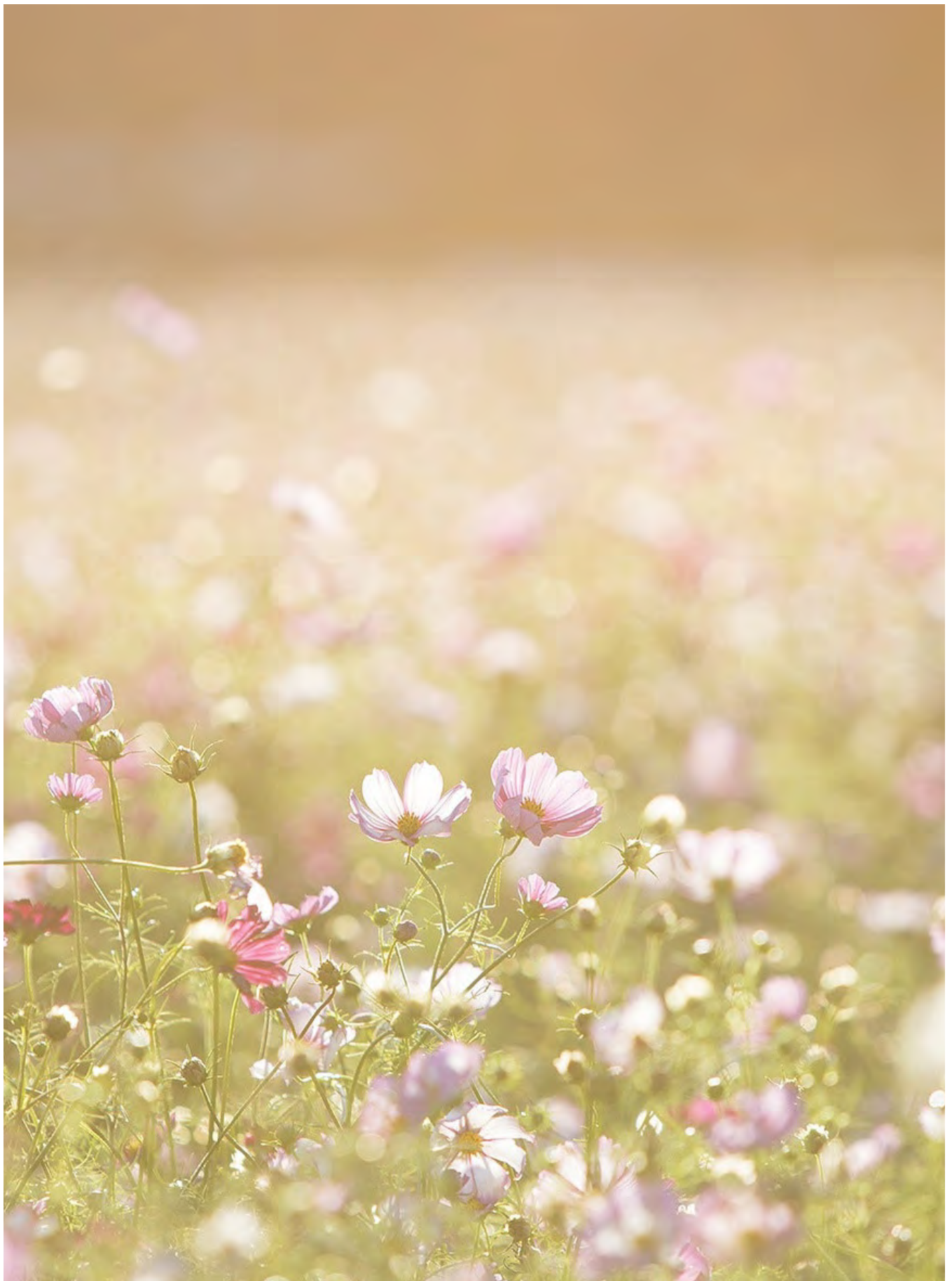
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# Lesson Three

Revelation 2:18–3:5

Your Bridegroom...Who has eyes like a flame of fire...

Who has the Seven Spirits of God...



# Revelation Chapters Two & Three

## Lesson 3

**Begin with Prayer; Give your full attention to spending time in this Word with the Holy Spirit.** Put away phones, and anything else that will distract for this time. Bring your thoughts into captivity by setting each worry and every “to do” down at the foot of the cross. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict your heart to see and hear what the Spirit is saying to you.

## **Revelation 2:18 –3:1-5**

### ***Your Bridegroom...Who has eyes like a flame of fire...Who has the Seven Spirits of God...***

Revelation 2:18-28: Church of Thyatira- “The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. But...you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols...she refuses to repent...I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works. And I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am He who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works... To the rest in Thyatira...who do not hold to this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan...I say, I do not lay on you any other burden...hold fast what you have till I come. The one who conquers...who keeps my works until the end...I will give authority over the nations...he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. And I will give him the morning star.”

Revelation 3:1-5: Church of Sardis- “The words of Him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works, you have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, strengthen what remains...about to die...I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember what you have received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. Yet you still have a few names...people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels.”

Re-read the entire chapter: paying close attention to these portions of scripture give special note to what you see and hear in these letters; all that speaks to you.

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# Showing

## What do I SEE?

SEEING....(The Logos Word). **Write down the general facts of these letters.** Your facts may be a little different than another's, but you are all working from the same passage. Refer back to the scripture portions for clarity...

- What is the description of your Bridegroom in the letter to Thyatira? to Sardis?
- What things did the Lord honor the Churches for doing right?
- How had they fallen short of God's will?
- What judgment did He warn that would be meted out if there was no repentance?
- What was His exhortation to the faithful?
- What was the promise?

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**What do I HEAR?**

HEARING....(The Rhema Word) **There is a personal word in these letters spoken to you by the Holy Spirit.** It is a call to repentance, obedience and worship. Revelation happens as we submit to the Holy Spirit.

- What personal word is the Holy Spirit speaking to you in His description of Jesus?
- Can you relate to these letters in society today?
- How does this portion of scripture encourage you to stay faithful?
- Are you personally hearing the promises made to the faithful in these churches?
- How do you personally respond to the warning of justice and to the promise of blessing from the Lord in these letters?

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# Journal

This is a personal time to reflect and respond to what you have seen and heard. Take time to consider and write out your thoughts and feelings here. God's Word reveals our hearts to us if we let Him. **The scriptures provoke us to search our hearts and see if there be any wicked way to lead us in His way everlasting.**

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# Believing

**The Holy Spirit wants you to be discerning in your world; to be spotless brides ready for the bridegroom. You must choose to respond... or not. We need to be intentional...JESUS WAS.** Believing is moving from Logos (knowledge of the general Word) to Rhema (hearing the living, confronting, revealing, personal Word to you); Choosing to actively live out, in faith, what you see and hear from the Holy Spirit, by your obedience.

Obedience is Radical Discipleship. That's what following Jesus requires. Because this is what you saw and heard the Lord say, you choose to respond by obedience to His revealed will; to be His bride.

Take a moment to review Seeing and Hearing. Reread your Journal page. **Now you're ready to write down your commitment to walk in obedience to God's revealed will.** Is it forgiving someone or... yourself? Confessing a sinful pattern or weakness. Walking in faith to testify of Jesus to someone you know...or don't? Taking a practical action in serving or...?

- How will you personally, practically respond to the letters to Thyatira and Sardis?
- What do you need to lay down at the cross of Jesus, that you have entertained in your heart or mind or life pattern?
- How will you stand on the promises given to those who are faithful?
- Who will you testify to of God's mercy and grace?

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# Prayer

Now take some time and pray with a partner or two. **Pray about what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you and HOW you choose to commit to take personal action.**

Praying together – committing to pray for one another - gives you support and makes you accountable to one another before the throne of God.

- Worship God who is your Father, who loves you and Jesus who died for your sins and the Holy Spirit who is your counselor and teacher, turning you to Jesus.
- Bow at the cross confessing every sin of thought word and deed. Ask to be washed in the sinless blood of Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to tell you truth and replace every lie you have agreed with. Jesus died to set you free.
- Give thanks that God is able to make you new! Who the Son sets free is free indeed!

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# Homework

Revelation 2:18-3:15



# Testimony

**Share the testimony of how you activated what you believe by your obedience; how you're choosing to live it out.** When we testify what we have seen and heard and believed – we proclaim by our action of obedience that we are Jesus radical disciples. Now is the time to shout hallelujah as you give witness of your obedience, sharing what God has done in you and through you. This raises our own faith and ignites faith in others to believe the good news.

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TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS  
*Christina Mae*  
*Alison Elizabeth*  
ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING  
ON SATURDAY THE TWENTY SEVENTH OF NOVEMBER  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

6PM AT GEORGE'S CATERING  
100 ST GEORGE'S TYLE  
PARK

6PM RECEPTION AT  
THE GARDEN, 100 ST GEORGE'S TYLE  
PARK

DRESS: LAUNDRY BOY

# Lesson Four

Revelation 3:7-22

Your Bridegroom The Holy and True One,  
Who has the Key of David...

# Revelation Chapter Three

## Lesson 4

**Begin with Prayer-** Quiet your heart and mind praying for the Holy Spirit to be the only voice you hear as you meditate on these last two letters. **Settle yourself and ask the Spirit to give you peace of mind and heart to hear and respond to Jesus.**

- I. Share with your group how you radically obeyed all the Holy Spirit shared with you from last week's lesson.
- II. Read Revelation chapter 3 a few times. This helps to awaken your senses to the Holy Spirit.

## **Revelation 3:7-22**

### ***Your Bridegroom The Holy and True One, Who has the Key of David...***

*Revelation 3:7-12: Church of Philadelphia*—“The words of the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied My Name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews (believers) and are not, but lie – behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and My own new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: As you read, focus on what you “see and hear” in this scene.



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## What do I HEAR?

HEARING... (THE RHEMA WORD) **The Holy Spirit does speak personally, intimately to you through the word of God.** Ask what He is saying to you and listen for His whisper. Make note of it because this revelation.

- What is the first thing that you notice; that you hear in this letter to the Church of Philadelphia? Why is this important?
- What do you hear in the judgment of those who say they are Jews and are not? How will the Lord use this judgment?
- How does the phrase, “patient endurance” and “hour of trial” alert you?
- Can you hear the encouragement to you, even as He assures you, He is coming soon?
- Listen as you read the promise to “those who fast;” What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

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# Journal

Write your thoughts and feelings from this love letter to the overcomers. **Go over what you have seen and heard and pour out your heart to the Lord. He has poured out His heart to you in this letter.**

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# Believing

**We respond to what we believe with our attitudes and actions. What we truly believe is seen in our choices.** It is your time to consider what you have seen and heard; acting on what you say you believe by your obedience to the personal word of the Holy Spirit to you. Jesus requires our radical obedience to be called His disciples.

After rereading what you have seen in this letter; what you have heard, you must choose to act in obedience; this shows what you truly believe.

- How will you respond to what you have seen and heard in this letter to Philadelphia? (Is there repentance or forgiveness or acceptance or rejoicing or???) listen to your heart.
- How will you pray?

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# Homework

Revelation 3:7-22





# Testimony

**Write down how you were able to live out the lessons and opportunities God gave you from this portion of scripture.** This is your testimony of the Lord and encouragement to your sisters. When we testify what we have seen and heard and believed – we proclaim by our action of obedience that we are Jesus radical disciples. Do it again Lord!

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# Lesson Five

Revelation 3:14-22

Your Bridegroom... The Amen, Faithful and True Witness!

# Revelation Chapter Three

## Lesson 5

**Begin with prayer-** Commit through prayer, quieting your mind and heart from all the distractions of “to do’s” and anxieties of the day. Lay them down at the cross. **With intention pray to hear only the voice of the Holy Spirit as you read and meditate on this important letter.**

- I. Share with your group your testimony of how last week’s scripture passage impacted you for the bridegroom’s coming.
- II. Read all of chapter 3 to see the contrast in the letters to the Churches.

## **Revelation 3:14-22**

### ***Your Bridegroom – The Amen, Faithful and True Witness!***

*Revelation 3:14-22: Church of Laodicea-* “The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments, so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: Focus on what you “see and hear” in this letter.

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**Walking Prophetically-Preparing for the Bridegroom**

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# Showing

## What do I SEE?

Seeing...(the logos Word). List the things you see. These are general facts. You may have more or less facts than others but they are all from this same passage.

- What do you picture in the description of Jesus?
- What is the first judgment given? Why?
- How are they deceived?
- What remedy is given?
- Can you see encouragement and healing in the midst of severe discipline?
- What is the scene that pictures right relationship?
- What is the amazing promise for the conquerors?

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**What do I HEAR?**

HEARING...(The Rhema Word) Listen for the intimately personal word the Holy Spirit is revealing as you see and hear His voice in this letter. Ask to be spiritually sensitive to hear what the Spirit is saying to you.

- What do you hear in the description of Jesus? (“beginning of God’s creation” means Jesus was creator)
- How do you discern your spiritual health as you read the description of Laodecia?
- How do you buy from the Lord the things needed to walk before the Lord?
- Can you hear God’s love in the midst of discipline?
- How do you distinguish Jesus knock on the door of your heart?
- How does your heart respond to the promise of those who Hear His Voice?
- How do you cultivate spiritual hearing?

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# Journal

**Now is your time to respond from your heart.** Everything you see and feel. Everything you hear from the Holy Spirit. All of your questions, hopes, revelations, confessions adoration. Look through your responses to what you wrote down in Seeing and Hearing. The Lord is waiting to listen.

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# Believing

**We respond to what we believe by our attitudes and actions. How we walk out our choices shows what we truly believe.** It is your time to consider what you have seen and heard; What the Holy Spirit is whispering (maybe it's just one part of one scripture) about choosing and obeying.

We respond to the Holy Spirit because we love Jesus. He loves us beyond anything we can think or imagine.

- What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you read this letter?
- How will you respond because Jesus loves you this much?

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# Prayer

**This is your time to pray with others for support and encouragement and accountability about what the Holy Spirit has impressed about “Believing.”**

As you go together to the throne, God sees the unity of prayer and He promises to bless. Share what the Holy Spirit has whispered and ... ask for the will to obey and be blessed.

- Worship Jesus who is the faithful and true witness. The Amen, Creator.
- Recognize and repent of complacency, disobedience, apathy
- Confess and renounce pride, arrogance, self before the King
- Believe and give praise for God’s remedy – restored relationship and communion
- Praise the Lord for His longing and desire; His love, that would share even His throne with you.

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# Homework

Revelation 3:14-22



# Testimony

**Record your witness of all the Holy Spirit did in you and through you to bless your Bridegroom.** It is good for you to remember and to share because this raises your faith and ignites faith in others. Through testimony you're saying, Do it again Lord, please do it again!

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# Lesson Six

Revelation 4:1-11

Your Bridegroom—A Voice like a Trumpet...

...seated on the Throne

# Revelation Chapter Four

## Lesson 6

**Begin with prayer-** Take time now in prayer, committing your thoughts and the intents of your heart to listen to the Holy Spirit speak to you in the midst of these verses.

- I. Share with your group testimony of how last week's scripture passage impacted you about the bridegroom's coming and how you actively responded in obedience.
- II. Read all of Revelation chapter Four before beginning.

## **Revelation Chapter 4:1-11**

### ***Your Bridegroom – A Voice like a Trumpet...seated on the Throne***

*Revelation 4:1-11:* “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was, as it were, a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind...each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”...

The twenty four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, For You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: Focus on what you “see and hear”.

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# Showing

## What do I SEE?

Seeing... (The logos Word). Describe the scene. There is so much to see and experience in this portion of scripture about your Bridegroom's Home! (you can also refer back to chapter 1).

- Describe your first impression as you glimpse heaven; your home to be!
- What do you see as you focused on particulars? All that was happening surrounding the throne?
- Who encircles the Bridegroom?
- What is their continual response and reaction, being in His presence?

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**What do I Hear?**

HEARING...(The Rhema Word) What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you in this scene? Listen to the voice of the one calling you up to heaven. Can you hear the worship that resounds? These scriptures are alive and speaking a message to you.

- What do you hear in the mention of a door?
- How does John describe hearing a voice; and His command?
- Consider all that is happening. The colors, the royalty, the worship. What whisper of the Holy Spirit are you hearing about heaven? What are your spiritual senses taken up with?
- Can you hear worship, melody and sounds, all the senses echoing in your heart? What does this say to you personally?

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# Journal

Now is your time to respond from your heart. Everything you see and feel. Everything you hear from the Holy Spirit. **Pour out how this has encouraged your holy imagination; what you have not seen in the natural but...what you can know by your spiritual senses.**

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# Believing

**What we truly believe is proven by our attitudes and actions.** Consider what you have seen and heard; What is the Holy Spirit whispering (maybe from one part of one scripture) about choosing and obeying. Reread your journal. Now respond with your will to obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

- **How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to live beyond what you have been choosing?**
- How has this holy scene exhorted you to obey and give true worship to the King?
- How has this call to “come up here...” excited you spiritually?

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# Prayer

Pray with others for support, encouragement and accountability sharing what the Holy Spirit has impressed upon you. **Go together before the throne of God in worship, petition and thanksgiving sharing all the Holy Spirit has brought to your heart and mind, in how to honor and love your Bridegroom and those He sends you to.**

- Worship Jesus; He is the voice of the one calling, “Come up here...” your Bridegroom.
- Recognize and repent of shortsightedness, the flesh; not looking beyond the natural.
- Commit to seeing and hearing with spiritual senses to all the Lord longs to reveal to you by His Spirit.
- Give thanks that Jesus is calling you to “come up here,” to be shown your eternal future with your Bridegroom.

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Homework  
Revelation 4:1-11



# Testimony

**Write down how you chose to obey, being a living witness of the Bridegroom, because of all the Holy Spirit has encouraged and ignited in your heart.** It is good to remember and to share your testimony because this raises your own faith and ignites faith in others to see and believe.

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# Lesson 7

## Revelation 5:5-14

The Bridegroom-Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David



# Revelation Chapter Five

## Lesson 7

**Begin with prayer-** Stop in this moment to pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of your heart to see and hear and perceive what He is saying to you in His Word.

- I. Share your testimony of growing in your spiritual senses from last week's beautiful glimpse of your heavenly home with Jesus, your Bridegroom.
- II. Read all of Revelation chapter 5 at least two times before beginning.

## **Revelation 5:5-14**

### ***The Bridegroom-Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David***

“And one of the elders said to me to me, “Weep no more; the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll, and to open its seals,  
For You were slain, and by Your blood, You ransomed people for God,  
And they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
And honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
Be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”  
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: Focus on what you “see and hear.”













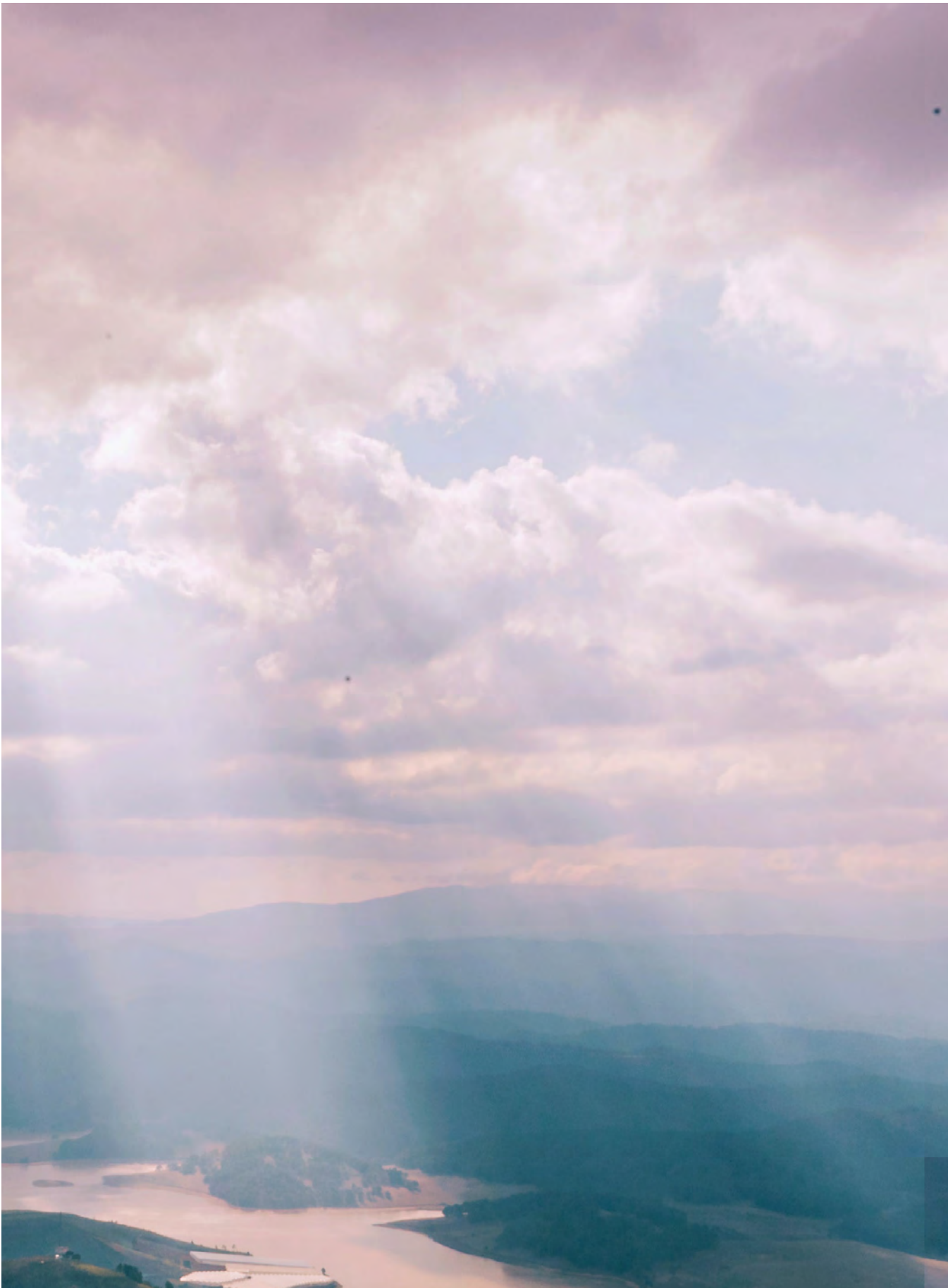




Homework  
Revelation 5:5-14







# Lesson 8

Revelation 19:6-13, 22:1-7, 10

The Marriage of the Lamb is come; Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy

# Revelation Chapters Nineteen & Twenty two

## Lesson 8

**Begin with prayer-** Quiet your heart and mind. This is time for revelation and reflection in the Word. Don't miss the importance of this time. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see and ears to hear...

- I. Share with the group your testimony of obedience (that is counted as worship) from all the Holy Spirit revealed to you last week.
- II. Read all of Revelation chapters 19 and 22 slowly before beginning.

**Revelation 19:6-13, 22:1-7,10**

***The Marriage of the Lamb is come; Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy***

“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,  
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory,  
For the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
And His Bride has made herself ready;  
It was granted her to clothe herself  
With fine linen, bright and pure”-

For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me,  
“Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb...These are the true words of God...”

**For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”... And he (the angel) said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. **Behold, I am coming soon**, bringing my recompense with Me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and they may enter the city by the gates...The Spirit and the Bride say “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty Come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price...

**“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come. Lord Jesus!**The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

III. Re-read this portion of scripture: Focus on what you “see and hear.”

















# Homework

Revelation 19:6-22:1-7.10





# Testimony

Because you are the chosen Bride, write down how you were obedient in the opportunities that you were given, to show your passionate love for your Bridegroom.

- Love always gives testimony of its actions because this speaks of intimate relationship. And this encourages others either by provoking or prompting them to do the same.
- You love Him because He first loved you. Share how you testified in word and deed your relationship with your Bridegroom.
- “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”

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