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Revelation 22:16, *“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”*

In the past few days the sun has reached the earliest time it rises. A nice clear sunrise is one of the most beautiful sights one can see. It signals the end of a dark night and begins a bright day dawning.

Twice in the Bible the term “morning star” is used. Both times are in Revelation. The first time Jesus uses it, He says to those who overcome that He will give them the morning star. Revelation 22:8, *“And I will give him the morning star.”* There is no explanation or comment given in this passage as to what the morning star is.

As you turn and read the last chapter of the Bible, we see the answer. Jesus says He is the “bright and morning star.” Revelation 22:16, *“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”* There is no doubt what the morning star is. It is Jesus.

Jesus had said He would give us the morning star. How are we given Jesus who is the morning star? I think it is simply the closeness that we will have to Jesus in Heaven. Much is in the Bible about the group of the saved, the Church, being the Lamb’s wife. In the sense that a bride and bridegroom are given to one another at marriage, Jesus is giving Himself to us. John is shown the Lamb’s wife in Revelation 21.

The very countenance, or appearance of Jesus, was like the sun shining. Revelation 1:16, *“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”*

It’s interesting to note how much in Revelation is said about the sun and things connected with the sun. Not only do we read about the morning star, which would be the rising sun, but we see something else that is caused by the sun in Revelation 4.

In Revelation 4:3 as John saw God upon the throne, we are told, *“And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.”* A rainbow was upon the head of an angel a few chapters later. Revelation 10:1, *“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.”* Not only did he have a rainbow upon his head, but his face was like the sun.

It’s interesting to see all these events and appearances in Heaven connected with the sun. It’s interesting because we are told in Revelation 21:23 regarding Heaven, *“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it...”* How are there so many sun-related events and light in Heaven when there is no need of the sun? The last part of the verse tells us— *“for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”*

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis.**

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There is no need of the sun, but yet there is no night there. Revelation 22:5, “*And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*” There is no need of the sun nor moon, but God and the Lamb will forever provide us with light

It’s interesting to see how that the way light shines can make a day look even more beautiful. A subtle glow here or there and a certain angle of the light can greatly enhance a scene. No doubt in Heaven the light will provide perfect and eternal scenes and beauty beyond what we can even imagine. —Marty Edwards❖

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Numbers 2:3 “*And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.*” The tribe of Judah was to camp toward the east. The LORD had a reason for the children of Israel camping where they did. What could be a possible reason the tribe of Judah was to be toward the east?

We are told in Hebrews 7:14 that Jesus sprang of the tribe of Juda (Judah). In Revelation 22:16 Jesus says he is the bright and morning star. Peter in II Peter 1:19 writes about the day dawning and the day star arising in our hearts.

I feel that the LORD had the tribe of Judah camp toward the east, knowing that Jesus would be born of the tribe of Judah and also be the bright and morning star. *continued on back page...*

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| Sunday, July 1, 2018 | | |
| Classes | 16 | Titus 2:11-15 |
| Preaching | 23 | Joshua 7:1-26 |
| Contribution | \$682.75 | |
| Evening | 12 | Singing - Psalm 138:1-8 |
| Wednesday, July 4, 2018 | | |
| Classes | 13 | Revelation 22:1-21 |

Visitors— Jul 1 (AM) Earl Bowles (Cub Run, KY)

Bible Quiz

Jesus said He is the bright and morning what?

Last Week’s Answer— In the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 21:27)

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With each day as we see the sun rise in the east, and each day bringing a new dawning and renewed hope, let us be reminded that Jesus is the bright and morning star. In Him a new day breaks into eternal life where we will shine as the sun in the kingdom of our Father (Matthew 13:43).

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)