

## Quarter At-A-Glance

### June 2022

# Partners in a New Creation

Members of Christ's body have the grand opportunity to be co-laborers with the ever-abiding Spirit of God in reconciling, re-creating, and rightly restoring all things in the eternal reign of God. This summer quarter considers ways in which believers are partners with God in creation.

### UNIT 1 • God Delivers and Restores

This unit has four lessons. Using three chapters of Isaiah, this study explores God's predictions of the future destruction of Babylon and deliverance for Israel. These events were evidence of God's power at work to grant mercy and redemption to the penitent and to restore God's people to a state of peace and prosperity.

#### Lesson 1: June 5, 2022

##### God Foretells Destruction

###### Isaiah 47:10–15

Humans trust in their own abilities and the systems they develop to control their lives and the lives of others. How does this confidence shape us? Isaiah affirms that God, the Creator of all, humbles the proud and the powerful.

#### Lesson 2: June 12, 2022

##### God Foretells Redemption

###### Isaiah 49:1–11

Individuals and nations aspire to accomplish great things even in the midst of great challenges. How can we make a difference? Creator God covenants with us to redeem us—even when we don't realize it—for a higher purpose and important mission.

#### Lesson 3: June 19, 2022

##### God's Restored People Shall Prosper

###### Isaiah 49:18–23

When freedom from oppression is realized, it is hard to believe. From where do freedom and blessings come? Creator God will restore relationships between God's people, nations, the land, and the next generation in ways that confirm God's Lordship.

#### Lesson 4: June 26, 2022

##### God Offers Deliverance

###### Isaiah 51:1–8

People of integrity find it difficult to ignore criticism. Where do they find affirmation in the face of adversity? God delivers the righteous from the judgment of others when they are faithful to God's teachings.

### UNIT 2 • The Word: The Agent of Creation

This unit has five lessons taken from John's Gospel. The lessons stress how the Creating Word, at work in and with humanity, became flesh, healed the sick, saved the lost, resurrected the dead and granted—through the Holy Spirit—peace.

#### Lesson 5: July 3, 2022

##### The Creating Word Becomes Flesh

###### John 1:1–14

People are often curious about how things began. How do we understand the origins of life? John begins by explaining that Jesus, the Word, was God's creating and redeeming agent in the world.

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**Lesson 6: July 10, 2022****The Word Heals****John 4:46–54**

When we or our loved ones are sick, we seek restoration and healing. When all efforts fail, what can we do? Jesus invites our active, faith-filled participation with his power to create new life through healing—even at a distance.

**Lesson 7: July 17, 2022****The Word Resurrects the Dead****John 11:17–27, 38–44**

When people experience tragic situations, they long for comfort. Where can we find hope and strength for the future? Our faith in Jesus releases the power of God to bring resurrection and new life.

**Lesson 8: July 24, 2022****The Word Saves****John 12:44–50**

Most people acknowledge a sense of a higher, spiritual power that exceeds our human capabilities. How do we understand the mysteries of the universe, the world, and our lives? Jesus' mission is to save the world so that the world can live in an eternal relationship with His Father, God the Creator.

**Lesson 9: July 31, 2022****The Word Gives Peace****John 14:15–29**

People seek trustworthy guidance for their lives. How can we find guidance? Our love for Jesus, shown through our obedience to his words and the Holy Spirit's teachings, creates an incredible peace.

**UNIT 3 • The Great Hope of the Saints**

In this unit, a four-lesson study draws from Revelation to help learners envision the new home and city God has prepared for the redeemed. In this new heavenly environment, the saints will enjoy the new water of eternal life.

**Lesson 10: August 7, 2022****A New Home****Revelation 21:1–8**

People long for a place and time when life's stresses and death will not exist. Where can we find such a peaceful existence? The vision in Revelation 21 foretells that God will create a new heaven and earth where life's challenges will be banished forever.

**Lesson 11: August 14, 2022****A New City****Revelation 21:9–21**

It is difficult for people to imagine living in a place that is totally different from the one in which they presently live. What will the new place be like? Revelation 21 uses figurative language to describe the brilliant new city God will create.

**Lesson 12: August 21, 2022****The River of Life****Revelation 22:1–7**

Rivers give life and nourishment to the things that exist around them. How do rivers nourish our lives? In God's new creation, God's power will be in the river, nourishing and healing people and nations in the New Jerusalem.

**Lesson 13: August 28, 2022****Come and Enjoy****Revelation 22:10–21**

Everything has a beginning and an end. What is the source and ultimate purpose of human life? Revelation affirms that God, who is the Alpha and Omega, creates and controls all things.