

GOD'S LAST MESSAGE

Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 26: At this point in the series, we turn into the home "stretch" so-to-speak, to our last section of lessons which are intended to lead the student into a church home. In lessons 1-8, the student was led into a relationship with his Lord. In lessons 9-18, subjects were presented to mature that relationship as he found an increased knowledge of the plans, the ways, the work of Christ. In lessons 19-25, many of the "testing truths" were given, to further mature his conversion experience and to clarify what it means to walk in his Lord's steps. Lessons 26-33 attempt to identify God's last true church, with its message and mission for the world, and the witnessing responsibility of every member as a faithful steward in finishing God's work to the world.

During the study itself: In connection with question 2, briefly review the dates of the 490 year period and, in part (b), clarify and explain the emphasis on "time," and the "kingdom." The point in question 3(a) is the "shortly" of Rev. 1:1, and the "time is at hand" in verse 3. In connection with question 4, read the entire chapter through carefully with the student. Restudy 7BC 824-835 on Rev. 14. Questions come easily on this chapter.

Question 5 is meant to show that the last warning message of Rev. 14:6,7 contains elements that have been around for a long time, but here are set into the urgency of preparation for the close of time. Develop them that way so that they will have the impact on the student that God intends them to have. Questions 6 and 7 are introductory to a careful study of their contents in lessons 27 and 28. Review Unto a Perfect Man, pages 153-155 before presenting this lesson.

Appeal: Question 8 forms a wonderful appeal. Emphasize the faith element first, then the resulting obedience to God's commandments. Also emphasize what it means to be righteous in connection with this verse and Rev. 22:11. See Unto a Perfect Man, page 155.

Illustration: Let the student see clearly the relation of Noah's day, of John the Baptist's day, to the end of time. Let them see the similar content of the warnings as God has, in the past and today, attempted to help men and women get ready for the judgment and "the end."

