

Revelation-West Sub #42 Notes March 28

Revelation 22: 6-21—Epilogue

- **It includes several topics:**
 - A confirmation of the _____ of the prophecy.
 - vv. 6-7, 8-9, 16, 18-19
 - A focus on the _____ of Christ's return.
 - vv. 6-7, 10, 12, 20
 - Reward and _____ for believers
 - v. 12, 14
 - _____ to the unbeliever.
 - vv. 11-12, 15, 18-19
 - An _____ for all to receive the living water, *as a gift*.
 - v.17
- **Many parallels with Prologue, Revelation 1: 1-8**
 - ***reflects a literary completeness and cohesion of thought.***
 - The message is from God, sent by Jesus through one of his angels.
 - 22: 6, 16—1: 1
 - John is the author who received the message, recording what he heard and saw.
 - 22: 8—1: 1-2
 - Blessing to those who hear and keep the words of this *prophecy*.
 - 22: 7—1: 3
 - This is about things that must *soon* take place. The time is *near*.
 - 22: 6, 10—1: 1, 3
 - Christ is coming soon.
 - 22: 7, 12, 20—1:7
 - The message is given to John for the churches.
 - 22: 16—1: 4
 - Jesus is identified as the Alpha and the Omega.
 - 22: 13—1: 8

Revelation 22: 6-7

- **v. 6** The **angel** who has been giving John a guided tour of the **New Jerusalem** (bowl angel) said to John, "*These words are _____ and true!*"
 - ***As opposed to.....not trustworthy and a lie!***
 - This is information about the _____.
 - "This Angel is telling John that his _____ for this information is no one less than:
 - ***The Lord--who is the _____ of the spirits of the prophets!***
 - ***The same God who _____ the Old Testament Prophets*** is giving this information to John.
- God has sent His angel to show His servants something.
 - ***In the immediate context--Who are these servants?***
 - *John and the 7 _____*
 - ***What is God wanting this angel to show them?***
 - *What must _____ take place. (Greek--en tachei)*
 - ***What does God mean by the words, "must soon take place?"***
 - "The purpose of *en tachei*--**soon**--is to teach the _____ of the events foretold, not to set a time limit within which they must occur."

- **v.7 Jesus** “Look, I am coming _____!”
 - **This is actually the overriding _____ of Revelation.**
 - **Read: 1: 7,** “Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.”
 - **3: 11,** “I am coming soon! Hold on to what you have...”
 - **16: 15,** “Look, I am coming like a thief. The one who is alert...”
 - **19: 11** “Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True.”
 - **22: 7,** “Look, I am coming soon!
 - **22: 12,** “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me.”
 - **22: 20,** “Yes, I am coming soon!”
 - The one who keeps the words of this prophecy is _____.

Revelation 22: 8-10

- **v. 8** _____ is identified (again) as the writer.
- **Warning--**Our tendency to worship the _____
 - In this case an _____
- **Q? Is this the first time John did this?**
 - **Revelation 19: 9-11**
- **v. 9 Worship God!** (Don’t worship any *man* or *angel!*)
- **v. 10 “Don’t** _____ the prophetic words of this book.”
- **Why?**
 - **“Because the time is near.”**
 - God’s people need to **stay** _____ **...be ready!**
 - This is the next thing to happen in God’s prophetic program.”
 - The _____ of Christ’s return.
 - The playing out the end of history.
 - **Matthew 24: 42-44--**Jesus: “Be Ready!”
- **Q? Did God ever give a prophecy and then tell the prophet to seal it up?**
 - **Daniel 12: 8-9**
 - Also talking about the **end times**, but the Messiah had not yet come-and been rejected.

Revelation 22: 11

- He is **not** condoning evil—but pointing out that if people **do not** _____ this prophecy, they will **continue in their wickedness**. There is no other option!
- “Let the righteous go on in righteousness. Continue to get the word out, so people can respond.

Revelation 22: 12-14

- **v. 12** He is coming with the intent to _____ each person.
 - **Q? Reward on what basis?**
 - According to what he has done.
 - Our deeds have consequences.
- **v. 13 On what grounds does He have the right to judge and reward?**
 - The **Alpha** and the **Omega**
 - The **First** and the **Last**—The **Beginning** and the **End**.
 - **He is The _____ of Life—The Creator.**
- **v. 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes!**
 - **How do they do that?**
 - **Revelation 7: 14** In the _____ of the Lamb!
 - **Faith in Messiah--**Resulting in **white** garments.
 - They are **blessed** because they have the _____ to the tree of life.
 - **Revelation 2: 7--**Jesus’ promise to the victor!

(Final Lesson #43—week after Easter)

- **v. 15 Outside: *Everyone* who love and practice falsehood!**
 - **Q? Where is this: *Outside*?**
***The Lake of Fire, 20: 15*, Anyone **not** found in the Book of Life was thrown into the Lake of Fire.**

Read v. 16 Q? What is Jesus saying here? [His authority as God/Messiah]

- **He** is the one who has sent **His** angel.
 - *The angels belong to God!!!*
 - **He, Himself attests to these things being true! (1: 1)**
 - *These things are for **the churches**. (1: 4) (The 7 churches Chapters 2 & 3)*
 - **Of which He is Head!**
 - He identifies Himself as:
 - *The Root and Offspring of David—**Messiah***
 - **The Bright Morning Star**
 - **Read Numbers 24: 17**
 - A **Star** will come from Jacob.
 - A **Scepter** will arise from Israel.
 - **Read Revelation 3: 26-28** “Just as I have received this from my Father (authority over the nations) “I will also give him the morning star.”
 - This appears to be related to his *shepherding* with a rod of iron, *authority over the nations—(which He will share with us.)*

Revelation 22: 17-21—Final Testimony of Christ-Invitation to Come!

- **v. 17** There is an invitation—**Q? What are people being invited to?**
 - **Living Water—as a gift!**
- **Q? The invitation is whom?**
 - The one who is *thirsty!*
- **Q? Who is giving the invitation?**
 - **God’s Spirit** (2 Peter 3: 9, *desire that none should perish—**Lake of Fire**—but all come to repentance*)
 - **The Bride-Church**
 - **Those who hear (and respond!) --They become inviters!!**
- **v. 18-19 Sober Warning**
 - **Deuteronomy 4: 1-2 (12: 32)**
 - **Proverbs 30: 5-6**
 - This passage assumes that a child of God will **not** tamper with the Scriptures.
 - Even though he may not totally understand everything, he will not discard any portion, or add information, but will recognize the hand of God in its pages—and continue to study to understand more (2 Timothy 2: 15)
 - *On the other hand*, tampering with its contents—either adding or taking away—indicates a blatant **arrogance, evidence of unbelief**—and will result in judgment!
- **v. 20 Jesus’ last words—Don’t miss them.**
 - *This is a matter of **life** and **death** for eternity.*
 - **Yes, I am coming quickly!**
 - **John can’t wait!**
 - *Amen, Come Lord Jesus!!*
- **v. 21** John closes with a **Benediction** similar to Paul’s.
 - This is a **letter** to be delivered to the 7 churches.
 - *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints! Amen!*

Q? Why did Jesus send this message to John?

Q? Could He have sent this information in an easier format to understand?

Why did He sent it this way? (Speculation!)

- *The scope and magnitude of the message!*
- *This is no ordinary time period—no ordinary events.*
- *Take Notice!!*
- *Diligently seek it out!!*

“This final book of the Scriptures which began with the revelation of Jesus Christ and ends with a prayer that His grace might be with those who have witnessed the scene through John’s pen. Probably no book in the Bible presents in more stark contrast the grace of God as seen in the lives and destinies of the saints as compared to the righteous judgment of God on the wicked.

In no other book are the issues made more specific. The book of Revelation is the presentation **in** the Word of God of what the saints will witness and experience in the glorious consummation of the ages. With John we can pray, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

-John Walvoord

(QUIZ?)