

# Revelation 22:6-21

FINAL WARNINGS &  
EXHORTATIONS

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**22:6**


Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

**21:5**

*Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

# REVELATION 22:6

“. . . And the **Lord God** of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must **shortly** take place.”



## ○ **DEITY OF CHRIST**

- Jesus sent the angel (cf. 22:16)
- Therefore Jesus is “LORD GOD”

## ○ **IMMEDIACY**

- Those who interpret bulk of book to still be in the future do so at the expense of speaking contradictory to John

# REVELATION 22:7

## THE COMING OF CHRIST

### 1. Impersonal

- Comes In “Presence” But Person Remains In Heaven
- (2:5, 16; I.E., “JERUSALEM,” Matt. 24:30; “EGYPT,” Is. 19:1)

### 2. Personal

- Comes In Person, Appears
- THE FINAL JUDGMENT (Acts 1:11; 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 9:28)

# “QUICKLY”

- TWO POSSIBILITIES:
  - Imminent Judgment On Rome
  - “Swift” Coming At The Final Judgment

# EXHORTATION

- THE BLESSED WILL KEEP THE WORDS OF THIS BOOK
  - Do Not Sell Out For Temporary Gain

# REVELATION 22:8, 9

- CREDIBLE TESTIMONY COMES THROUGH EYE-WITNESSES
  - JOHN SAW AND HEARD (Cf. 1 Jn. 1:1ff)
- JOHN'S SHORTCOMING
  - Felt Compelled To Worship The Angel
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Time (19:10)
  - Surprising Since The Letter Has An Emphasis Against Idolatry (2:20; 13:4, 8, 14-16; 14:7-11)

# REVELATION 22:8, 9

- 1) We Ought To Look At Our Own Frail Struggles Against Repeat Sin
- 2) Even Strong Men Have To “Work Out Their Salvation With Fear And Trembling”
  - a) Peter Denied Lord Thrice
  - b) John Worshipped Angel Twice

# REVELATION 22:8, 9

- 3) Standing Before An Angel Could Be A Most Stirring And Reverent Experience (Cf. Jud. 13:6)
- 4) May Be A Tendency To Worship Those Who Open Our Eyes To Heavenly Things
  - a) Create Heroes Out Of Those Who Taught Us The Gospel And Become A Follower Of Man More Than Christ
  - b) Acts 10:25; 1 Corinthians 1:12

# REVELATION 22:10

- DO NOT SEAL
  - Not To Conceal The Message
  - Leave Open For All To Read And Understand
  - Recall: Blessed Man Reads And Keeps The Things Written In This Book (1:3; 22:7)

# REVELATION 22:11

- NOT A COMMAND FOR THOSE WHO ARE REBELLIOUS TO REMAIN REBELLIOUS
  - God Doesn't Encourage Evil
  - If People Haven't Changed By Now, They Will Not
  - The Unjust Will Remain Unjust And The Filthy Will Remain Filthy

# REVELATION 22:11

- **EZEKIEL 3:27**, “But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.”
- **DANIEL 12:10**, “Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”

# REVELATION 22:12, 13

- I AM COMING QUICKLY (22:7, 12, 20)
- HAS REWARD
  - Given To Everyone According To Their Works (Cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)
- DEITY OF CHRIST (v. 13)
  - Express Image Of God (Heb. 1:3)
  - Descriptions Used Interchangeably Of Father And Son (Cf. 21:6)

# REVELATION 22:14

- LAST OF THE 'SEVEN' BLESSED TRAITS FOUND IN REVELATION
  - HEARS, READS AND KEEPS (1:3; cf. Eph. 3:4; Lk. 11:28)
  - DIES IN THE LORD (14:13; 2 Thess. 1:3-7)
  - WATCHES (16:15; Lk. 12:37)
  - CALLED TO MARRIAGE SUPPER (19:9; Matt. 22:11-14)
  - IN FIRST RESURRECTION (20:6)
  - KEEPS THE WORDS (22:7)
  - DO COMMANDMENTS (22:14)

# REVELATION 22:14

- OBEDIENCE GIVES THE 'RIGHT' TO THE TREE OF LIFE (cf. Heb. 5:9)
  - When Man Disobeyed, He Was Driven From The Tree Of Life
  - Today, Obedience Is A Critical Link In Bringing Man Back To Life

# REVELATION 22:15

## “DOGS”



- Persecutors (Ps. 22:16)
- Apostates (Phil. 3:2)
- Unholy And Not Teachable (Matt. 7:6)
- Fallen Away Christians (2 Pet. 2:22)
- Male Prostitutes/Homosexuals (Deut. 23:18)

# ON THE OUTSIDE

- LIARS
  - Love And Practice Lie
  - Caught Up In Sin And Love It
  - Take Pleasure In Unrighteousness  
(2 Thess. 2:12; 1 Jn. 1:6)
  - Exchange Truth For Lie  
(Rom. 1:25)
  - Lead People To Reach The Wrong Conclusion

# ON THE OUTSIDE

Isaiah 30:10, “Who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ And to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.’”

- Some Love The Lie Of Evolution
- Some Love Lies Regarding Salvation
- Some Love Lies Regarding Adultery

# REVELATION 22:16

- “in the churches”
  - Need To Read And Understand
- DEITY & HUMANITY OF CHRIST
  - “Root” Of David – Source Of David
  - “Offspring” Of David – Born Through David’s Flesh (Rom. 1:3)
  - Bright And Morning Star – Light – New Day – Jesus Brings Newness To Our Lives That Have Been Darkened By Sin

# REVELATION 22:17

- “Spirit” 3<sup>rd</sup> person of godhead
  - Invites men with the bride
  - The spirit’s ministry is inviting people to life through the word
  - Our primary work today is found in this invitation

# 22:17

- 'Whoever' –No Geographic Or Social Boundaries
  - Gospel For The Whole World (21:24; Mk. 16:15, 16)
  - Water Of Life Is Free But Not Forced Upon Any To Drink

# REVELATION 22:18, 19

- A Great Way To Guarantee Eternity In Hell Is To Tamper With God's Word
- Thematic In Bible  
(Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:5, 6)

# REVELATION 22:18, 19

- Violations
  - Binding tradition
  - Church creeds
  - Wresting the scripture
- No violation
  - Honest exposition and exegesis of scripture

## **Ironic:**

This is probably the most or one of the most abused books in the bible!

# REVELATION 22:20, 21

- The Last Words Of Revelation And The Bible
- Lord's Coming
  - We Can Look Forward To That Day (2 Pet. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 16:22)
- Bidding The Grace Of God
  - All That We Have Is Through His Loving Favor
  - "Amen"

# REVELATION 22:21

As we leave the final words of inspiration, we are left in a state much like Paul described in Titus 2:13,

***“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”***

May we keep looking and may His coming be quickly and gloriously beautiful!

# Revelation Review

- Revelation (apokalupsis) –to uncover
- 1-3 Christ to 7 churches
  - Ephesus
  - Smyrna
  - Pergamos
  - Thyatira
  - Sardis
  - Philadelphia
  - Laodicea



# Revelation Review

- 4-5 Throne scene
  - God on throne (4)
    - 4 living creatures
    - 24 elders
  - Jesus the lion lamb (5)
    - Who alone is able to take the scroll
    - Song of redemption

# Revelation Review

- 6-8 Seven seals  
(reveals regarding saints)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> (white horse, Christ)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> (red horse, carnage)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> (black horse, scales, lack of food)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> (pale horse, death)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> (martyred saints, under altar)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> (cosmic disturbance)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> (silence, prayers heard, judgment about to begin)

# Revelation Review

- 8-9 Seven trumpets (against persecutors)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> (1/3<sup>rd</sup> vegetation)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> (sea, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> living creatures/ships)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of freshwater, rivers, springs)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> (1/3<sup>rd</sup> sun, moon, stars struck)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> woe, locust came, torment)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> woe, angels Euphrates 1/3<sup>rd</sup> mankind killed)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> woe, loud voices in heaven, kingdoms of men became the Lord's)

# Revelation Review

- 12 Dragon (Satan) persecutes woman (righteous)
- 13 Sea and land beasts
  - Sea beast (Rome)
  - Land beast (paganism)
- 14 Lamb w/ 144,000
  - Harvest
- 15 Prelude to bowls of wrath

# Revelation Review

- 16 Bowls of wrath  
(against persecutors)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> (foul and loathsome sore upon men with mark of beast)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> (sea became as blood of dead men)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> (rivers and springs became blood)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> (sun, men scorched with fire)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> (kingdom full of darkness)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> (Euphrates dried, kings of East invade)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> (loud noises from temple; city divided)

# Revelation Review

- 17-19 Judgment upon the mother of Harlots
  - Harlot identified as Rome upon Beast (Empire)
  - Great war
  - Lamb prevails
  - Beast and false prophet captured

# Revelation Review

- 20 1000 year reign
  - Satan bound for 1000 yrs
  - Released for a little while
  - Saints surrounded
  - Fire from heaven
  - Satan banished to lake of fire forever
  - All men stand before the throne to be judged

# Revelation Review

- 21-22:5 Saints in heaven
  - Fellowship with God
  - Protection by God
  - Provisions from God
    - Eternal life
    - Permanent reign

# Revelation Review

- 22:6-21 Final warnings and assurances
  - Obedience to Christ brings life
  - Tampering with word brings a death sentence