

Revelation: Until These Tears Are Gone: Lesson 13 (Revelation 22:6-21)

December 13th & 14th Questions primarily from Nancy Guthrie's *Blessed Study Guide*

1. Revelation begins with a prologue in 1:1–8 and ends with an epilogue in Revelation 22:6– 21. **What ideas, words, or phrases are repeated in both?**

- 1:1 and 22:6:
- 1:3 and 22:7:
- 1:7 and 22:7:
- 1:2 and 22:8:
- 1:8 and 22:13:

2. Read Revelation 22:8–9. **What is John's response to the angel who showed him the excellencies of the new creation? What does this communicate to us about what John has seen?**

3. Read Revelation 22:11. Throughout Revelation the destiny of those who purify themselves and those who persist in evil has been made very clear. **In light of that destiny, what do you think might be the intended message or warning to each in this verse?**

- Message to evildoers:
- Message to the righteous:

4. Read Revelation 22:14–15 and compare it to Isaiah 62:10-12. **What aspects of Isaiah's prophecy does John see being fulfilled in his vision?**

5. Read Revelation 22:16. In calling himself “the root and the descendant of David” and “the bright morning star,” Jesus is declaring himself to be the fulfillment of important Old Testament messianic prophecies. **Write a statement about who Jesus is based on the following prophetic passages.**

- Isaiah 11:1-2
- 2 Samuel 7:12–17:

6. Read Revelation 22:17. ***Who do you think is issuing the invitation to come? Who do you think is receiving the invitation?***

7. Read Revelation 22:18–19. ***What do you think it means to add to or take away from the words of the book of Revelation? What will happen to those who do so?***

8. Read Revelation 22:20–21. ***What response to Jesus’s promise does John model for us?***

- What can we learn from his closing benediction?
- How can we imitate John’s response and let his benediction shape our lives and give us hope?

9. Three times in Revelation 22:6–21, Jesus has said, “I am coming soon.” ***Why do you think it is important to him that we know this? Based on what we have seen in the book of Revelation, what difference should knowing that he is “coming soon” make in our lives?***

10. Do you think most believers today think much about or long for Jesus to return? Why? What distracts us from this?

11. How would you answer someone who asked you, “Why was Revelation written and what is it about?” How have your ideas regarding what the book of Revelation is all about been challenged or changed throughout this study?

12. How does Revelation’s definition of the blessed life differ from the way most people in the world, and perhaps even many in the church, perceive what it means to be “blessed”? How do you want this study of blessing according to Revelation to change how you think about what it means to be blessed?