

LAST WORDS

- well, we have finally arrived at the end of the Bible, of human history, and time as we know it – and after 9 and a half years – our study through the entire New Testament, chapter by chapter!

- the heaven and earth have been destroyed, the unrighteous judged and condemned for all eternity, and a new heaven and earth have been created, with God dwelling among His people

- I don't know about you, but after going through the Book of Revelation, it has just caused my longing for heaven to grow

- maybe that's what the intention was for the promise of a blessing that we have been reminded of each week in this study ([1.3](#))

- remember, for one last time, that Revelation has its own built in outline ([1.19](#))

- The things which you have seen = the revelation of Jesus in chapter [1](#)
- The things which are = the Church Age in chapters [2](#) and [3](#)
- The Things which will take place after these things
 - The rapture of the Church ([4:1](#))
 - The seven-year period called the Great Tribulation ([5.1-19:10](#))
 - The Second Coming of Jesus ([19.11-21](#))
 - The Millennium (1000 years of Christ sitting on the throne of David ([20.1-6](#)))
 - The Final rebellion and eternal judgment of Satan ([20.7-10](#))
 - The Great White Throne Judgment ([20:11-15](#))
 - The new heaven and the new earth – chapters [21](#) and [22](#)

- let's look at the last recorded words in the Bible!

- as we do, be aware that we are reminded 5 times in this chapter about how quickly these events will come

- ([6](#)) ... must take place shortly ...
- ([7](#)) ... I am coming quickly ...
- ([10](#)) ... the time is at hand ...
- ([12](#)) ... I am coming quickly ...
- ([20](#)) ... I am coming quickly ...

(1-5) THE WATER OF LIFE

- the water source for the new earth

- The water of life
- Clear as crystal
- Source of water for the tree of life
 - Bearing 12 fruits each month
 - The healing of the nations

- Who are the nations that will be healed by these leaves?

- there will be no more curse = the new creation will be as God intended before the fall of Adam and Eve

- notice we will be serving in heaven

- we will see His face –

- [Psalm 17.15](#) = As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.
- [1 John 3.2](#) = Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

- our forever home!

(6-11) THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE WORD OF GOD

- there are many doubters and sceptics

- That in itself is a sign that we are nearing the end – [2 Peter 3.3-4](#) = knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”

- this is not a fairy tale, or some person’s vivid imagination – it is true!

- God’s word is faithful and true

- the things which must shortly come to pass = once things start it will be like a snow ball rolling down a hill

- I am coming quickly

- You may be saying it’s been 2000 years, that’s not very quick
- Remember that [2 Peter 3:8](#) tells us that a thousand years is like a day!

- what is the appropriate response to what we have been reading = WORSHIP GOD!

- according to verse 11 – there will be one of two response—

- Some will continue in rebellion against God
- Others will pay attention and move in a direction toward righteousness and holiness
 - Which way are you going today?

(12-17) THE INVITATION TO COME

- beware of how you are living because the Lord again reminds us of the fact that He is coming soon!

- but outside = living in eternity separated from God

- this is one of my favorite passages because of God’s invitation to come, one of my favorite words in the Bible

- “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord...” ([Isaiah 1:18](#)).

- “Ho everyone that thirsteth, *come* ye to the waters...” ([Isaiah 55:1](#)).
- “*Come* unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden...” ([Matthew 11:28](#)).
- “Suffer the little children to *come* unto Me...” ([Mark 10:14](#)).
- “*Come* and see...” ([John 1:39](#)).

(18-21) EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS

- pay attention, and don't mess with the Word

WHAT COMES NEXT?

- after reading the book of Revelation, our minds are filled with questions, much like the disciples when Jesus talked to them about the end of time – [Matthew 24:3](#) = Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

- what can we expect? Are there any warnings that we should be aware of?

- we are reminded in [Hebrews 9.28](#) = so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

- Jesus warned his disciples about being unable to discern the signs of the times – [Luke 12:54-56](#) = Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. “And when *you see* the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is. “Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?”

- what are some things that we should be looking at in this coming year?

1. The Rapture of the Church
2. Move toward globalism
3. Unsettling and troubling times
4. Peace agreements in the Middle East
5. Rise of Europe and China as world leaders
6. Continued consolidation of Russia with Turkey, Iran, and Syria