

Revelation 22: “Eternity” Back to the Garden

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 21 Review:

“All Things New”

- New Heaven and New Earth: Beginning of Forever
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Chapter 22 Introduction:

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Genesis Relation to the Book of Revelation

- In Genesis the earth was **created**; in Revelation the earth **passes away**
- In Genesis was Satan’s **first** rebellion; in Revelation is Satan’s **last** rebellion
- In Genesis the sun, moon, and stars were for earth’s **government**; in Revelation these same heavenly bodies are for earth’s **judgment**
- In Genesis the sun was to govern the day; in Revelation there is no need of the sun
- In Genesis darkness was called night; in Revelation there is “no night there” (see Rev. 21:25; 22:5)
- In Genesis the waters were called seas; in Revelation there is no more sea
- In Genesis was the **entrance** of sin; in Revelation is the **exodus** of sin
- In Genesis the curse was **pronounced**; in Revelation the curse is **removed**
- In Genesis death **entered**; in Revelation there is no more death
- In Genesis was the beginning of sorrow and suffering; in Revelation there will be no more sorrow and no more tears
- In Genesis was the marriage of the **first** Adam; in Revelation is the marriage of the **Last** Adam
- In Genesis we saw man’s city, Babylon, being **built**; in Revelation we see man’s city, Babylon, **destroyed** and God’s city, the New Jerusalem, brought into view

- In Genesis Satan's doom was **pronounced**; in Revelation Satan's doom is **executed**

Revelation 22

I. Back to the Garden River and Tree of Life and Curse No More

2 Corinthians 12:1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was **caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.**

¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

- **...and he showed me:** The angel shows John

Revelation 21:9 Then **one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls** filled with the seven last plagues

- Soft/Subtle beauty is now added to the previous "gem like" description of the city:
 1. **Water** of life: Pure River of the water of life proceeding from the Throne of God!
 2. **Tree** of Life:

River of Life

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will **never thirst**. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a **fountain of water** springing up into **everlasting life**."

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and **water** came out.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the **water of life freely**.

- **Appearance of the River of Life:** Clear as crystal, pure
- **Location of the River of Life:** Proceeded from the Throne of God AND the Lamb in the New Jerusalem; i.e. Throne of God is the source life

Tree of Life

- Tree of **Everlasting** Life: Given to those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb

Revelation 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the **tree of life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." [C.f. v 14]

1 John 5:5 Who is he who **overcomes** the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- **Bore 12 Fruits:** Natural reading is "12 kinds of fruit" ; i.e. 2 times as many types as recognized in the Bible
- **Same tree as in Garden of Eden:**

Genesis 2:9 ...out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- Adam and Eve ate from the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil** and were **cut off from the Tree of Life**

Genesis 2:17 ...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to **guard the way to the tree of life**.

- **Tree of Life back** after curse is lifted; sin is dealt with, judgment implemented
- **Bore Twelve Fruits: Fruit for Eating/Leaves for Healing**
 1. "...each tree yielding its fruit every month"; orbital and rotational systems of the universe will remain as first established
 2. **Leaves were** for the "**healing of the nations**" [continued regeneration for those on earth may be implied]
- **Tree of Life Location:** In the middle of the street and on the banks of the river of life; i.e. more than on Tree of Life
- The definitive "Tree of Life" **The Cross:**

Exodus 15:22 ...Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went **three days** in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they **could not drink the waters** of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 So he cried out to the LORD, and **the**

LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But **when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.**

- Eternity in Heaven a continuation/completion of the Millennial Kingdom on Earth

Ezekiel 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. ² He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.³ And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my ankles*. ⁴ Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my knees*. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water *came up to my waist*. ⁵ Again he measured one thousand, *and it was* a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶ He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen *this?*" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. ⁸ Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. *When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed*. ⁹ And it shall be *that* every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river

goes. ¹⁰ It shall be *that* fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be *places* for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. ¹² Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of* trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.” ¹³ Thus says the Lord GOD: “These *are* the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel.

³ And there shall be **no more curse, but the throne of God** and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

- No more curse *but the **Throne*** will displace it!
- No more curse:
 1. 2nd Law of Thermo dynamics **repealed**
 2. Information never again confused
 3. Ordered systems will never again deteriorate into disorder
 4. No longer will energy be expended in order to overcome friction
 5. Entropy will now be conserved along with energy, mass, and momentum
 6. Though time will continue forever the time arrow will no longer be directed downward [Morris]
- “**His servants shall serve Him**”
- **Service:** Vincent says of this word in the original language, “*It came to be used by Jews in a very special sense, to denote the service rendered to Jehovah by the Israelites as His peculiar people*”

Hebrews 9:1 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of *divine service* and the earthly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, *performing the services*.

1. **Ceaseless** activity
2. **Rest** Unnecessary
3. **Desires** of mans heart satisfied; i.e. his purpose fulfilled in worship and service of his Creator

- **Adam had dominion over the old creation**, man will *again have dominion* (co-heirs) with Christ over the new:

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Curse

- **Cognitive Dissonance:** Knowing we are not what we are supposed to be

Romans 7:15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. ¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Impact of the Fall of Man

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the **eyes of both of them were opened**, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

- **Satan dishonored:**

Genesis 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are **cursed more than all cattle**, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

- **War between good and evil: Jesus and Satan/Church and Satan**

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity [hostility] Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

- **Pain in childbirth/ Role Rebellion**

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your

conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband [feminism], And he shall rule over you [brutality].”

- **Working for survival:**

Genesis 3:17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread...”

- **Physical Death:**

Genesis 3:19b ...Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

- No more curse...but the Throne of God and of the Lamb

4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

- ...see His face!

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.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Job 33:23 “If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness, ²⁴ Then He is gracious to him, and says, ‘ Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom’; ²⁵ His flesh shall be young like a child’s, He shall return to the days of his youth.²⁶ He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, **He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.**²⁷ Then he looks at men and says, ‘I have sinned, and perverted *what was* right, And it did not profit me.’ ²⁸ He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, And his life shall see the light.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him.**

- **His Name on their foreheads:** Married Name

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s **name** written on their **foreheads.**

5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

- Revelation 21:23.25 speaks of light from the **outside** of the city, this light is from **within**

Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it,^l for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

Revelation 21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

- **Rest?:** Contrast Righteous and Wicked

Hebrews 4:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ **For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.**⁹ **There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.**

Revelation 14:11 **And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."**

- **"...they shall reign forever and ever" : Over the New Creation**

II. Jesus is Coming Quickly

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.**

- **Jesus:** These Words are **Faithful and True**

Revelation 3:14 [The *Lukewarm Church*] "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the **Faithful and True** Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Revelation 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.**"

- **Holy Prophets:** Old Testament Writers
- **Shortly take place:** Exact phrase in original language as Revelation 1:1

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,

- **“shortly”** gr. *Entachos*; lit “in haste”; i.e. “*The brevity of human time in contrast with eternity*”
- Events of Revelation began **immediately** as John wrote regarding the churches

⁷ “Behold, I am **coming quickly!** Blessed *is* he who **keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.**”

- **Coming Quickly:** Repeated 3 times in this chapter v.7,12,20

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming **quickly!** Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

- **6th of Seven Beatitudes** [blessings] in Revelation
- Blessing for **KEEPING** [“Guard” or “Holdfast”] the words of the prophecy of this book

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep those things which are written in it;** for the time is near.

Luke 6:46 “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and **hears My sayings and does them,** I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation **on the rock.** And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, **I fell down to worship** before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ Then he said to me, “See *that you do not do that.* For I am your fellow servant, and of your **brethren the prophets,** and of those **who keep the words of this book. Worship God.**”

- **John both saw and heard:** Eye gate and Ear gate
- 2nd time John rebuked:

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

- **Jesus: Creator** of Angels

Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”? 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God

worship Him.” 7 And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.” 8 But to the Son He says: “**Your throne, O God, is forever** and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore **God, Your God, has anointed You** With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

10 And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

- **“Words of this book”** 3rd time in 4 verses [v. 7, 9, 10] this term is stressed!
- **Revelation:** Not a sealed book. The time is “at hand” unlike Daniel:

Daniel 12: 8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?” 9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and **sealed till the time of the end.** 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.

11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

- Proclamation of Truth will divide and eventually freeze our eternal position:

Luke 2:34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

- **Pharaoh hardened his heart:** Exodus 8:15, 32, 34

Exodus 11:10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; **and the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart**, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

- Open doors: **Ouija** Boards, Music, Porn, Money, Drugs, etc.
- Judas the money handler...greed opened the door to Satan:

John 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, 5“**Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”**

John 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And supper being ended, the **devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot**, Simon’s son, to betray Him, 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet,

and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

- **Analogy of Trees and** : Either alive and growing or dead and rotting

Matthew 12:33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Luke 6:43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

III. Jesus Sober Admonition to the Church

- Jesus conclude Revelation as He picks up with the message to the Church:

¹² "And behold, I am **coming quickly**, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

- 6th time in this book the promise of "**coming quickly**"

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

- **My reward is with Me:**

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.**"

¹³ I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

- **Alpha and Omega:** 4th time [see Rev. 1:8, 21:6, 22:13] 2x beginning and 2x end
- **Apostle John:** 5 New Testament books all referring to Jesus as the "beginning"

Revelation 1:8 "I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:11 saying, "I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

¹⁴ Blessed *are* those **who do His commandments**, that they may **have the right to the tree of life**, and may enter through the gates into the city.

- **Blessed:** 7th and final beatitude [see also Rev. 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14]

- **Practice:** The redeemed life will be characterized with a practice of good works:

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He **who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.** **8 He who sins is of the devil,** for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil....**10** In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: **Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.**

- **Commandments:**

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 15 Progression: Abiding, Bearing Fruit, Glorifying God, Loving One Another, Abiding, Bearing Fruit, Glorifying God, Loving One Another, ...

1. ⁶ If anyone does not **abide in Me**, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
2. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this **My Father is glorified**, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
3. ⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; **abide in My love.**
4. ¹⁰ If you **keep My commandments, you will abide in My love...**
5. ¹² **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**
[this 2nd like the first as implied in v8; i.e. love God]

Summary John 15: Abiding in Christ Glorifies the Father and Bears Fruit [good change]. We abide in Christ by keeping the command[s] to love one another

Luke 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" ²⁷ So he answered and said, "'*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,*' and '*your neighbor as yourself.*'" ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this **and you will live.**"

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall **love your neighbor as yourself:** I am the LORD.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and

murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

- **Dogs:** Homosexual Male Prostitutes; Paul uses this word for Judaizers

Deuteronomy 23:17 "There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted bone of the sons of Israel 18 You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.

Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

- **Sorcerers:** Pharmaceuticals dulling sense of sin, need for repentance, need for Savior
- **Sexually Immoral**
- **Murderers**
- **Idolaters:** All religion apart from Christ. Anything/Anybody taking preeminence of Christ in our lives

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

- **Lovers/Practitioners of Lies**

¹⁶ **"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."**

- Speaker is the Alpha and Omega/Beginning and End: **JESUS CHRIST**
- Jesus sent His angel to testify to the **churches**:

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and **signified it by His angel** to His servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

- **First mention of the Church since Chapter 4:** *Ecclesia* or "called out ones" as contrasted to the "cast out" ones
- **Root/Offspring of King David** 1000bc: Before and after David

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the **Branch of the LORD** shall be beautiful and glorious; And the

fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped.

Jeremiah 23:5 "Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will **raise to David a Branch of righteousness**; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jeremiah 33:15 `In those days and at that time I will cause to **grow up to David A Branch of righteousness**; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

- **Bright and Morning Star**

Morning Star

- Gr. *orthinos* and applied primarily to Venus: Orthinos is the "special and unique" morning star [Different word from Revelation 2:28 which is gr. *proinos*]
- **Angels are frequently called "stars" :**

Job 38:17 ...the **morning stars** sang together, And all the **sons of** God shouted for joy?

- The angel "**Lucifer**" called "son of the morning":

Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

- Lucifer translates to "**daystar**" in the Hebrew, again referring to Venus
 - Hebrew: *Heylel* in the Old Testament for Satan
 - Greek: *Orthinos* in the New Testament for Jesus

Jesus ends Revelation claiming complete authority over the term "Day Star"

Malachi 4:2to you who fear My name The **Sun of Righteousness** shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

17 And the **Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"** And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who **thirsts** come. **Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**

- **Whosoever:** Hyper-Calvinists BEWARE

John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast,

Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

Isaiah 55:1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for *what is not bread*, And your wages for *what does not satisfy*? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is good*, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live;

- **Spirit** and the **Bride** say come: From the start of the Church to present day...

1. Spirit **drawing** the lost

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:** ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

2. Church **calling** the lost

Acts 24:25 Now as he reasoned about **righteousness, self-control, and the judgment** to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- **Message Recipients: Lost** and Backsliding

1. **Whoever** is **thirsty**
2. **Whoever** **desires**

Matthew 11:28 **Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

- **Message is Grace:** Free Gift of Salvation "...take of the water of life freely"

Romans 5:18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free **gift** came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 8:34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

- **I [Jesus] Testify to EVERYONE who hears the Words of Revelation:**
Believers/Non-Believers
 1. **Adding to these Words** will receive plagues; the Word of God is Complete:
 2. **Taking away from these Words** will lose your part in the Tree of Life, from the Holy City [Heaven] and from the blessings in this book [Revelation]

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has **in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things

- **Plagues: Judgment**

Revelation 9:18 By these three **plagues** a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

Revelation 9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these **plagues**, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth

with all **plagues**, as often as they desire.

Revelation 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last **plagues** [bowl judgments], for in them the wrath of God is complete.

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these **plagues**; and they did not repent and give Him glory

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her **plagues**."

- **Adding/Taking Away: Things written in this book... gr. Biblos lit. "Bible"**

John 10:35 If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the **Scripture cannot be broken**)...

Deuteronomy 4:2 You shall **not add to the word** which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

John 17:8 For I have given to them the words **which You have given Me**; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.**

Ecclesiastes 12:10 The Preacher sought to find **acceptable words**; and what was written was upright—words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by **one Shepherd**. 12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

- Changing God's Word in any way is a slippery slope:

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" [**Doubt**] 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it [**adding**], lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die." [Taking away/ **Denial**]

I Am Coming Quickly

20 He who testifies to these things says, **"Surely I am coming quickly."** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be with you all.* Amen.

- He who testifies [JESUS] says **"Surely I am coming Quickly"**

Revelation 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the **Faithful and True** Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him *are* **Yes, and in Him Amen**, to the glory of God through us.

John 14:3 ...if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

- John the Apostle, old fisherman, Jesus best friend:
 1. **"Even so, come Lord Jesus!"**
 2. **"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all"** Let it be so!
- Old Testament ends with a **curse** and the new with a **blessing**

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and **dreadful day of the LORD.** ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, **Lest I come and strike the earth** with a curse."

Ephesians 2:7 ... in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in **His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. [Revelation 22:21]

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