

APOCALYPSE: Living in the Light of ETERNITY!

Revelation 22:6-21

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I. The **RETURN** of Christ (v.6-7)

"Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true."

- The return of Jesus Christ to the earth is a **certainty** according to the New Testament:
 - **Acts 1:9-11** - "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven."
 - **John 14:2,3** - "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And 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."

- - **As Jesus left the earth, so shall He return:** *visibly; physically; powerfully!*

"And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

- The return of Jesus to the earth will also happen **"quickly"** or suddenly, once the season begins to unfold, and the signs begin to transpire.
 - The Greek word for **"quickly"** is **"ταχύ"** or **"tachy"** meaning **"shortly, i.e. without delay, soon, or (by surprise) suddenly"**

- - **Luke 21:28 NKJV** - "Now when these things **begin to happen**, look up and lift up your heads, because **dyour redemption draws near.**"

II. The **RESPONSE** of Christians (v.8-13)

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."

- In light of Christ's soon return...Keep your attention focused on the Lord...**WORSHIP ONLY THE LORD!**
- Supernatural visions and revelations do not mean that someone is correct in their doctrine, teaching, or practice.

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

- In light of Christ's soon return...**CONTINUE STUDYING GOD'S WORD**, especially Bible Prophecy, as we draw closer to Christ's return.
 - **John 8:31-32** - "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples** indeed. 32 And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"

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."

- In light of Christ's soon return...**LIVE A HOLY LIFE**, and don't get drawn into **SIN or WICKEDNESS!**
 - **1 John 3:2-3** - "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. 3 And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure."

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

- In light of Christ's soon return...**KEEP SERVING YOUR KING FAITHFULLY!** For when He appears, there will be a great reward for all of His loyal servants, courageous soldiers, and faithful sons & daughters.
 - **2 Tim 3:6-8 NKJV** - "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 **I have fought** the good fight, **I have finished** the race, **I have kept the faith**. 8 Finally, **there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

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

- In light of Christ's soon return...**REMEMBER THE DIVINITY OF JESUS!**
 - **Rev 3:8 NKJV** - "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, **have kept My word, and have not denied My Name.**"
 - **Rev 1:13-16 NKJV** - "...the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and **hair were white like wool**, as white as snow, and His **eyes like a flame of fire**; 15 His **feet were like fine brass**, as if refined in a furnace, and His **voice as the sound of many waters**; 16 He had **in His right hand seven stars**, out of His **mouth went a sharp two-edged sword**, and His countenance was **like the sun shining in its strength.**"

III. The BLESSINGS from Christ (v.14-17)

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. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."

- There is a promise blessing here, that those who **OBEY** and those who **PERSEVERE** and stay true Christ, even in the midst of their persecution and tribulation, will be allowed to enter the **NEW JERUSALEM** and eat of the **TREE OF LIFE**.
 - **Rev 2:7 NKJV** - "To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." (Jn 16:33)

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."

- Here is the promised blessing of **JESUS HIMSELF** to those who love and obey Him. He will give Himself to His people, the saints of the Most High.
 - **Rev 2:28 NKJV** - "To him who overcomes...I will give him the Morning Star."
 - **2 Pet 1:19 NLT** - "...their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts."

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."

- Here is the promised blessing of **ETERNAL LIFE**, freely given to any who thirst for God; for any who ask for His living water!
 - **John 4:13-14 NLT** - "Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

IV. The WARNING from Christ (v.18-21)

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."

- The clear warning is to **NOT ADD/CHANGE THE WORD OF GOD** as found in the Holy Scriptures.
 - **Deut 4:2 NKJV** - "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."
 - **Prov 30:6 NKJV** - "Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

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