

Revelation 22

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SERMON NOTES

Revelation: The Hope of Glory

“Nothing is more explicit in this book than that it is about God. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ, not the end of the world, not the identity of antichrist, not the timetable of history. The use of the ‘I’ throughout the text makes this unmistakable: Jesus Christ as Lord, and the God of Jesus Christ, speak in the first person to tell us who Jesus is (‘I am the Alpha and Omega,’ in the opening proclamation), or to tell us what he does (‘Behold, I make all things new,’ in the closing proclamation).”

- Eugene Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*

Revelation 22: The Returning King

1. The Imminent Return of Jesus Christ (v. 7, 12, 20)
2. A Rightly Focused Worship (v. 8-9)
3. Christ: The Hope of Glory

“It is a kind of triumphant finale to the Bible; it reminds us of a composer gathering up the themes of a symphony in a closing burst of glorious music.”

- T.F. Glassing

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

- *Titus 2:11-13*

“Our failure to perceive Christ’s imminent return as our ‘blessed hope’ has contributed to our feelings of separateness from God. The problem is not so much that we seldom think about his coming but that we are no longer excited by the prospect.”

- Calvin Miller, *The Path of Celtic Prayer*

“For God to judge the world meant that he would, in the end, put it all to rights, straighten it out, producing not just a sigh of relief all around but shouting for joy from the trees and the fields, the seas and the floods.”

- N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

“In the prophetic writings of scripture, and especially in the coming of Christ, the veil is lifted, lifted not only from the world but also from our own hearts. We encounter not only what Chesterton called ‘the buried sunrise of wonder’ but also the long-veiled image of God in all his beauty, truth, and goodness.”

- Malcolm Guite, *Why Poetic Imagination Is Necessary to Understand Biblical Prophecy*

“The things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

“With the curse removed by Christ, the new creation will eventually be what it was meant to be: the throne at the center of all, and the people of God seeing him, serving him, sealed by his name, and reigning with him an everlasting day.”

- Michael Wilcock