

Soon Means Soon

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants **the things** that must **soon** take place. He made it known by **sending** his **angel** to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. **Blessed** is the one who **reads** aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear**, and who **keep** what is written in it, **for** the time is near.

Revelation 1:1-3

Acts 12:7 an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up **quickly**." And the chains fell off his hands.

Acts 22:17–18 When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring **quickly** the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet...'

John 11:28–29 "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose **quickly** and went to him.

Ending As It Began

Revelation 22:6–9

- ⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants **what must soon** take place."
- ⁷"And behold, <u>I am coming soon</u>. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
- ⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

"But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end..."

Daniel 12:4

An Open Book

Revelation 22:10-15

¹⁰And he said to me, "**Do not seal up** the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

¹²"Behold, <u>I am coming soon</u>, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

~ Jesus (Matthew 16:27-28)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come... Revelation 1:4

The True Audience

Revelation 22:16-21

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have *sent my angel* to testify to you <u>about these things</u> for <u>the</u> <u>churches</u>. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

~ **Jesus** (John 6:37-40)