

Title of Study: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

Theme of Revelation: The majesty and glory of the warrior lamb, King Jesus, who is coming again to rule and reign forever.

Purpose: To encourage and give hope to the persecuted church and call the church to faithful obedience.

Title: “Behold, I Am Coming Quickly”

Main idea: Live in anticipation of the Lord’s return!

- vs (7) “I am coming quickly”
- vs (12) “I am coming quickly”
- vs (20) “I am coming quickly”
  
- This simply means He can come at any time.
- vs 6-11 give us how we should live in light of that imminent return.

#### 4 Instructions

##### 1. Believe the word of God as truth!

- vs (6) “he” is the angel who showed him the New Jerusalem.
  
- vs (6) “words are faithful and true”
  - They are dependable and reliable.
  - They are truth you can count on.
  - The same title is given to Jesus Himself (Revelation 3:14; 19:11).
  - The words of the book of Revelation are true, dependable and reliable.
  
- vs (6) “God of the Holy Prophets”
  - The same God who inspired the Holy Prophets to write scripture inspired the angel to give John these words.
  - Revelation is not some mystical writing or a bunch of wild dreams by John.
  - It is not John’s wild imagination.
  - It is truth!
  - Therefore you can depend on it!

#### Application

- Revelation is an inspired book of the Bible and as such it is “profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness”.
- It will happen just as God has said it will happen, so live in anticipation of it! Believe it as truth!
- Believe all scripture as truth!

## 2. Live by the word of God!

- vs (7) “Blessed”
  - The 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 beatitudes in Revelation.  
(Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:14)
- vs (7) “keeps”
  - The word can mean to hold fast, to guard, to observe, or to keep in the sense of obeying.
  - In one way we are to guard the book of Revelation as we do all of scripture.
  - 1 Timothy 6:20
  - 2 Timothy 1:13-14
  - We are also to obey it as scripture.
  - John 14:15
  - The questions is what “words”?
- vs (7) ‘keeps the words’
  - There do not seem to be any specific commands given to believers from chapter 4-22.
  - “It may seem to be a general command to long for His return and our eternal fellowship with God.” John MacArthur
  - Or “observe” may mean there is tremendous value in reading and understanding this book of prophesy.
  - The blessing might be connected to what Scripture does when we read it.
  - “it is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.”
  - We have learned doctrine through this study.
  - We have learned some things not to do and some things to do.
  - We have learned some righteous ways to live.
  - We have learned more about God and more about man.
  - We have learned about God’s love, God’s discipline over churches, God’s wrath on evil, God’s holiness, God’s plan, God’s home.....
  - We have learned more about man’s sin, his rebellion, his hard heart, his punishment, his blessing, his eternal destiny...
  - We could go on and on! We have observed much so now let it affect how we live!

### Application

- Let all of what we have studied soak in.
- Let it give us a greater love for God.
- Let it give us a greater motivation to witness.
- Let it give us a greater sense of urgency.
- Let it give us a greater desire to live holy.
- Let it give us a great desire to worship!

3. Worship God alone!

- vs (8) “Now” – switches speakers again.
- vs (8) “worship before the feet of the angel”
  
- vs (9) “do not do that”
  
- vs (9) “Worship God”
  - John had been told this before.
  - Revelation 19:10
  - John let the angel become the object of worship.
  - We should worship God and Him alone!
  - Exodus 34:14
  - Matthew 4:10

Application

- Even though he worshiped the wrong one, the response of worship should be our response to what we have read.

4. Proclaim God’s message while we still can!

- vs (10) “Do not seal”
  - The message is not to be hidden.
  - Why not?
  
- vs (10) “time is at hand”
  - Now is the time to know these things.
  - This was not always true of some prophecies about the end times.
  
- Daniel 8:26
- Daniel 12:4
  
- Since it is not sealed, God wants us to read it and understand it.
- The only thing still sealed is the “seven thunders”
- Revelation 10:3-4
- But what God has revealed is not to be sealed.
- It is to be read and proclaimed.
  
- vs (11) seems to be out of context or to say you people doing wrong keep on doing wrong.
  - We know it cannot mean that.
  - Some believe it means you who are lost and your life was characterized by doing wrong will continue to do so in hell.
  - Others see it more as a warning.
  - You who are living a dirty life keep on doing that and watch what happens.
  - You who are living righteous life, keep on doing that and you will be rewarded.
  - This is possible.

- Some interpret it from Daniel 12.
- Daniel 12:4
- Daniel 12:9
- Daniel 12:10
- Daniel predicts that during the last days that there will come a time when the wicked's heart will be hardened. They won't repent. They will keep on doing wickedly. They will see these events unfolding and still not understand and still not turn to Christ. But the true believers will understand.
- With that passage in mind, perhaps Revelation 22:11 is pointing to a time when the wicked will no longer be saved.
- If that's the point, there is a sense of urgency to get the message out.
- So we should proclaim it before it is too late.

Application

- We should do that anyway because we are commanded.
- We should do that anyway because a person may die and it will be too late.
- We should do that anyway because Jesus is coming soon!