

The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter Twenty Two

Wrapping Things Up

Focus Verse: **Revelation 22:17**

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

I. Lesson Introduction - Quick Pace From Here On Out!

As things close-in on the end of Scripture, you will notice the pace of John describing things speeding-up, and the detail getting less and less. The emphasis will be upon making sure all the “bases are covered”, and then closing out the greatest Book ever written, leaving the student of the word of God to search out the details in the pages of the other 65 Books of the Bible. In chapter 22, details will be choppy and short. Watch how the tone of the Book changes in verse 6, and how Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the apostle John, New Testament Christians, and those hearing the word of God, all attempt to get a few last words in before closing the Book on time.

II. Lesson - Wrapping Things Up (22:1-21)

A. Downtown New Jerusalem (22:1-5)

1. The center of the city: the throne of God **and** now of the Lamb. This is where God the Father’s presence dwelt all the past 6,000 years.
2. The source of the river of the water of life: (the very source of ALL life)
 - a. Matches the river in Eden (Gen 2:10)
 - b. Matches the river in the Millennium (Ezek 47:1-12)

NOTE: Jesus refers to this water in John 4:10,14

3. The street by the river: lined with the Tree of Life (22:2)

NOTE: Notice the importance of the number 12. Twelve manners of fruit, twelve months, twelve gates of pearl, twelve foundations, twelve apostles, twelve tribes.

- a. Twelve manners of fruit - a single tree bearing twelve kinds of fruit! Special kind of tree.
 - b. For the purpose of the healing of the nations
 - c. Not effected by the curse imposed upon the old earth “Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new!”
4. The sight of His face: Nothing shall compare to just one look at His face (22:4)! The great thing to consider is not just that I want to see His face, but rather that Jesus Christ wants to see MY face!!!
 5. The sealing of His name: marks of ownership, forever! We have seen this before with God’s people:
 - a. 144,000 witnesses (7:3), and here (22:4)
 - b. As well as with Satan’s people (13:18)
 6. The sun is out-done: by the glory of His appearance! We have seen this before also:
 - a. Moses coming down from Mt Sinai
 - b. Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration
 - c. Paul on the road to Damascus

B. Testimony of Jesus Christ (22:6-15) - “Here I come!”

1. Based upon the sayings of this Book: True and Faithful (22:6; 3:14; 19:11; 21:5)

NOTE: See how the tone of the Book changes at verse 6. Up to this point, chronological information is given, then Jesus Christ begins to “wrap things up” from here on out.

2. For the purpose of “showing His servants the things which must shortly come to pass” (22:6)

3. No matter what, Jesus is coming (22:7), and you had better “keep my words,” and NOT just hear them (James 1:22)!
4. Based upon eye-witnesses: “What I write, I actually did see” (22:8; Cf 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Pet 1:16; Gal 1:15-18)
5. Make sure you don’t get caught up in all the spectacular (streets of gold, pearly gates, etc), and miss the Saviour!
6. John started to worship the escorting angel instead of GOD for the SECOND time!
7. Get the word out (22:10-15):
 - a. Don’t seal this Book! (22:10; Cf Daniel 12:4) - It must be read, and read again, and lived!
 - b. The time is at hand, “I come quickly” (22:12)
 - c. Get off the fence! Get right, or get wrong! (22:11)
 - d. “I am what everybody is looking for” (22:13)
 - e. The tree of Life is available once again (22:14; Cf Gen 3:22). Having “right” to the tree of life, not just “access,” but “authority” whereas some wont.
 - f. The choice is clear (22:15)
8. Jesus says, “I am the God-Man” (22:16):
 - a. Notice that He is not only the “root of Jesse” (Creator of Jesse)
 - b. But also “the offspring of David” (Cf Ps 110:1; Matt 22:41-46; & See notes on Rev 5:5)!
9. Having RIGHT to access the Tree of Life, and access to the city
 - a. For the Tribulation believers, and those born in the Millennium
 - b. NOT for believers NOW in this dispensation!
10. Excluded from this city are all who are lost!!! Look at how they are described:
 - a. Dogs
 - b. Sorcerers
 - c. Whoremongers
 - d. Murderers
 - e. Idolaters
 - f. whosoever loveth and maketh a lie

C. The Last Pleas (Requests, 22:16-21):

1. _____, come to the water of life:
 - a. Pleaded by the Holy Spirit first (He always has to work in the heart of a person first), then by the Bride (N.T. Christians), then by those that hear the plea (it propagates itself).
 - b. An open invitation unto “all who are a thirst” (Matt 5:6), and based upon “whosoever will” (man’s free-will). NOTE: You can lead a horse to water but...!
 - c. Come and drink **F R E E L Y** (Cf Gen 2:16 with 3:2) - It has already been paid for!!!
2. _____, don’t mess with the Book:
 - a. God is DEAD-SERIOUS about the “corrupting” of the “words” of the Bible! Don’t add to, or take away from them!
 - b. God promised to preserve the very words of this Book, and He intends on letting no one “corrupt” them (2 Cor 2:17)!
 - c. If you ADD anything to these words, God will add to your life the PLAGUES written in revelation
 - d. If you take anything away, God will remove your name from the Book of Life! (New bibles say, “tree” of life). You damn yourself!
3. Even So, Come _____ (22:20-21):
 - a. Jesus gives the final announcement: I am ready to close out the opportunity for man to get in on my plan for the ages.
 - b. John wants everyone possible to get in on it, but looks forward to Christ’s return, because when everything is all said and done, the only hope for this world is the second coming!

- c. But until then, Christian, you need the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with you (22:21)!

III. Conclusion

IV. Some Final Questions

- A. What is right downtown in the middle of the New Jerusalem? _____
- B. Why was this Book written? _____

- C. What is made available once again that had been barred from man since Gen 3:22? _____

- D. In the last pleas, what is the sinner supposed to do (22:16)? _____

- E. What does it cost to drink of the water of life? _____
- F. Man is prohibited from doing two things to the Bible. What are they? _____

- G. When it is all said and done, the only hope for this world lies in one event - what is it? _____
