

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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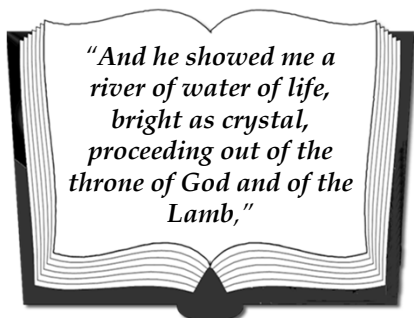
BOOK OF REVELATION: CHAPTER 22



WRAPPING UP THE APOCALYPSE
"THE RIVER OF LIFE"

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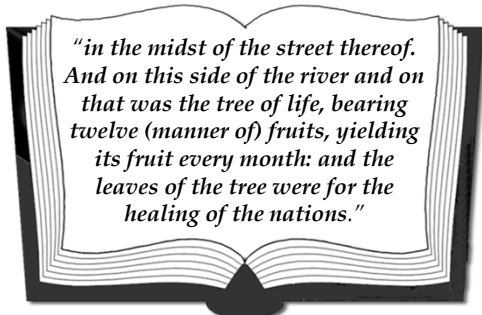
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Satan is the merchant of death!
God is the giver of life!

- The **book of life** has been mentioned 8 times.
- The **water of life** 3 times.
- The **tree of life** 3 times.
- The **crown of life** 1 time.

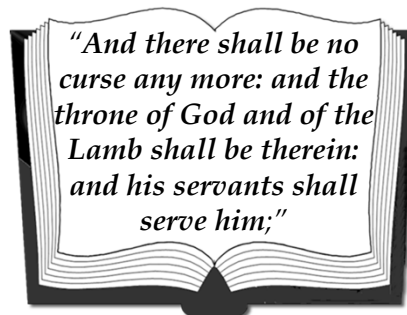
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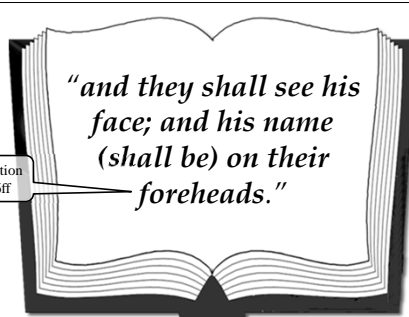
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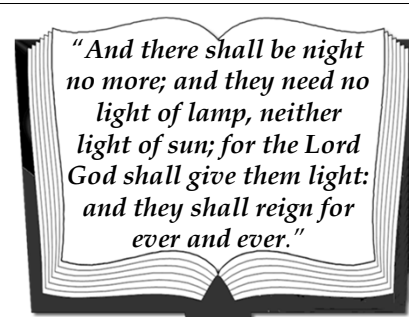


"and they shall see his face; and his name (shall be) on their foreheads."

Revelation 13:16ff

Revelation 22

Revelation 22:5



"And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

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**THE GARDEN, A PLACE OF HEALING
– RIVER OF LIFE**

- In these first **five verses**, there is apparent allusion to the first few chapters of **Genesis**:
- Tree of Life (**Genesis 2:9**)
- River (**Genesis 2:10**)
- Absence of sin (**Genesis 3:22-24**)
- Presence of God (**Genesis 3:8**)
- Three **basic things** necessary to life
 - Water, food, and health

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**THE GARDEN, A PLACE OF HEALING
– TREE OF LIFE**

- **Tree of life** has **12 crops** of fruit annually
 - Fruit is born **regularly** each month
 - Fruit produces **life**
 - Leaves are for **healing**
 - God **richly** and **abundantly** supplies every need for eternal life!

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**THE GARDEN, A PLACE OF HEALING
– NO MORE CURSE**

- Even as sin was driven out of the original Garden of Eden, so the "**curse**" of sin – with its pain, sorrow, and death will be **absent** in heaven!
- We will be his **servants** – serving Him there
- The **throne of God** and the **Lamb** – Father and Son in unison.
 - The throne of God and of the Lamb points to their joint occupancy of the throne, as implied earlier (3:21; 12:5; 22:1).

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SHALL SEE HIS FACE

- Moses first expressed a yearning to see God (**Exodus 33:17-23**)
- Philip in NT (**John 14:8**)
- Not possible while man lived on earth (**John 1:18; 1 John 4:12**)
- Desire realized in heaven. Clearly **identified** as being His –
 - Their names engraved on foreheads! (3:12; 7:3; 14:1). They shall see Him as He is because they will be **forever in His presence** (**1 John 3:1-2**)

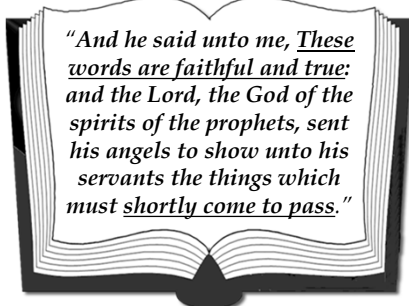
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NO NIGHT THERE

- Repeats God is the **light of the city (21:23)**
- Length of His reign – **forever and ever**
- **Faithful** Christians reign with Him on earth (**Romans 5:17; Revelation 5:10**)
- Following judgment – reign in **heaven**
- This answers man's longing to know about **future life**
- Perfect protection, perfect fellowship, provisions, and **service to God**

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Revelation 22:6



"And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass."

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WORDS ARE FAITHFUL AND TRUE

- "Everything men have searched for in the flesh, God has promised to the faithful.
- "Hope of better things to come anchors the soul (Heb. 6:19).
- "Therefore, here is the fullest description of that hope often referred to by other New Testament writers (Rom. 8:18-25; 1 Cor. 15:19-58; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:4; Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)."

– (Robert Harkrider, *Revelation*, Truth Commentaries, page 314)

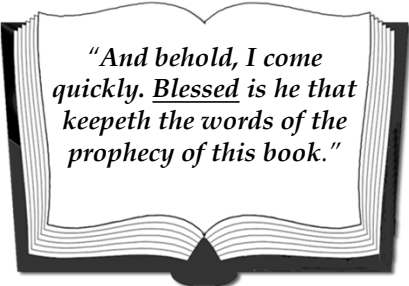
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WORDS ARE FAITHFUL AND TRUE

- The message John has received is **trustworthy**
- Book opens and closes with – "**must shortly come to pass**" (2:5, 16; 3:11).
- Three times the expression is found **in the closing** of the book (22:7, 12, 20).
- If these things have not yet occurred – there was **no comfort** to those who were addressed!
- Christ is certainly **coming again**.
 - This expression may also serve as a warning regarding the manner of His second coming to judge the world (16:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; 2 Peter 3:10).

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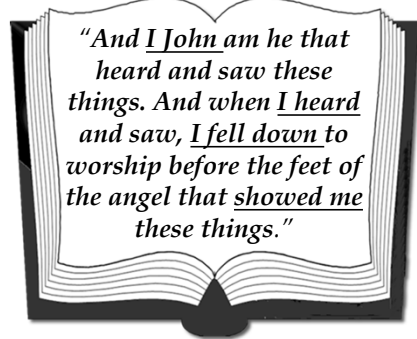
"And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book."

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BEATITUDES OF REVELATION

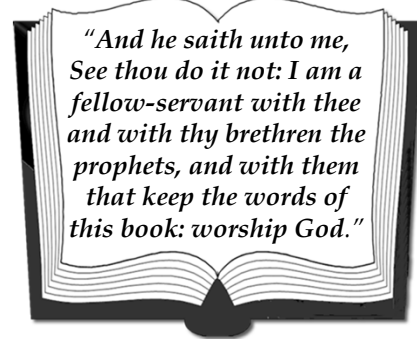
- Blessed is he that reads (**1:3**)
- Blessed is he that hears (**1:3**)
- Blessed is he keeps those things written (**1:3**)
- Blessed are those who die in the Lord (**14:13**)
- Blessed are those who wash their garments (**16:15**)
- Blessed are those called to the marriage supper (**19:9**)
- Blessed are all who have part in first resurrection (**20:6**)
- Blessed these who keep words of prophecies (**22:7**)
- Blessed who obey His commandments (**22:14**)

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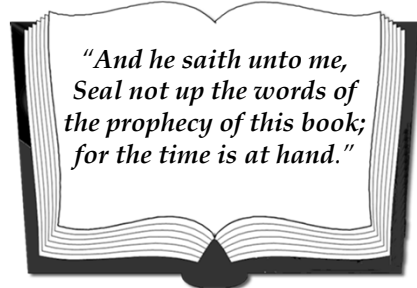
"And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things."

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Revelation 22:9

"And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God."

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Revelation 22:10

"And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand."