

A Study Of
The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 22

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.”*

Revelation 22

JOHN’S CONFIRMATION

- These visions and revelations were given personally to him **by the Lord**
- This is the second time he seeks to **worship the angel** (messenger) (cf. 19:10; 22:8) – rebuked and told to worship God
- Told **not to seal up** the prophecies of the book – for publication
 - “By contrast, when Daniel saw the vision that revealed things about the end of the Hebrew economy, he was told, ‘*shut thou up the vision ... seal the book*’ (Dan. 8:26; 10:14; 12:4, 9). Considerable time would elapse before the fulfillment of all that Daniel saw;
 - “However, John is reminded that the ‘**Time is at hand**’ – the fulfillments of those things he has revealed!”
(Robert Harkrider, *Revelation, Truth Commentaries*, page 316)
- **Rome’s judgment** was coming quickly!

Revelation 22

Revelation 22:11

*“He that is unrighteous, let
him do unrighteousness still:
and he that is filthy, let him
be made filthy still: and he
that is righteous, let him do
righteousness still: and he
that is holy, let him be made
holy still.”*

Revelation 22

WARNING TO THE READERS

- God is not encouraging sin (James 1:13; 2 Peter 3:9), yet acknowledges it – even these **clear warnings** will be **rejected** by some
- Encouragement for the saints to maintain **steadfastness – don’t waver!**
- His judgment is righteous – **reward** is with Him
- Each judged according to **their works** (Romans 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

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Revelation 22:12

Each man will receive the reward according to the work he has done (John 5:28-29; Romans 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

*“Behold, I come quickly;
and my reward is with
me, to render to each man
according as his work is.”*

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Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

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WARNING TO THE READERS

- **Eternal nature** of Christ: (1:8; 21:6). These phrases now identify Christ (1:11; 3:14).
 - *Alpha and Omega*
 - *The beginning and the end*
 - *The First and the Last*
 - This third phrase was also used by Isaiah who ascribed the **first and the last** to God, distinguishing Him from the idols made by the hands of man (Isaiah 41:4; 43:10; 44:6; 48:12).

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WARNING TO THE READERS

- In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (Colossians 2:9)
- He is *"the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance"* (Hebrews 1:1-3).
- His words must be given serious consideration! No second chance. (Luke 16:27-31)

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Revelation 22:14

*"**Blessed** are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right (to come) to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city."*

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Revelation 22:14

- Revelation 22:14, *"Blessed are they that wash their robes ..."* ASV
- Revelation 22:14, *"Blessed are they that do his commandments ..."* KJV
- William Barclay explains that in the early Greek manuscripts all the words are written in capital letters and there is no space left between them. The two phrases, "those who have washed their robes" (*hoi plunontes tas stolas*) and "those who do his commands" (*hoi poiountes tas entolas*) resemble each other, and perhaps a scribe substituted the phrase used in the Authorized Version. *"Those who have washed their robes"* is the reading of the best manuscripts.

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Revelation 22:14, *"Blessed are they that wash their robes ..."* ASV (cf. 7:14; 1:5).

- "By faith they have repented of sins (Acts 2:38), confessed their faith that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10), and have been buried by baptism into His death (Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 22:16).
- "By man's disobedience he was driven from the Garden of Eden, and now by obedience man will be granted entrance into the eternal paradise (Heb. 5:8-9)."

(Robert Harkrider, *Revelation, Truth Commentaries*, page 318)

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MEN MUST BE PREPARED

- Blessings for those **obedient**
- Have been given access to the **Tree of Life**
- Will enter through the **gates of the city**
- *Washed their robes – “in the blood of the Lamb” (ASV) (1:5; 7:14)*
- Entrance into God’s eternal rest is **conditional**
- Only those who have accepted **His terms** will enter!

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Revelation 22:15

“Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.”

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- Contrast between those who **WILL NOT** enter
- **Dogs** – fulfill their lust without restraint (Deuteronomy 23:17-18).
- The term also describes those who reject God’s ways (Psalms 22:16, 20; Philippians 3:2; 2 Peter 2:22).
- **Whoremongers**
- **Sorcerers**
- **Sexually immoral**
- **Murderers**
- **Idolaters**
- **Liars**
- **OUTSIDE** the gates!

Revelation 21:8

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Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

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Revelation 22:17

“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

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JESUS’ STAMP ON THE BOOK

- To give **ultimate emphasis** to the importance of the book, urgency of the message, and heeding its message
- **Authenticate** the message:
 - Root and offspring of David (Matthew 22:42-45; 1:1)
 - **Bright and Morning Star** – beginning of a new dawn and day
 - Fulfilling the purpose and plans of God
 - By His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension
 - Shines forth as a **morning of victory!**