

Final Exhortations

22:1-21

Introductory Notes

- The final chapter of Revelation begins with a few further details on the Future State that was described in Chapter 21.
- The chapter concludes with a variety of promises, exhortations, warnings, and such.

Outline

- Final View of Eternity Future - vs. 1-5
- General Exhortations - vs. 6-21

Notes

- vs. 1 - river of water - this stream is referenced at least three other times in Revelation (7:17, 21:6, and 22:17). It also could be seen as a fulfillment of John 4:14.
- vs. 2 - tree of life - see Genesis 3:22,24.
- vs. 2 - healing - more in the sense of “health giving” than as a medicine.
- vs. 3 - no more curse - no more sin or its affects
- vs. 4 - in their foreheads - as a sign of ownership, similar to Revelation 14:1
- vs. 5 - giveth them light - see 21:23
- vs. 6 - he - probably John’s angelic guide
- vs. 7 - I come quickly - Christ’s imminent return.
- vs. 7 - keepeth - hold, guard
- vs. 8 - worship before the feet of the angel - a common reaction, but one that is *always* refused by the angel.
- vs. 10 - seal not - don’t hide it, proclaim it!
- vs. 11 - I think this verse is tied back to vs. 10. In the fulness of God’s revelation of prophecy in this book there is nothing more that can be added to move man.
- vs. 12 - reward - the reward for our works (it is not salvation). See II Corinthians 5:10-11.
- vs. 14-15 - these two verses need to taken to together as they contrast the Saved and the Lost.
- vs. 15 - dog - not literally the animal, but men of beastly nature.
- vs. 16 - I Jesus - you don’t just have to take John’s or the angel’s word on it!
- vs. 17 - One of my favorite verses in the Bible. The Holy Spirit and the church spread the Gospel call, the believer passes the call on, and even those simply seeking the truth without human guidance may still come! The call is open to ALL.
- vs. 18-19 - These verses are not teaching that a believer can lose his salvation. They are expressing the fact that to alter God’s Word is to not believe it.
- vs. 20 - Even so... - this ought to be the prayer of every believer!
- vs. 21 - Amen - translates to “let it be so”.