

The Book of Revelation

Chapter 22

Introductory Notes

- The final chapter of Revelation begins with more details on the Future State and concludes with a variety of promises, exhortations, and warnings.
- Godsoe highlights the connection between Genesis and Revelation:
 - No fuller knowledge till we enter the City.
 - Bible begins with an earthly Paradise;
 - Ends with a heavenly.
 - Genesis is a Book of Beginnings;
 - Revelation a Book of Endings.
 - Innocence is seen in Eden;
 - Perfection is seen in Paradise.

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.
 - Note that the throne is the source of light (19:23) and water.
- vs. 2 - tree of life - see Genesis 3:22,24.
 - Walvoord – “Its character is revealed in Genesis 3:22 as being such that if Adam and Eve had eaten of the tree of life, physical death would have been an impossibility. The tree in the new Jerusalem seems to have a similar quality and a similar intent...”
- vs. 2 - healing - in the sense of “health giving”, not as a medicine. This is enjoyment not sustenance or maintenance.
- vs. 3 - no more curse - no more sin or its affects
- vs. 4 - in their foreheads - as a sign or seal of ownership. See 7:3 and 14:1.
- vs. 5 - giveth them light - see 21:23
- vs. 6 - he - probably John’s angelic guide. Does not seem to be Christ because it refers to the Lord God as a separate entity.
- vs. 7 - I come quickly – Suddenly Christ is speaking about His imminent return.
- vs. 7 - keepeth - hold, guard
- vs. 8-9 - 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 (and the Bible as a whole) 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. 13 – It's all about Christ!
- vs. 14-15 - these two verses need to be taken 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, come, Lord Jesus - this ought to be the prayer of every believer!
- vs. 21 - Amen - means "let it be so", which ought to also be the prayer of every believer!