

INTRO: THEME: River of the Water of Life, the Tree of Life; the promise of Christ's return; the final invitation. We are brought to the end of man's journey. Man enters into eternity in fellowship again with God, and there all questions will be answered.

22:1, *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life*, - καὶ ἔδειξέ μοι καθαρὸν ποταμὸν ὕδατος ζωῆς, -

*clear as crystal*, - λαμπρὸν ὡς κρύσταλλον, -

*proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb*. - ἐκπορευόμενον ἐκ τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἀρνίου.

22:2, *In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river*, - ἐν μέσῳ τῆς πλατείας αὐτῆς, καὶ τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐντεῦθεν, -

*was there the tree of life*, - ξύλον ζωῆς, -

*which bare twelve manner of fruits*, - ποιοῦν καρποὺς δώδεκα, -

*and yielded her fruit every month*: - κατὰ μῆνα ἓνα ἕκαστον ἀποδίδουν τὸν καρπὸν αὐτοῦ· -

*and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*. - καὶ τὰ φύλλα τοῦ ξύλου εἰς θεραπείαν τῶν ἐθνῶν.

Psalms 46:4; Zech 14:8-9

Rev 7:17; 21:6; Psalms 36:9; Jer. 2:13; John 4:14

Rev 3:21; 7:10-11

22:3, *And there shall be no more curse*: - καὶ πᾶν κατανάθεμα οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι· -

*but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it*; - καὶ ὁ θρόνος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἀρνίου ἐν αὐτῇ ἔσται· -

*and his servants shall serve him*: - καὶ οἱ δοῦλοι αὐτοῦ λατρεύσουσιν αὐτῷ,

22-4, *And they shall see his face*; - καὶ ὄψονται τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ· -

*and his name shall be in their foreheads*. - καὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν.

22:5, *And there shall be no night there;* - καὶ νὺξ οὐκ ἔσται ἐκεῖ, -

*and they need no candle, neither light of the sun;* - καὶ χρεῖαν οὐκ ἔχουσι λύχνου καὶ φωτὸς ἡλίου, -

*for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.* - ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς φωτίζει αὐτούς· καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

The first creation-blighted by the curse of sin, and still bears the marks of the curse. The new creation will never be marred. Sin will never be permitted to enter.

It was potentially in the Garden of Eden though the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But in the New Jerusalem, the very presence of God and the Lamb will never allow it. The throne of God and the Lamb are in the New Jerusalem.

The word for "service" denotes the service rendered to Jehovah by the Israelites as His peculiar people." We read this in Hebrews 9:1,6. It will be a peculiar service to God that you and I will perform in eternity. It will be a continuous activity since there is no night. Man will at last fulfill his destiny and satisfy the desires of his heart. "His name shall be in their foreheads." Each person will bear the name of Christ. Each will be like Him, yet without disturbing his own peculiar personality.

22:6, *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true:* - Καὶ εἶπέ μοι, Οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι πιστοὶ καὶ ἀληθινοί· -

*and the Lord God of the holy prophets* - καὶ Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τῶν ἁγίων προφητῶν -

*sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.* - ἀπέστειλε τὸν ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ δεῖξαι τοῖς δούλοις αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει.

22:7, *Behold, I come quickly:* - ἰδοὺ, ἔρχομαι ταχύ. -

*blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.* - μακάριος ὁ τηρῶν τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου.

The Lord Jesus puts His own seal upon this book: No man is to trifle with them by spiritualizing them or reducing them to meaningless symbols. Our Lord is talking about reality. At the beginning of this book, there was a blessing pronounced upon those who read and hear and keep these words. In conclusion, the Lord Jesus repeats the blessing upon those who keep these words. This is a book not to merely satisfy the curiosity of the natural man but to live and act.

22:8, *And I John saw these things, and heard them*. - Καὶ ἐγὼ Ἰωάννης ὁ βλέπων ταῦτα καὶ ἀκούων. -

*And when I had heard and seen*, - καὶ ὅτε ἤκουσα καὶ ἑβλεψα, -

*I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things*.  
ἔπεσα προσκυνῆσαι ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ποδῶν τοῦ ἀγγέλου τοῦ δεικνύοντός μοι ταῦτα.

22:9, *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not:* - καὶ λέγει μοι, Ὅρα μή· -

*for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets*, - σύνδουλός σου γάρ εἰμι, καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν σου τῶν προφητῶν, -

*and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God*. - καὶ τῶν τηρούντων τοὺς λόγους τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου· τῷ Θεῷ προσκύνησον.

22:10, *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book:* - Καὶ λέγει μοι, Μὴ σφραγίσῃς τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου· -

*for the time is at hand*. - ὅτι ὁ καιρὸς ἐγγύς ἐστιν.

22:11, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still:* - ὁ ἀδικῶν ἀδικησάτω ἔτι· -

*and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still:* - καὶ ὁ ῥυτῶν ῥυτῳσάτω ἔτι· -

*and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still:* - καὶ ὁ δίκαιος δικαιωθήτω ἔτι· -

*and he that is holy, let him be holy still*. - καὶ ὁ ἅγιος ἁγιασθήτω ἔτι.

Notice John's final and oft repeated statement that he was both auditor and spectator to the scenes in this book. This is the method that was put down at the very opening of the book. It is the first television program, for John both saw and heard. John was so impressed that his natural reaction was to fall down and worship the angel. The simplicity and meekness of the angel are impressive. Though the angels were created above man, this angel identifies himself as a fellow servant with John and the other prophets. He was merely a messenger to communicate God's Word to man, and he directs all worship to God.

Christ is the centerpiece of the Book of Revelation -- don't lose sight of Him. "Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book." Daniel was told to seal up the words of his prophecy because of the long interval before the fulfillment of it (see Dan. 12:4).

22:12, **And, behold, I come quickly;** - καὶ ἰδοὺ, ἔρχομαι ταχύ, -

**and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**  
καὶ ὁ μισθός μου μετ' ἐμοῦ, ἀποδοῦναι ἑκάστῳ ὡς τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ ἔσται.

22:13, **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.** -  
ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω, ἀρχὴ καὶ τέλος, ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος.

22:14, **Blessed are they that do his commandments,** - μακάριοι οἱ ποιοῦντες τὰς  
ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ, -

**that they may have right to the tree of life,** - ἵνα ἔσται ἡ ἐξουσία αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τὸ ξύλον  
τῆς ζωῆς, -

**and may enter in through the gates into the city.** - καὶ τοῖς πυλῶσιν εἰσέλθωσιν εἰς τὴν  
πόλιν.

22:15, **For without are dogs, and sorcerers,** - ἔξω δὲ οἱ κύνες καὶ οἱ φαρμακοὶ -  
"Dogs" were scavengers in the ancient world they were considered unclean and  
impure. Also, "dogs" was the designation for Gentiles (see Matt. 15:21-28) and Paul's  
label for Judaizers (see Phil. 3:2). Apparently the Lord Jesus had sent His angel with  
this very personal message.

**and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters,** - καὶ οἱ πόρνοι καὶ οἱ φονεῖς καὶ οἱ  
εἰδωλολάτραι, -

**and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.** - καὶ πᾶς ὁ φιλῶν καὶ ποιῶν ψεῦδος.

22:16, **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the  
churches.** - Ἐγὼ Ἰησοῦς ἔπεμψα τὸν ἄγγελόν μου μαρτυρῆσαι ὑμῖν ταῦτα ἐπὶ ταῖς  
ἐκκλησίαις. -

**I am the root and the offspring of David,** - ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ρίζα καὶ τὸ γένος τοῦ Δαβὶδ, -  
**and the bright and morning star.** - ὁ ἀστὴρ ὁ λαμπρὸς καὶ ὀρθρινός.

22:17, *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.* - Καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ νύμφη λέγουσιν, Ἐλθέ. -

*And let him that heareth say, Come.* - καὶ ὁ ἀκούων εἰπάτω, Ἐλθέ. -

*And let him that is athirst come.* - καὶ ὁ διψῶν ἐλθέτω. -

*And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* - καὶ ὁ θέλων λαμβανέτω τὸ ὕδωρ ζωῆς δωρεάν.

22:18, *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book,* - Συμμαρτυροῦμαι γὰρ παντὶ ἀκούοντι τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ βιβλίου τούτου, -

*If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:* - Ἐάν τις ἐπιτιθῇ πρὸς ταῦτα, ἐπιθήσει ὁ Θεὸς ἐπ' αὐτὸν τὰς πληγὰς τὰς γεγραμμένας ἐν βιβλίῳ τούτῳ.

22:19, *And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy,* καὶ ἐάν τις ἀφαιρῇ ἀπὸ τῶν λόγων βιβλίου τῆς προφητείας ταύτης,

*God shall take away his part out of the book of life,* - ἀφαιρήσει ὁ Θεὸς τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ βιβλίου τῆς ζωῆς, -

*and out of the holy city,* - καὶ ἐκ τῆς πόλεως τῆς ἁγίας, -

*and from the things which are written in this book.* - καὶ τῶν γεγραμμένων ἐν βιβλίῳ τούτῳ.

22:20, *He which testifieth these things saith,* - Λέγει ὁ μαρτυρῶν ταῦτα, -

***Surely I come quickly.*** *Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* - **Ναί, ἔρχομαι ταχύ.** ἀμήν. Ναί, ἔρχου, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ.

22:21, *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.* - Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν. ἀμήν.