

# Revelation's Epilogue

## Revelation 22:6-21



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# Epilogue

**a section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment on or a conclusion to what has happened**



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# True & Trustworthy

**Except for: 1) the belief in the existence of God and 2) the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth NOTHING is more essential and fundamental to the Christian faith than the absolute confidence that the words in the Bible are “trustworthy and true”.**



# What do you believe about the words in this book?

<b>19: 9</b>	<b>And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”</b>
<b>21: 5</b>	<b>Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”</b>
<b>22: 6</b>	<b>And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true.</b>



# **Three Essential Questions**

**1) Is there a Creator God?**

**2) Did the man Christ Jesus, God's Son, rise from the dead?**

**3) Did the Holy Spirit of God inspire men to write words that are true and trustworthy and have they been preserved in the Bible?**



# Revelation 22:6



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**John is very upfront about how  
he got the words and message of  
this book.**

**God sent Him an angel.**



## **We believe**

- 1. In a Supreme All Powerful Creator Triune God.**
- 2. This God has a legions of angels accomplishing His Will.**
- 3. Approximately 6000+ years ago one such angel, Satan, led an angelic rebellion against God which resulted in his fall and a host of other angels fall from God's grace.**
- 4. God created humans wholly and completely different from angels in His image and able to be redeemed from the fall.**



# Revelation 22:7



- “And behold, I am coming soon.

While we openly struggle with understanding the word “soon” that does not keep us from believing in the promise of a man who rose from the dead.

# Jesus is Coming Again

1:7	Behold, <b>he is coming</b> with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
3:11	<b>I am coming</b> soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.
16:15	“Behold, <b>I am coming</b> like a thief!
22:7	“And behold, <b>I am coming soon</b> . Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”
22:12	“Behold, <b>I am coming soon</b> , bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.
22:20	He who testifies to these things says, “ <b>Surely I am coming soon.</b> ” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

# **The only Coming of Jesus in Revelation Is the One**

- **that is open, public, and visible.**
- **to judge the world in righteousness.**
- **where He gathers His elect before pouring out His wrath.**
- **to destroy His enemies and defeat Satan.**
- **where the saints who previously died in Christ come with Him.**
- **to establish His eternal kingdom on a new earth.**



# Revelation 22:7



- **Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”**

**#6 of the 7  
Promises of Blessing**

# The 7 Beatitudes of Revelation

1:3	<b>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep ...</b>
14:13	And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: <b>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord</b> from now on.” “ <b>Blessed indeed,</b> ” says the Spirit, “that they may rest
16:15	(“Behold, I am coming like a thief! <b>Blessed is the one who stays awake,</b> keeping his garments on,...
19:9	And the angel said to me, “Write this: <b>Blessed are those who are invited</b> to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”
20:6	<b>Blessed and holy is the one who shares</b> in the first resurrection!
22:7	“And behold, I am coming soon. <b>Blessed is the one who keeps the words</b> of the prophecy of this book.”
22:14	<b>Blessed are those who wash their robes,</b> so that they may have the right to the tree of life ....

# Revelation 22:8



- I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things.
- And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,



**John's reaction to this angel shows us the magnitude of the visit.**

**This was not a human like figure.**

**John who saw the resurrected Jesus is moved to reverence and obeisance.**



# Revelation 22:9



- but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets,

**“Your brothers the prophets”**

**How is the angel using this term and who is he describing?**

**“the prophets” nearly always refers to the OT men of God who God used to speak to His people and proclaim truth.**



# Revelation 22:9



- **and with those who keep the words of this book.**

**Are you part of the group of people on the planet who keep the words of this book?**

# Revelation 1:3

- Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.



# Revelation 12:17

- Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, **on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.** And he stood on the sand of the sea.



# Revelation 14:12

- Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, **those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**



**What are the  
commandments of God?**

**What are the  
commandments of Jesus  
Christ?**





# Revelation 22:9



- and with those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.”**

# Revelation 19:10

- Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God.”**



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# **Ascribe “Worth” to God**



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**V. 11**  
**The Stark Reality of  
Life on this Earth**



# Revelation 22:11



- Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy,
- and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

**The world says you can be both good and bad depending on your actions.**

**Rev 22:11 says humans act according to who they are:**

**Thus we need to be made new—born again—changed into new creatures in Christ.**





# **Our actions indicate who we are:**

- **Righteous people act righteously.**
- **The wicked act wickedly.**

**Daniel 12:10**



# Daniel 12:10

- (Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, **but the wicked shall act wickedly.**
- And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.



**When you are tempted to act wickedly REBUKE your heart.**

**Tell your heart this is not who you are.**

**Purify yourself—eradicate impurities.**



# Turn To

## 2 Tim 3:1-9



**But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. **Avoid such people.****



# Which One Are You?

<b>Saved (born from above)</b>	<b>Lost (spiritually dead)</b>
<b>Repentant &amp; a Believer</b>	<b>Unrepentant &amp; Unbelieving</b>
<b>Righteous, Holy</b>	<b>Evil, Unrighteous, unholy</b>
<b>Loving, kind</b>	<b>Hateful, rude</b>
<b>Clean, pure</b>	<b>Filthy, impure</b>
<b>Temple of God</b>	<b>Synagogue of Satan</b>
<b>Wise, humble</b>	<b>Foolish, proud, arrogant</b>
<b>Worshipper of the true God</b>	<b>Idolater</b>
<b>Child of God</b>	<b>Child of the devil</b>
<b>Moral, disciplined</b>	<b>Immoral, undisciplined</b>
<b>Eternally secure in Christ</b>	<b>Destined for Eternity w/o God</b>

# Revelation 22:12



- “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

**Simple and plain verses like this are why I can't subscribe to multiple resurrections and multiple judgments.**

**Recompense is a neutral word.**

- **To those who followed Christ the recompense will be reward.**
- **To those who ignored Christ the recompense will be wrath.**





# Revelation 11:18

- The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”



# Revelation 22:13



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

# Revelation 1:8

- “I am **the Alpha and the Omega**,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”



# Revelation 1:17

- When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, **I am the first and the last,**



# Revelation 22:14



- **Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**

# Revelation 7:14

- I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**



# Revelation 22:15



- **Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

**This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 Vice Lists in Revelation**

# Vice Lists in Revelation

9:20-21	21:8	22:15
refused to repent	cowardly... unbelieving	
demon worship... idolaters	idolaters	idolaters
murderers	murderers	murderers
sorceries	sorcerers	sorcerers
sexual immorality	sexually immoral	sexually immoral
thefts		
	detestable	dogs
	liars	practices falsehood



# Revelation 22:16



- “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

# The OT in Revelation

<b>2:14</b>	<b>you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam,</b>
<b>5:5</b>	<b>behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David,</b>
<b>7:4</b>	<b>sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:</b>
<b>9:18</b>	<b>By these three plagues</b>
<b>10:9</b>	<b>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it;</b>
<b>11:19</b>	<b>Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple..</b>

# The OT in Revelation

<b>12:1</b>	<b>a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.</b>
<b>12:9</b>	<b>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,</b>
<b>13:1</b>	<b>with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems</b>
<b>15:3</b>	<b>And they sing the song of Moses</b>
<b>15:5</b>	<b>After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of</b>
<b>21:19</b>	<b>The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,</b>
<b>22:2</b>	<b>tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.</b>

# Revelation 22:17



- The Spirit and the Bride say,  
“Come.”

# Revelation 22:17



- And let the one who hears say,  
“Come.”

Look what the evangelist does here.

- And let the one who is thirsty  
come; let the one who desires take  
the water of life without price.

# Come

**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Mt. 11:28)**

**This is an invitation to be saved—to trust Christ with your life.**



# Revelation 21:6

- And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the **spring of the water of life without payment.**



# Revelation 22:18



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- and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

**These 2 verses are sometimes used by the KJV-only segment of the body of Christ as an argument for the exclusivity of a single translation.**

**The problem with that argument is John didn't write these words in old English.**

**This stark warning should encourage us NOT to do 3 things:**



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# Sensationalize

present information about something (the NT book Revelation) in a way that provokes public interest and excitement, **at the expense of accuracy**



**Every effort must be made to avoid sensationalizing the book because it was written to the second century church under intense persecution in need of legitimate words of hope, encouragement, and application—NOT hype, speculation, and conjecture.**



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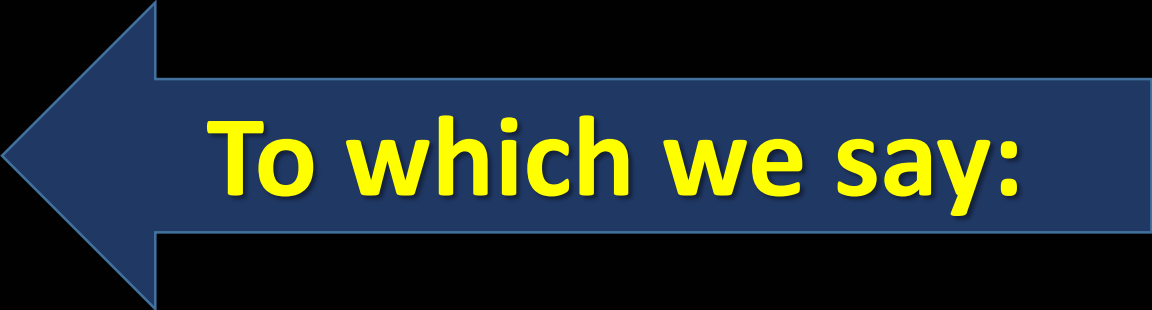
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- 7. This book contains more promises that Jesus is coming again than any other NT book.**



# Revelation 22:20



- He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
- Amen.  To which we say:
- Come, Lord Jesus!



## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. firm

A. metaph. faithful

II. verily, amen

A. at the beginning of a discourse - surely, truly, of a truth

B. at the end - so it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled. It was a custom, which passed over from the synagogues to the Christian assemblies, that when he who had read or discoursed, had offered up solemn prayer to God, the others responded Amen, and thus made the substance of what was uttered their own.

The word "amen" is a most remarkable word. It was transliterated directly from the Hebrew into the Greek of the New Testament, then into Latin and into English and many other languages, so that it is practically a universal word. It has been called the best known word in human speech. The word is directly related — in fact, almost identical — to the Hebrew word for "believe" (amam), or faithful. Thus, it came to mean "sure" or "truly", an expression of absolute trust and confidence. — HMM



# Revelation 22:21



- The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.  
Amen.