

“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.’ And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come, Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.” – Revelation 22:16-17

Overview:

John continues his guided tour of the great city, the new Jerusalem where he is shown a pure river of water of life coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb (v. 22:1). He sees the tree of life on both sides of the river. This tree produces twelve different fruits, one each month and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (v. 22:1) A. T. Pierson in studying Revelation 22:3-5 points out seven truths for us. 1) Perfect restoration - There shall be no more curse. 2) Perfect Government - Throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it (v. 22:3) 3) Perfect service, perfect surrender - His servants shall serve Him (v. 22:3) 4) Perfect communion - They shall see His face (v. 22:4) 5) Perfect resemblance, perfect identification - His name shall be on their foreheads (v. 22:4) 6) Perfect illumination - There shall be no night there (v. 22:5) 7) Perfect exultation - And they shall reign forever and ever (v. 22:5)

Even at the very end of Revelation, the invitation goes out to “Come” and drink freely the water of life. There is no limit. The only requirement is our desire. (v. 22:17)

References:

Rev 22:1 – And he (Revelation 21:9, 15)

Rev 22:2 – In the middle of its street (Revelation 21:21)

Rev 22:2 – Tree of life (Genesis 2:9, 15-17, 3:33, 24)

Rev 22:6 – Faithful and true. Used three times in Revelation

- Witness – Laodicea (Revelation 3:14)
- Rider of the white horse – Jesus (Revelation 19:11)
- These words – Words of Jesus (Revelation 22:6)

Rev 22:7 – **Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book** (Revelation 1:3)

Rev 22:8 – Now I, John saw and heard these things. (1 John 1:1-3)

Rev 22:8 – I fell down before the feet of the angel who showed me these things (Revelation 21:9, 17:1)

Rev 22:8 – The flesh is not suited for the heavenly (1 Corinthians 15:50-53)

Rev 22:10 – Do not seal the words of the prophecy (Daniel 12:4, 9)

Rev 22:10 – The heart of God in prophecy is repentance (Matthew 3:7-12, Jonah 4:1-2)

Rev 22:11 – He who is unjust, let him be unjust still (Daniel 12:10)

Rev 22:14 – Blessed are those who do His commandments (1 John 3:23, Revelation 7:14)

Rev 22:15 – A faithful warning for the third time (Revelation 21:8, 27, 22:15)

Rev 22:15 – Not those who have done these things but those who don't come to Jesus (John 3:17-21)

Rev 22:16 – Morning Star

- Jesus (2 Peter 1:19, Revelation 22:16, Malachi 4:2)
- Reference to the Rapture of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- Jesus coming for His people, the beginning of the end (Romans 13:11-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:9)

Rev 22:18 – The strongest warning to teachers (James 3:1, Proverbs 30:5-6)

- Why this warning? Because these words are Faithful and true (Revelation 22:6)

Questions:

- * After studying Revelation, what has God revealed to you about Jesus?
- * Has this study changed your heart for the lost? If so, how has it changed?

Additional Study:

Rev 22:2

- * Middle of its street (*plateia*) – main or broad street
- * Healing (*therapein*) – therapeutic, health

Rev 22:6

- * Faithful and true (*hoi logoi pistoi kai alethinoi*)

Rev 22:7

- * Coming quickly (*tachus*) – heaven's perspective
- * Keeps (*tereo*) – guard, protect, watch over

Rev 22:8

- * I fell at his feet to worship him (*proskuneo*)

Rev 22:9

- * I am your fellow servant (*sundoulos*) – bond-servant
- * Worship God – fall down to God (*proskuneo*)

Rev 22:11

- * He who is unjust (*adikeo*) – wrong doer
- * He who is filthy (*rhuparos*) – dirty, filthy, morally impure

Rev 22:20

- * Come Lord Jesus (*Maranatha*) – Aramaic