

REVELATION 22 - LESSON 30

REVELATION 22:2-21

Summary of the New Jerusalem

- 1) Description of the city
Beautiful, adorned with every precious stone.

- 2) Population in city
Believers are present, God is with us, unbelievers are absent.

- 3) Invitation to the city
“And let him who thirsts come” (22:17)

Repeated Phrases in Rev 22

1) “Water of Life” 21:6, 22:1, 22:17

2) “Tree of Life” 2:7, 22:2, 22:14, 22:19

3) “I am Coming Quickly” 22:7, 22:12, 22:20

Rev 22:1-5

John begins with “He showed me”.

God has dispatched an angel to take John on a tour of the future.

*Water of Life - 21:6, 22:1, 22:17

*Mentioned no where else in the Bible outside of Revelation

*Crystal clear, pure river

*Flowing from throne of God down middle of street

*Flanked by Trees of Life

*Drank by believers in the New Heaven

“Tree of Life” - 2:7, 22:2, 22:14, 22:19

1) First mentioned in Gen 2:9 in Garden of Eden

2) Guarded by Cherubim after Adam & Eve were expelled (Gen 3:24)

3) Reappears here in Rev 22 and its leaves and fruit are a reward for believers.

4) Produces fruit each month

Couple of things in these first 5 verses.

1 - It's a little difficult due to the language to understand and is it 1 singular Tree of Life or are there 2 or more?

2 - "Produce fruit every month" - interesting to note that God is outside space and time.

This is a measurement of time. A month!

But it does mean that Heaven marks time to some degree.

Vs 2 - Leaves of the tree were for healing of the Nations”.

Why do Nations need healing?

Healing = in Greek = “therapeia” = could also translate “Health Giving”.

Vs 3 - NO MORE CURSE - Curse” - it’s important point because Jesus has redeemed us from the curse.

When man sinned in Garden of Eden, God pronounced a curse on the serpent, woman, man & earth.

The ultimate curse was death.

Gal 3:10-11

Gal 3:13-14

22:4 - See HIS Face”

There is a day coming when we shall see Him face to face.

Vs 4 - “Name shall be on their foreheads”

Vs 5 - No more need for sun or moon . . . cause Jesus the Lamb will light that city.

Vs 6A - “These words are faithful and true”

Vs 6B-7A - “Behold I Am Coming Quickly”

It's not about "SOON", but when things begin to unfold it will unfold suddenly.

Vs 7B - "Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this Book".

7 Beatitudes in the book of Revelation

1. Rev 1:3 - Blessed are those who read, hear and keep what's written in Revelation.
2. Rev 14:13 - Blessed are the believers who are martyred during tribulation.
3. Rev 16:15 - Blessed are the believers on earth during the tribulation who keep themselves pure while they wait and watch for the return of the Lord.

4. Rev 19:9 - Blessed are those believers who will celebrate with Jesus at the wedding banquet of the Lamb.
5. Rev 20:6 - Blessed are those who have part in the first resurrection and who will reign with Christ during the millennium.
6. Rev 22:7 - Blessed are those who keep the words of the prophecy of Revelation.

Vs 9

Only one worthy of worship is the Lord God Himself!

Vs 10

Couple of times in Daniel, he was told to seal up the words of this prophecy but not here.

Vs 11

He is saying that at this point, if people have not responded and surrendered, there is nothing else I can do.

Vs 12 - 2nd time makes statement, "I am coming quickly",
"My reward is with me".

Doing good things don't get us saved, we trusted His good work.
But once saved we want to do good things to honor Him cause
we LOVE Him.

Vs 13

Vs 14

Rev 22:14 - Blessed are those who obey God's commandment.

Vs 15

Vs 16

“I, Jesus” = only time in the entire Bible you read that emphatic statement.

Vs 18

Vs 19

High price to pay for tampering with the word of God.

If you add = Judgement

If you take away = Judgement

When you add that's legalism

When you take away that's liberalism

Vs 20

"Come Lord Jesus" = Aramic = "Maranatha"

Vs 21

It's wonderful to see last verse, last sentence, ends on a note of GRACE.