

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"The Last Invitation"
Revelation 22:13-21
Part-42

Revelation Closes With A Final Contrast Of The Believer Versus The Nonbeliever – Revelation 22:15

Revelation 22:6-21 – The Conclusion of Revelation: The need to respond immediately to the return of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 22:6-12 – The Believer's Response To The Second Coming.

Revelation 22:13-21 – The Last Invitation To Nonbelievers.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes.

Revelation 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Revelation 20-22 – God's Kingdom & The New Heaven.

Thought Of Our Passage: Bible Prophecy Should Produce Obedience, Holiness, Service And A Longing For The Return Of Jesus.

- 1. Verses 13-15 – Knowing The Lord**
- 2. Verses 16-19 – Responding To The Truth**
- 3. Verse 20 – Wanting His Return**
- 4. Verse 21 – Depending Upon Jesus**

1. Verses 13-15 – Knowing The Lord:

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," – John left off with Jesus promising that He is coming quickly and will reward His own, Revelation 22:12.

Jesus Christ Declares His Person: "I am the Alpha and the Omega" – This is Jesus referring to Himself as "The first and last letter of the Greek alphabet." Jesus is saying I am before all things and nothing will come after me! Revelation 1:8

"the first and the last, the beginning (Timeless – The Source Of All Things) and the end." (The Sovereign – The Goal Of All Things). The all-inclusive God and Savior! Isaiah 41:4

Colossians 2:9-10

Revelation 22:14

"who wash their robes" – KJV: "that do His commandments",
Revelation 7:14.

Titus 3:5

1 John 1:7

The Saved Have Access To The Tree Of Life: "so that they may have the right to the tree of life," – Blessings, Fullness of Life, Genesis 2:15-17.

The Saved Have Access To The Gates Of The City: "and may enter by the gates into the city." Revelation 21:27

Revelation 22:15

"Outside" – The 3rd description of unsaved persons, Revelation 21:8, 27.
Now Revelation 22:15 – "settled characteristics, not one-time sins."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

6 Sins That Exclude People From Heaven:

- 1. Dogs – "are the dogs"** – They were despised scavengers that roamed in packs; Term of contempt describing vile, unclean persons of low character – Philippians 3:2; Matthew 7:6.
- 2. Sorcerers – "and the sorcerers"** – Greek word "pharmakos", we get our English word "Pharmacy"; the use of drugs. It speaks of those that are involved with occult practices.
- 3. Immoral Persons – "and the immoral persons"** – Greek word "por'-nos"; We get our English "Pornography"; fornicators, selling of self, prostitution; Describing persons that have sold themselves to immorality.
- 4. Murderers – "and the murderers"** – the unlawful taking of a human life, homicide. Jesus went even further in defining murder – Matthew 5:21-22.
- 5. Idolaters – "and the idolaters,"** – a literal or figurative image, to worship heathen gods; Those that place any object before God.
- 6. Liars – "and everyone who loves and practices lying."** – Notice that they love and practice lying, or falsehood; Unwilling to give their life to Him, repent!

2. Verses 16-19 – Responding To The Truth:

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus," – This is the only place in the Bible that Jesus says this.

"have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches."

"for the churches." – This is the first time the name "Church" has been mentioned since Revelation 3. Jesus loves the Church, Ephesians 5:25.

"I am the root and the descendant of David," – (Ancestry) Jesus declares his ancestry, being with Israel as their promised Messiah, Isaiah 11:1.

"the bright morning star." Greek word "Venus". It is the brightest star that outshines all others. Morning star announces the dawn. Jesus ushers in the dawn of the rapture, then the Second Coming, then the Millennium. Jesus is Deity – Majesty – Glory of God coming: Numbers 24:17; 2 Peter 1:19.

The Church of Thyatira – Revelation 2:28 – "I will give him the morning star."

Revelation 22:17

"Spirit" – Holy Spirit – Brings Conviction – John 16:8-11.

The Holy Spirit Glorifies Jesus – John 16:14

"Bride" – "Church, say, 'Come.'" – Titus 2:13

"And let the one who hears say, 'Come.'" – Sinners Who Hear The Holy Spirit And Church Join In, Wanting Jesus To Return!

"thirsty" – metaphor for a "strong sense of spiritual need"; Must happen if one is to repent! Isaiah 55:1

Unlimited Invitation – "let the one who wishes take the water of life" – Revelation 21:6

"without cost." – Why? Because it is paid for by the precious blood of Jesus. Galatians 3:13

Revelation 22:18

"I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:" – Jesus speaking here; This book of Revelation is called prophecy.

"if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;" – Revelation opens with a blessing – Revelation 1: 3.

Revelation concludes with a curse on those who tamper with it – "if anyone adds to them," – Deliberately Adds, Deuteronomy 12:32.

"God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;" – Which ones?

Revelation 22:19

"if anyone takes away" – Deliberately Subtracts.

3. Verse 20 – Wanting His Return:

Revelation 22:20

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.'" – The last recorded words of Jesus Christ in the Bible.

"Amen." – This means "so be it, or let it be so!" – "Come, Lord Jesus."

2 Timothy 4:8

Philippians 3:20

4. Verse 21 – Depending Upon Jesus:

Revelation 22:21

"grace of the Lord Jesus" – "God's unmerited favor of God's riches at Christ's expense"; God's attitude towards the believer.

Revelation opens with "Grace", Revelation 1:4.

The last verse of the Old Testament contains a curse: Malachi 4:6.

**The last words of the New Testament speak of grace:
Revelation 22:21.**

Romans 5:19-21

"be with all." – "all saints, all true believers"; "Amen." – "so be it, or let it be so!"

Application:

1. Do We Believe What Jesus Said? "I Am The Alpha And The Omega," – The Source Of All Things And The Goal Of All Things.
2. Am I Going To Heaven? God Has Reserved Heaven For The Redeemed. Those That Truly Know Him, Having Been Washed Of Their Sins And Longing For His Return.
3. Has The Book Of Revelation Had An Effect On My Life? Bible Prophecy Should Produce Obedience, Holiness, Service And A Longing For Jesus And His Return.