

BOOK OF REVELATION – REVELATION 22:1-21

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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I. A New Heaven, a New Earth, and a New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:1-27

- A. Jesus says, It is done and to **Overcomers** He gives **Life** and to **Unbelievers** Death, Rev 21:6-8
- B. I (angel) will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb, the holy city, Jerusalem, Rev 21:9-14
- C. The City of New Jerusalem, its Size, Walls, Gates, Foundations, and Street, Rev 21:15-21
- D. The City of New Jerusalem, No Temple, Light by God, only those in Book of Life, Rev 21:22-27

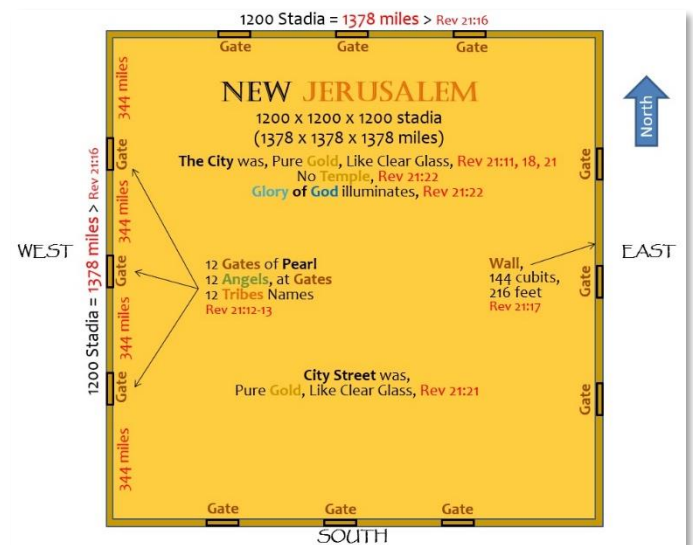
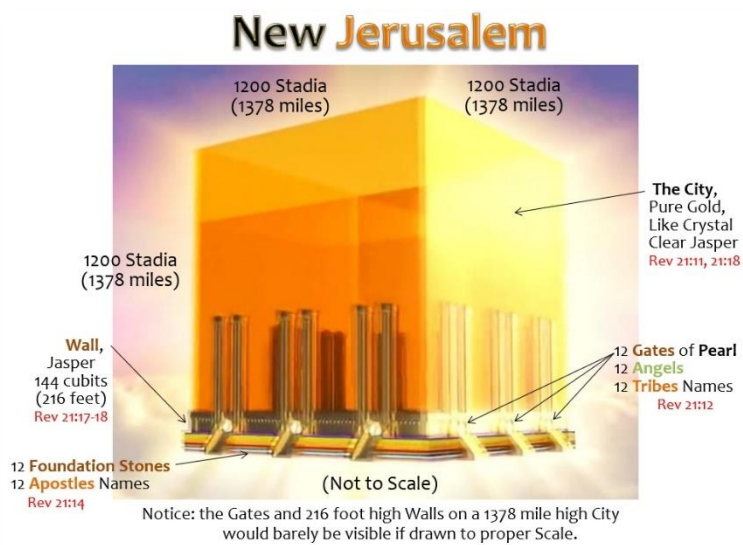
The City of New Jerusalem, the throne of God, the Water of Life, and the Tree of Life

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:1-5** (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:1-5

- I. 1 Then he (the angel) showed me (John) Rev 1:1, 21:9, 22:8,
 - A. a river of the water of life, Ps 46:4, Rev 7:17, 21:6, 22:17, Jn 4:10, 7:39, Gen 2:10, Ezek 47:1-12, Zech 14:8
 - 1. clear as crystal, Rev 4:6,
 - B. coming (going out) from the throne of God and of the Lamb, Rev 1:4, 3:21, 4:2-11, 5:6, 21:3, 22:3
 - 1. 2 in the middle of its (the City's) street. Rev 21:21,
 - C. On either side of the river (water of life) was the tree of life, Rev 2:7, 22:14, 22:19, Gen 2:9, 3:22-24,
 - 1. bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; Ezek 47:12,
 - 2. and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (peoples).
 - D. 3 There will no longer be any curse; Zech 14:11, Gen 3:14-19,
 - E. and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it (the City), Rev 1:4, 3:21, 4:2-11, 5:6, 21:3, 22:1
 - F. and His bond-servants will serve Him; Rev 1:1, 7:15, 21:3-4, 21:7,
 - 1. 4 they will see His face, Ps 17:15, Matt 5:8, 1 Jn 3:2, Ex 33:23,
 - 2. and His name will be on their foreheads. Rev 3:12, 7:3, 9:4, 13:6, 14:1, 20:4
 - G. 5 And there will no longer be any night; Rev 21:25,
 - 1. and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, Rev 21:21, 23, Isa 60:19,
 - 2. because the Lord God will illumine them; Rev 21:23,
 - H. and they will reign forever and ever. Dan 7:18, 7:27, Rom 5:17, 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 7:15,

Rev 22:1-5 continues the Description of New Jerusalem, out of Heaven, given in Rev 21:1-27.



a river of the water of life, coming from the throne of God, Rev 22:1

Then the same angel, 21:9-10, showed John, a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming or going out from the throne of God and of the Lamb, Rev 1:4, 3:21, 4:2-11, 5:6, 21:3, 22:3

The source of the water of life, is the throne of God and of the Lamb, Rev 22:1

The guide to the water of life, is "the Lamb" "will guide them to springs of the water of life", Rev 7:17

The giver of the water of life, is "Jesus"

"I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life", Rev 21:6

The thirsty for the water of life, let the one who is thirsty come;

let the one who wishes take the water of life", Rev 22:17

"thirsty", normally has to do with, an inner desire or craving for a drink of something.

"thirsty", can mean, having an inner desire or craving for something, as in "being thirsty for knowledge".

Therefore, if a person is thirsty, having an inner desire or craving for God, they can and will have

access to the water of life from God's throne, which is from Jesus,

who gives to the thirsty from the water of life", Rev 21:6.

These people are believers, "whoever believes, will in Him, have eternal life, Jn 3:15-16.

The water of life gives a person eternal life and maintains a person's eternal life.

The ESV reads better than the NAS here, with its punctuation, in Rev 22:1-2

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,

flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city;

also, on either side of the river (of the water of life),

the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, Rev 2:7, 22:14, 22:19, Gen 2:9, 3:22-24,

yielding its fruit each month. Ezek 47:12,

The leaves of the tree (of life) were for the healing of the nations (peoples).

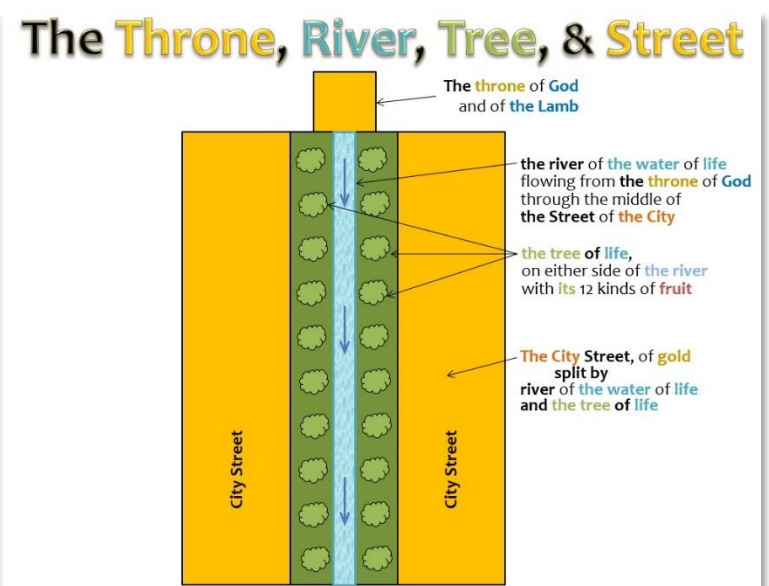
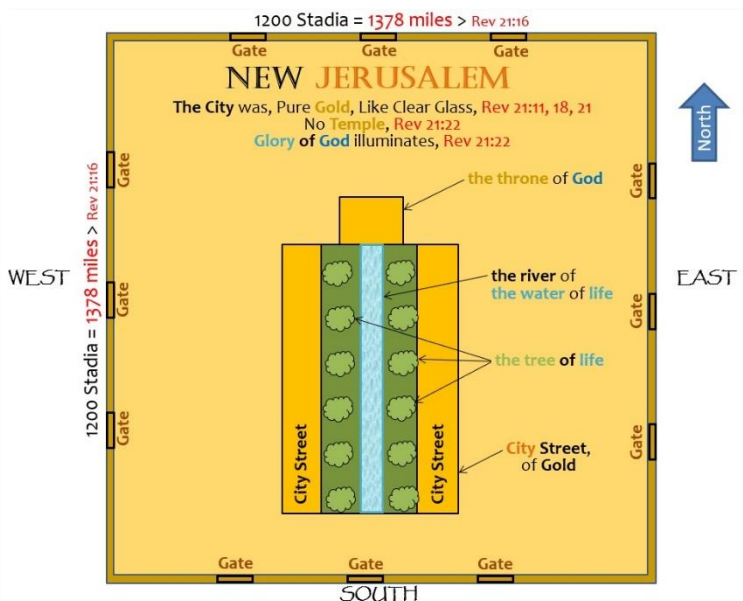
the river of the water of life, was flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. This would mean that the river split the street into two halves.

This like a landscaped median on a highway with a river in that median, with trees on either side of the river.

on either side of the river (of the water of life), was the tree of life

the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, Rev 2:7, 22:14, 22:19, Gen 2:9, 3:22-24,

yielding its fruit each month. Ezek 47:12,



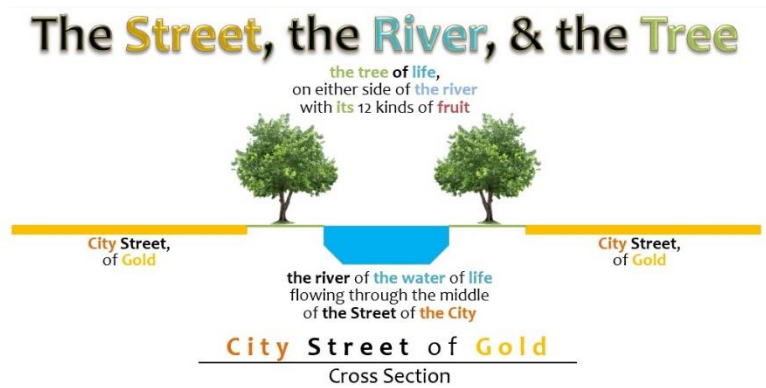
the tree of life in on either side of **the river** of **the water** of **life**

the tree of life was on either side of **the river** of **the water** of **life**.

This can't mean half a **tree** on each side of **the river**, so this must mean **the tree(s) of life** on either side.

It was not one individual **tree**, but a particular **tree** as to **its kind**, as we speak of 'the apple' or 'the oak'.

Example: The apple tree (as a kind) was on either side of **the river** in that city.



the tree of life in **the Garden** of **Eden**

the Lord caused to grow every **tree**, including **the tree of life** also in the midst of **the garden** of **Eden**, **Gen 2:9**
the tree of life was good for **food**, **Gen 2:9**

If **man** was to take from **the tree of life** and **eat**, **he** would live **forever**, **Gen 3:22**

the tree of life in **the Paradise** of **God**

To **him** who **overcomes**, **I will** grant to **eat** of **the tree of life**, which is in **the Paradise** of **God**, **Rev 2:7**
Blessed are **those** who wash **their robes**, so that **they** may have **the right** to **the tree of life**, **Rev 22:14**

In **the garden** of **Eden**, **the tree of life** was good for **food** and when **eaten**, **man** would live **forever**, **Gen 3:22**

In the **New Jerusalem** or **Paradise** of **God believers** will be granted by **God** to **eat** of **the tree of life**, **Rev 2:7**

After the Fall of **man**, **God** drove **the man** out; and at the east of **the garden** of **Eden**

God stationed **the cherubim** and the **flaming sword** to guard the way to **the tree of life**, **Gen 3:24**
In the **New Jerusalem** or **Paradise** of **God believers** will have **the right** to **the tree of life** again, **Rev 22:14**

the tree of life had 12 kinds of **fruit**,

the tree of life had 12 kinds of **fruit**, not just one kind of **fruit** but 12 kinds.

This speaks of **Heaven** having a **variety** of types of things to **eat**.

the tree of life yielded or produced **its fruit** each month, on a regular basis.

the tree of life leaves

the leaves of **the tree of life** were for the healing of **the nations** or the **peoples**.

The word "**healing**" (*therapeian*) can be understood as "**health-giving**." Even though there is no sickness in the eternal state, **the leaves** seem to contribute to the well-being or be therapeutic to the **peoples**.

This is similar to **the tree leaves** in the **Millennial Kingdom**, in **Ezek 47:12**.

There will no longer be any **curse** in the **New Jerusalem** or the **New Earth**, **Rev 22:3a**

There will no longer be any **curse**; **Zech 14:11**

No more **curse**, of **Man**, **Woman**, **Beasts**, **the Ground**, **Creation**, or **Israel**, **Gen 3:14-19**, **Rom 8:20-23**

"For as in **Adam** all die, so also in **Christ** all will be made **alive**", **1 Cor 15:22**, **Rom 5:17**

People groups in the **New Jerusalem**, besides **the Father** and **Jesus**

Elect/chosen **angels**, including all those around **the throne** in **heaven**, **Rev 4:1-11**, **5:1-14**

Elect/chosen **Church-Age people saved**, under the **New Covenant**, inside and outside **the City**.

Elect/chosen **Nation of Israel people saved**, under the **New Covenant**, inside and outside **the City**.

All **those** who by **God's grace** have **believed** by **faith** in **Jesus**, shall not perish, but have **eternal life**.

the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the New Jerusalem, Rev 22:3b
the throne of God the Father and of the Lamb, as described in Rev 4:1-11, 5:1-14, 21:3, 22:1, will be in
the New Jerusalem/New Earth, with all angels and people praising, worshiping, and serving God.

Jesus' bondservants will serve Him, Rev 22:3c

Jesus' bondservants will serve Him, as angels have served Him from the beginning, Rev 1:1, 7:15, 21:3-4, 21:7,

Jesus' bondservants will see His face, Rev 22:4

Jesus' bondservants will see His face, Ps 17:15, Matt 5:8, 1 Jn 3:2, Ex 33:23,

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”, Matt 5:8

Jesus' new name and the Father's name will be on their foreheads, Rev 3:12, 7:3, 9:4, 14:1

there will no longer be any night or need of the light, Rev 22:5

In the New Jerusalem/New Earth, there will no longer be any night, Rev 21:25, and Jesus' bondservants

will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, Rev 21:21, 23, Isa 60:19

because the Lord God will illumine His bondservants, Rev 21:23

His bondservants will reign forever and ever. Dan 7:18, 7:27, Rom 5:17, 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 7:15,

Daniel 7:18, “But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever,
for all ages to come.”

Daniel 7:27, “Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms
under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One;

His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.”

Romans 5:17, (see also, 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 7:15)

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive
the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

These words are faithful and true to show to His bond-servants which must soon take place

Working Outline > Read Revelation 22:6-7 (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:6-7

I. 6 And he (the angel) said to me (John), Rev 21:9,

A. “These words are faithful and true”; Rev 19:9, 21:5,

B. and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, 22:7, 1 Cor 14:32, Heb 12:9,

1. sent His angel (messenger) to show to His bond-servants Rev 1:1, 22:16

a. the things which must soon take place. Rev 1:1, 1:3, 22:16

2. 7 “And behold, I (Jesus) am coming quickly. Rev 3:3, 3:11, 16:15, 22:12, 22:20

a. Blessed is he who heeds (keeps) the words of the prophecy of this book.” Rev 1:3, 16:15, 22:9

the angel said to me John, “These words are faithful and true”, Rev 22:6

Then he (the angel, 21:9) said to John, “These words are faithful and true”, like in Rev 21:5, 19:9,

“These words” refers to all that has been revealed to John by God's angel, from Rev 1:1 to Rev 22:5.

“These words (in the Book of Revelation) are faithful and true”, Rev 22:6

“the faithful and true Witness”, is Jesus, Rev 3:14

He (Jesus) “is called Faithful and True”, Rev 19:11

He (Jesus) said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true”, Rev 21:5

the angel continues by saying, the Lord, who is the God of the spirits of the prophets...., Rev 22:6

the prophet's spirit, is their nonmaterial, mind, emotion, and will, as contrasted with their flesh.

the Lord, sent His angel (messenger) to show to His bondservants (Believers)

the things which must soon take place. Rev 1:1, 22:16

What does “soon” mean, in the Beginning and End of Revelation See Lesson 5

Rev 1:1, “The things which must soon take place” Rev 22:6

1:1, soon Def: (Grk. *tachos*; quickly, speedily, 5034 from 5036)

“soon” Requires Context to determine meaning. Must Ask: WHAT will “soon” take place ?

Rev 22:6, “The things which must soon take place” Rev 1:1

Q: WHAT “things” must “soon” take Place? A: All “things” written in the Revelation.

“soon” includes: Jesus 2nd Coming and the Resurrection and Judgement of Believers and Unbelievers.

behold, I (Jesus) am coming quickly, Rev 22:7a

The Lord has revealed “the things which must soon (quickly, speedily) take place”, in Revelation.

Then He says, “And behold, I (Jesus) am coming quickly. Rev 3:3, 3:11, 16:15, 22:12, 22:20

What does “quickly” mean, in the Beginning and End of Revelation See Lesson 5

Rev 2:16, “I am coming (2nd Coming) to you quickly” Rev 2:16, 3:11, 22:7a, 22:12a, 22:20

2:16, quickly Def: (Grk. *tachu*; quickly, 5035 from 5036)

quick Def: (Grk. *tachus*; a prim. word; quick, swift, 5036)

“quickly” Requires Context to determine meaning. Must Ask: WHO is “coming quickly” ?

Jesus 2nd Coming “quickly” includes:

Jesus Coming “quickly” to “make War against them (Unbelievers)” Rev 2:16

Jesus Coming “quickly” to Judge/Reward Every Man (Believers), (Decision/Reward), Bema Seat, Rev 22:12

Jesus Coming to Resurrect/Judge Believers for (Decision/Reward/Eternal Life)

Jesus Coming to Resurrect/Judge Unbelievers for (Decision/Condemnation/Eternal Punishment)

See Lesson 5 for Detailed discussion on “soon”, “near”, and “quickly”

Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book, Rev 22:7b

We are to read and hear and heed the things which are written in it (Revelation); 1:3 22:7

We are to read and hear and heed the words of the prophecy, Rev 1:3, 22:7, 22:10, 22:18-19

John was to “write in the book what you see”, 1:11

We are Blessed when we heed the words of the prophecy of this book (Revelation), Rev 22:7b

Rev 1:3, Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, Rev 22:7, 22:10

and heed the things which are written in it (Revelation); 22:7, 22:9-10

for (Reason) the time is near (22:10).

See Lesson 5 for Detailed discussion of how Rev 22:6-17 compares with Rev 1:1-8.

I (John) heard and saw these things and fell down to worship

Working Outline > Read Revelation 22:8-9 (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:8-9

I. 8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. Rev 1:1,

A. And when I (John) heard and saw, (heard, 3:3, 5:11, 6:1, 7:4, 16:1, saw, 1:2, 11-13, 20, 4:4, 5:1, 6:1)

1. I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Rev 19:10,

a. 9 But he said to me, “Do not do that (worship). Rev 19:10,

b. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets Rev 19:10,

c. and of those who heed the words of this book (Revelation). Rev 1:3, 22:7

2. Worship God.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things, Rev 22:8

John, is the one who heard and saw these things, meaning all the things he saw and heard as part of what was revealed to him through his many visions he saw and from the many words that he heard.

This includes all things of this prophecy, that will and must take place, and that he had written down.

What John “heard”, is mentioned 34 times in Revelation and What John “saw”, 50 times in Revelation.

I fell down to **worship the angel** who showed **me these things**, Rev 22:9

And when **John heard and saw, all these things**, **he** fell down to **worship** at the feet of **the angel** who showed **John these things**. Rev 19:10,

But **the angel** said to **John**, “Do not do that, meaning do not **worship me**, like in Rev 19:10.

Then **the angel** gives **John** the **Reason** why **he** should not **worship him**,

Because as **an angel**, I am a fellow **servant** of **yours** and of **your brethren the prophets** Rev 19:10, and a fellow **servant** of **those** who **heed** the words of **this book** (Revelation). Rev 1:3, 22:7

Instead of **worshiping me** as **an angel**, **Worship God**, like in Rev 4:10, 5:14, 7:11.

This is the **angel** who had just shown **John** the **New Jerusalem**,

This **angel** was a fellow **servant** of **God**

This **angel** was a fellow **servant** of **John**

This **angel** was a fellow **servant** of **John’s brethren the prophets**

This **angel** was a fellow **servant** of **those persons** who **heed** the words of **this book** (Revelation).

Do not **seal** up the words of **the prophecy** of **this book** for the time is **near**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:10-11** (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:10-11

I. 10 And **he** (**the angel**) said to **me** (**John**),

A. “Do not **seal** up the words of **the prophecy** of **this book** (Revelation), 10:4, 22:9, 22:18, Dan 8:26, 12:9

1. **for** (Reason) **the time is near**. Rev 1:3,

B. 11 “Let **the one** who does **wrong** (evil), still do **wrong**; Dan 12:10, 2 Tim 3:13, Matt 13:27-30, Col 3:25

C. and **the one** who is **filthy** (defiled), still be **filthy**;

D. and let **the one** who is **righteous**, still practice **righteousness**;

E. and **the one** who is **holy**, still keep **himself holy**.” Rev 20:6, Eph 1:4, 2 Cor 7:1,

Do not **seal** up the words of **the prophecy** of **this book** for the time is **near**, Rev 22:10

Then **the angel** said to **John**, “Do not **seal** up the words of **the prophecy** of **this book** (Revelation), 10:4, 22:9, 22:18, Dan 8:26, 12:9, **Because** or **for the time is near**. Rev 1:3,

Some previous **prophecies** were to be **sealed** up, as said in Dan 8:26, Dan 12:4–10, Rev 10:4,

but all **the words** of **the prophecy** of **this book** (Revelation), are to be proclaimed, by **John**.

Do not **seal** up the words of **the prophecy**, for the time is **near**, was also said in Rev 1:3.

What does “near” mean, in the Beginning and End of **Revelation**

Rev 1:3, “**the things written**”, “**for** (Reason) **the Time is near**” Rev 1:3, 22:10

1:3, **near** Def: (1451, Grk. *eggus*; **near of Place or Time**, **imminent**, **soon to come pass**) *Thayer's Greek Lexicon*

imminent > ready to take place : happening soon, *Websters*

imminent > likely to occur at any moment; impending, *Dictionary.com*

imminent > coming or likely to happen very soon, *Cambridge Dictionary*

“**near**” Requires **Context** to determine meaning. **Must Ask**: WHAT is “**near**” in Time ?

Rev 22:10, “**the prophecy of this book**”, “**for** (Reason) **the Time is near**”

Q: WHAT “**things**” are “**near**” in “**time**”? **A**: All “**the prophecy of this book**”, in the **Revelation**.

“**near**” includes: **Jesus 2nd Coming** and the **Resurrection** and **Judgement** of **Believers** and **Unbelievers**.

See **Lesson 5** for Detailed discussion on “**soon**”, “**near**”, and “**quickly**”

Let **the one** who does **wrong** and is **filthy**, still do **wrong** and be **filthy**, Rev 22:11a

11 “Let **the one** who does **wrong** (evil), still do **wrong**; Dan 12:10, 2 Tim 3:13, Matt 13:27-30, Col 3:25

and **the one** who is **filthy** (defiled), still be **filthy**;

Daniel 12:10

10 “Many will be purged, purified and refined, but **the wicked** will act **wickedly**;

and **none of the wicked** will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

2 Timothy 3:13

13 But **evil men** and **impostors** will proceed from **bad to worse**, **deceiving** and being **deceived**.

Matthew 13:27-30 *the wheat and the tares*

27 “The slaves of the landowner came and said to him,

‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field (the world)? How then does it have **tares** (evil ones)?’

28 “And he said to them, ‘An **enemy (the devil)** has done this!’

The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather **them** up?’

29 “But he said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up **the tares**, you may uproot **the wheat** with **them**.

30 ‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up **the tares** and bind **them** in bundles to burn **them** up; but gather **the wheat** into my barn.”’ ”

Let **the one** who is **righteous/holy**, still practice **righteousness** keep **himself holy**, Rev 22:11b

Daniel 12:10

10 “Many (**people**) will be **purged, purified** and **refined**, but **the wicked** will act **wickedly**;

and none of **the wicked** will understand, but **those** who have **insight** will **understand**.

Many **people**, meaning **believers**, will be **purged, purified**, and **refined** before **Jesus** Comes again.

Also, those **people**, meaning **believers**, will have **insight** and will **understand**.

Ephesians 1:4

4 just as **He** chose **us (believers)** in **Him** before the foundation of the world,

that **we (believers)** would be **holy** and **blameless** before **Him**. In love

I (Jesus) am coming quickly, My reward is with **Me**, to recompense every **man** for **his deeds**

Working Outline > Read Revelation 22:12-13 (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:12-13

I. 12 “Behold, **I (Jesus) am coming quickly** (soon), Rev 2:16, 3:11, 22:7, 22:20

A. and **My reward** (wage) is with **Me**, Isa 40:10, Isa 62:11,

1. to **render** (recompense) to every **man** Rom 2:6-11, 14:12,

a. according to what **he** has done (deeds). Ps 28:4, Jer 17:10, Matt 16:27, Rev 2:23, 20:12,

B. 13 “**I (Jesus) am the Alpha and the Omega**, Rev 1:8, 21:6

1. **the first** and **the last**, Rev 1:17, 2:8, Isa 44:6, Isa 48:12,

2. **the beginning** and **the end**.” Rev 21:6

I (Jesus) am coming quickly, My reward is with **Me**, to recompense every **man**, Rev 22:12

Then **Jesus** says, “Behold, **I (Jesus) am coming quickly** (or **soon**), Rev 2:16, 3:11, 22:7, 22:20

Jesus here is speaking of **His Second Coming** and that it will be **quickly** or **soon**. This was written by **John** in the first century, and since then **Jesus** has not come again, then **quickly** or **soon** can’t mean after a short time, because **2000 years** is not a short time.

Also, **Jesus** has not yet **rewarded** or **rendered** to every **man**, according to what **he** has **done**, over the last **2000 years**. Therefore, **quickly** or **soon** must mean **His Second Coming** is **imminent**.

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imminent > coming or likely to happen very soon, *Cambridge Dictionary*

Then **Jesus** says, **My reward** (wage) is with **Me**, Isa 40:10, Isa 62:11,

reward (Grk, *misthos*, 3408), as in **wage** given as **payment** for worthy acts (as in a **reward**)

or as in **wage** given as **payment** for retribution (as in punishment or vengeance) for wrongdoing.

Therefore, **Jesus** is coming to both **reward** or **pay men** for **their worthy acts**,

and **Jesus** is coming to **punish** or **pay men** for **their wrongdoing**.

to **render** (recompense) to every **man** Rom 2:6-11, 14:12,
according to what **he** has **done** (deeds). Ps 28:4, Jer 17:10, Matt 16:27, Rev 2:23, 20:12,
render (Grk, *apodidomi*, 591), to **recompense**, as to **reward** or **punish** based on what a **person** deserves.
Therefore, **Jesus** is coming to either **reward** or **punish men** based on what those **men** deserve
and **Jesus** is coming to **render** (recompense) to every **man** according to what **he** has **done** or his **deeds**.

Believers will be **rewarded**, based on **their deeds**, at the **Bema Seat Judgment**, 2 Cor 5:10-11.

Unbelievers will be **punished**, based on **their deeds**, at the **White Throne Judgment**, Rev 20:12.

13 “**I (Jesus)** **am** the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, Rev 1:8, 21:6, the **first** and the **last**, Rev 1:17, 2:8, Isa 44:6, Isa 48:12,
the **beginning** and the **end**.” Rev 21:6

Chart

The Lord is: “the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last”

Isaiah 44:6

6 “Thus says **the Lord**, the **King of Israel** (43:15) and **his Redeemer** (43:14), **the Lord of hosts**:
‘**I am** the **first** and **I am** the **last**, And there is no **God** besides **Me**. Also Isa 41:4

Isaiah 48:12

12 “Listen to **Me**, O **Jacob**, even **Israel whom I** called; **I am He**, **I am** the **first**, **I am** also the **last**.

Revelation 2:8

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, **who** was **dead**, and has come to **life**, says this:

Revelation 21:6

6 Then **He (Jesus)** said to **me**, “It is done. **I am** the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **beginning** and the **end**.

Revelation 22:13

13 “**I (Jesus)** **am** the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **first** and the **last**, the **beginning** and the **end**.”

Blessed are **those** who wash **their robes**, and have the right to **the tree of life**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:14-15** (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:14-15

- I. 14 **Blessed** are **those** who wash **their robes**, Rev 6:11, 7:9, 7:13-14,
 - A. **so that** (Reason) **they** may have the right to **the tree of life**, Gen 2:9, Rev 3:22, 22:2
 - B. and (**they**) may enter by **the gates** into **the city**. Rev 21:12, 21:27,
 - C. 15 Outside are the **dogs** (**persons**, Phil 3:2), and the **sorcerers** and the **immoral persons**
 1. and the **murderers** and the **idolaters**,
 2. and **everyone** who loves and practices **lying**.

Here we continue the Contrast between **Believers** and **Unbelievers**, as in Rev 22:12.

Contrast between **Believers** and **Unbelievers**, Rev 22:14-15

First, **Blessed** are **those (believers)** who wash **their robes**, Rev 6:11, 7:9, 7:13-14,

“... **they** have washed **their robes** and made **them** white in **the blood** of **the Lamb**”, Rev 7:14

They are **Blessed**, **so that** (Reason) **they** may have the right to **the tree of life**, Gen 2:9, Rev 3:22, 22:2

They are **Blessed**, **so that** (Reason) **they** may enter by **the gates** into **the city** (**new Jerusalem**).

Second, are **those (Unbelievers)** who are “outside” or “apart from” those **Blessed**,

They are the **dogs** (**persons**, Phil 3:2), and the **sorcerers** (poisoner, magician)

and the **immoral** (fornicator) **persons** and the **murderers** (unlawful killing)

and the **idolaters** (idol worshipers), and **everyone** who loves and practices **lying** (untruth telling).

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you (John) these things for the churches

Working Outline > Read Revelation 22:16 (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:16

- I. 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel Rev 1:1,
 - A. to testify to you (John) these things Rev 1:1, 22:6
 - 1. for the churches (assemblies). Rev 1:4, 1:11, 1:20, 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22
- II. I (Jesus) am the root and the descendant of David, Rev 5:5, Matt 1:1, Isa 11:1
 - A. the bright morning star.”

Then Jesus says, “I, Jesus, have sent My angel, (meaning the angel mentioned in Rev 1:1, 21:9) to testify to you (John) these things (as mentioned in Rev 1:1, 1:3, 1:19, 22:6) for the churches (assemblies) (as mentioned in Rev 1:4, 1:11, 1:20, 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22). For more on the 7 Churches (assemblies), See Lesson 07 and Lesson 08

Rev 22:16 echoes Rev 1:1-2, The Revelation (unveiling) of Jesus Christ See Lesson 5.

- I. 1 The Revelation (unveiling) of Jesus Christ, (1 Cor 1:7, 1 Pet 1:7)
 - A. which God (the Father, 1:6) gave Him (Jesus) (5:7)
 - 1. to show to His (Father’s, 22:6, 22:16) bond-servants (servants), (22:6)
 - 2. the things (1:19) which must soon (quickly, 22:7a) (is imminent) take place; (22:6)
 - B. and He (the Father, 22:6, 22:16) sent and communicated it (the Revelation)
 - 1. by His (Father’s) angel (messenger, Jesus, 22:6) to His (Jesus’) bond-servant John, (1:4, 1:9, 22:8)
 - a. 2 who (John) testified (22:16) to the word of God (the Father, 1:9, 6:9)
 - b. and (testified, 22:16) to the testimony of Jesus Christ, (1:9, 6:9, 12:17, 19:10, 20:4)
 - c. even (testified, 22:16) to all that he (John) saw. (and heard, 22:8)

See Lesson 5 for Detailed discussion of how Rev 22:6-17 compares with Rev 1:1-8.

“these things” in Rev 22:16 are “the things” mentioned in Rev 1:19

“the things which you have seen”, (PAST) John just saw “the son of man”, 1:12-18, in 95 AD refers to Rev 1:9-18, What John had experienced: the (Past) vision and words of Jesus.

“The things which are”, (PRESENT) the “Seven churches”, 1:11, in 95 AD

refers to Rev 2 & Rev 3, What is now: to the (Present) state of 7 churches in Asia, 2:1-3:22

“The things which will take place after these things” (FUTURE) Prophetic Events, 4:1-22:17, in Future refers to Rev 4:1-22:17, What will take place in the (Future) after the vision and after the 7 churches.

I (Jesus) am the root and the descendant of David, Rev 22:16b

I (Jesus) am the root (the biological offspring) and the descendant of David, Rev 5:5, Matt 1:1, Isa 11:1 and I (Jesus) am the bright morning star. Rev 2:28

Isaiah 11:1

1 Then a shoot (David) will spring from the stem of Jesse (David’s father),
And a branch (David’s descendant, Jesus) from his (David’s) roots will bear fruit. (See Isa 11:1-5)

Revelation 5:5

5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion (Jesus) that is from the tribe of Judah, (Jesus) the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

See Lesson 5 for Detailed discussion of how Rev 22:6-17 compares with Rev 1:1-8.

The Spirit and **the bride** (New Jerusalem) say, “**Come**”

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:17** (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:17

- I. 17 **The Spirit** and **the bride** (New Jerusalem) say, “**Come.**” Rev 2:7, 14:13, 21:2, 21:9, 22:20
 - A. And let **the one** who **hears** say, “**Come.**” 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, 3:20
 - B. And let **the one** who is **thirsty come**; Rev 21:6
 - 1. let **the one** who wishes take **the water** of **life** without cost. Rev 21:6, 7:17, 22:1

The Spirit and **the bride** (New Jerusalem) say, “**Come**”, Rev 17a

The (Holy) Spirit and **the bride** (New Jerusalem, 21:2, 21:9) say, “**Come**”, is a call to **salvation** or to **Jesus**.
the bride here is the **New Jerusalem**, in Rev 21:2, 21:9, and as described in Rev 21:9-27.

And let **the one** who **hears** say, “**Come**”, Rev 17b

And let **the one** who **hears** say, “**Come**”, is a call to **salvation** or coming to **Jesus**.

the one who **hears** is, “**He** who has an **ear** let **him** **hear**”, in Rev 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, 3:20

See *Lesson 7* for Chart on “**He** who has an **ear** let **him** **hear**”

There are certain **people**, who **hear** the call to **salvation**, and **Come** to **Jesus**

and there certain **people** who don't **hear** and don't **Come** to **Jesus**. You have to have the right ears.

And let **the one** who is **thirsty come**, Rev 17c

And let **the one** who is **thirsty come**, is a call to **salvation** or coming to **Jesus**.

John 7:37

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, **Jesus** stood and cried out, saying,

“If **anyone** is **thirsty**, let **him** come to **Me** and **drink**.”

let **the one** who wishes take **the water** of **life** without cost, Rev 17d

let **the one** who **wishes** (desires) take (receive) **the water** of **life** without cost (free). Rev 21:6, 7:17, 22:1

“**I (Jesus)** will give to **the one** who **thirsts** from the spring of **the water** of **life** without cost (free)” Rev 21:6

“**the Lamb...** will be **their** shepherd, and will guide **them** to springs of **the water** of **life**”, Rev 7:17

The water of **life** is for **those** who **thirst** or **desire it**.

and **they** are to **take** or **receive it** knowing that **they** can receive **it** without cost to **them**, it is **free**.

“For the **wages** of **sin** is **death**, but the **free gift** of **God** is **eternal life** in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**”, Rom 6:23

I (Jesus) testify to **everyone** who **hears** the words of **the prophecy** of **this book**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:18-19** (A Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:18-19

- I. 18 **I (Jesus)** testify to **everyone** who **hears** the words of **the prophecy** of **this book**: Rev 22:7, 22:19
 - A. if **anyone** adds to **them** (the words), Deut 4:2, 12:32, Prov 30:6
 - 1. **God** will add to **him** **the plagues** which are written in **this book**; Rev 15:6-16:21, Rev 22:7
 - B. 19 and if **anyone** takes away from **the words** of **the book** of **this prophecy**, Deut 4:2, 12:32, Prov 30:6
 - 1. **God** will take away **his** part from **the tree of life** and from **the holy city**, Rev 22:2, 21:2, 21:9-27
 - i. which are written in **this book**. Rev 22:7

everyone who **hears** the words of **the prophecy** of **this book**, Rev 22:18

Jesus begins by addressing, **those people** who “**hear**” the words **this book** of **Revelation**.

He says, “if **anyone** adds to” the words of **this book** of **Revelation**.

Then “**God** will add to **him** **the plagues** which are written in **this book**” of **Revelation**.

He says, “if **anyone** takes away from **the words** of **the book** of **this prophecy**” of **Revelation**.

Then “**God** will take away **his** part from **the tree of life** and from **the holy city**,

“if **anyone** adds to” or “takes away from” the words of **this book** of **Revelation**, Rev 22:18-19

In summary, “if **anyone** adds to” or “takes away from” the words of **this book** of **Revelation**

This is addressed to **all those people** who add to or take away from **the book** for the last **2000 years**.

This includes **the cult’s books** added and all those who use **Non-Literal Interpretation** to add or subtract

from what the Text actually says in its **Literal, Grammatical, Historical, and Contextual sense**. See **Lesson 4**

This includes **Unbelieving False Prophets** and **False Teachers**

2 Peter 2:1

1 But **false prophets** also arose among **the people**, just as there will also be **false teachers** among **you**, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying **the Master** who bought **them**, bringing swift destruction upon **themselves**. Also **2 Tim 4:3**

This is specifically applied here to the book of **Revelation**, but also applies to **all scripture**. **Deut 4:2, 12:32**

all those people who add to or take away from **the book**, **their** consequence, **Rev 22:18-19**

Then **God** will “add to” or place upon **him** the plagues of **this book**

God’s plagues include: any calamities, punishments, or judgments initiated by **Him**.

This is addressed to **all those people** who add to or take away from **the book** for the last **2000 years**.

This is addressed to **all those people** “who “hear” the words of **this book** of **Revelation**”, **22:18**

Revelation 1:3

3 **Blessed** is **he** who **reads** and **those** who **hear** the words of **the prophecy**, and **heed** (keep, continue to obey) **the things** which are **written in it**; for the time is near.

You must be a **reader**, a **hearer**, and a **heeder** of the words of **this book** of **Revelation**.

If **you** are not, then **you** will **suffer** the **consequences** as described here, by **Jesus**.

Then “**God** will take away **his** part from **the tree of life** and from **the holy city**”, the **New Jerusalem**. **the tree of life**, **he** will Not be **granted to** or have **the right to** or be **blessed** by **the tree**, **Rev 2:7, 22:2, 22:14**, **the holy city**, the **New Jerusalem**, **he** will Not have a **part** or **share** in **the holy city**.

Those Not having a Part in the **New Jerusalem**, is referred to in **Rev 21:8**. See **Lesson 31**

Revelation 21:8

8 “But for the **cowardly** and **unbelieving** and **abominable** and **murderers** and **immoral persons** and **sorcerers** and **idolaters** and **all liars**,

their part will be in **the lake** that **burns** with **fire** and **brimstone**, which is **the second death**.”

He (Jesus) who testifies to **these things**, says “Yes, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly”

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 22:20-21** (2 Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 22:20-21

- I. 20 **He (Jesus)** who testifies (bears witness) to **these things** says, **Rev 1:2**,
 - A. “Yes, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly.” **Rev 1:7, 1:16, 3:11, 22:7, 1 Thes 3:13, 5:23, 2 Thes 1:10**,
- II. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** **Rev 22:17** (Maranatha, **1 Cor 16:22**) **Matt 24:30, Jam 5:7-8**,
 - A. 21 The **grace** of **the Lord Jesus** be with all. **Rev 1:4, Acts 4:33, 15:11, Rom 5:21, 16:20, 16:24, Eph 2:7, 1 Cor 1:23, 16:23, 2 Cor 1:2, 13:14, Gal 1:3, 6:18, Eph 1:2, 1:6, Phil 1:2, 4:23, Col 1:2, 1 Thes 5:28, 2 Thes 1:2**
 - B. **Amen.**

He (Jesus) who testifies to **these things**, says “Yes, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly”, **Rev 22:20a**

He (Jesus) who testifies, or bears witness to **these things**, meaning **all things** which are written in **this book**,

He (Jesus) says, as in **Rev 1:1-3**, from **Lesson 5**

Revelation 1:1-3, from **Lesson 5**

- II. 1 The **Revelation** (unveiling) of **Jesus Christ**, (**1 Cor 1:7, 1 Pet 1:7**)
 - A. which **God (the Father, 1:6)** gave **Him (Jesus) (5:7)**
 - 1. to **show** to **His (Father’s, 22:6, 22:16) bond-servants (servants)**, (**22:6**)
 - 2. **the things (1:19)** which must **soon** (quickly, **22:7a**) (is imminent) **take place**; (**22:6**)
 - B. and **He (the Father, 22:6, 22:16)** sent and communicated **it** (the **Revelation**)
 - 1. by **His (Father’s) angel** (messenger, **Jesus, 22:6**) to **His (Jesus’) bond-servant John**, (**1:4, 1:9, 22:8**)
 - a. 2 **who (John) testified (22:16)** to **the word of God (the Father, 1:9, 6:9)**
 - b. and (testified, **22:16**) to **the testimony of Jesus Christ**, (**1:9, 6:9, 12:17, 19:10, 20:4**)
 - c. even (testified, **22:16**) to **all that he (John) saw**. (and heard, **22:8**)
 - C. 3 **Blessed** is **he (22:7b)**
 - 1. who **reads** and **those** who **hear** the words of the **prophecy** (of this book, **22:7, 22:10**),
 - a. and **heed the things** which are **written** in **it** (this book, **22:7, 22:10**);
 - 2. **for** (Reason) **the time is near (22:10)**.

Rev 1:1, The **Revelation** (unveiling) of **Jesus Christ** > FROM **God (the Father)** > Given TO **Jesus**
> TO SHOW to **His (Father’s) bond-servants**
> SENT and COMMUNICATED BY **His (Father’s) angel** (messenger, **Jesus, 1:9-20**)
> TO **His (Father’s) bond-servant John**

“Yes, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly”, **Rev 22:20b**

“Yes, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly.” **Rev 1:7, 1:16, 3:11, 22:7, 1 Thes 3:13, 5:23, 2 Thes 1:10**,

The Lord has revealed “**the things** which must **soon** (**quickly, speedily**) take place”, in **Revelation**.

Then **He** says, “And behold, **I (Jesus) am** coming quickly. **Rev 3:3, 3:11, 16:15, 22:12, 22:7**

See detailed discussion on **Jesus Coming Quickly**, in this **Lesson 32**, under **Rev 22:7**

Revelation 1:7, from **Lesson 5**

- A. 7 behold, **He (Jesus)** is **coming** with **the clouds**, (**14:14-16, Dan 7:13, Matt 24:30, Acts 1:9-11**)
 - 1. and every **eye** will **see Him (Jesus)**, (“**see**”, **Mt 24:30, 33, 26:64, Mk 13:26, 29, 14:62, Lk 21:27, 31**)
 - a. even **those** who **pierced Him**; (**Isa 53:5, Zech 12:10, Jn 19:34, 37**)
 - 2. and **all the tribes** of **the earth** will **mourn** over **Him (Jesus)**. (**Zech 12:10, Matt 24:30**)
 - 3. So **it** (these things, **Jesus’ Coming**) **is to be**. Amen.

The **grace** of **the Lord Jesus** be with all, **Rev 22:21**

John says, The **grace** of **the Lord Jesus** be with all, and is a typical benediction in the NT to **Believers**,
Rev 1:4, Acts 4:33, 15:11, Rom 5:21, 16:20, 16:24, Eph 2:7, 1 Cor 1:23, 16:23, 2 Cor 1:2, 13:14, Gal 1:3, 6:18, Eph 1:2, 1:6, Phil 1:2, 4:23, Col 1:2, 1 Thes 5:28, 2 Thes 1:2