

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
**The Book of Revelation**  
**Lesson 29**  
**Chapter 22**

- Tonight we come to the conclusion of our study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, as given to the Apostle John
  - 22:1-6 are really a continuation of the description of Heaven which began in chapter 21
    - Rev 22:1-21
  - But this description of the New Jerusalem harkens back to the description given in Genesis 3 of the Garden of Eden
- 1) v.1-2, “And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
    - a) In the Garden of Eden, there was a river that branched 4 times and it watered the garden
    - b) Verses 1-2 are interesting for we read of a, “river” being present in heaven
    - c) 21:2 tells us that in the New Jerusalem there is, “no sea”
    - d) John is describing 2 different bodies of water
    - e) 21:2, the word translated “sea” in Greek refers to oceans, great bodies of water like the Mediterranean
    - f) 22:1, the word translated “river” in Greek refers to a brook, fresh water, and running water
    - g) Why is there a need for a “river” and not a “sea” in heaven?
    - h) The key is found in the source of the river, v. 1 says the river comes, “from the throne of the God and of the Lamb.”
    - i) According to v. 2, this river will be found, “in the middle of its (Jerusalem’s) street.”
    - j) Growing along the sides of this river will be found, “the tree of life”
    - k) This tree is unlike anything we have ever seen here on earth for this tree will bear, “twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for healing of the nations.”
  - 2) v.3, “And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;”
    - a) What is the curse to which John is referring . . . the curse of sin!
  - 3) v.4, “and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.”
  - 4) v.5, “And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.”
  - 5) v.6, “And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place.”
    - a) Remember, it has been an angel that has been talking to John and showing John all these glorious things since chapter 21:9
    - b) The angel tells John that these things, “must shortly take place”

- 6) v.7, "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."
- 7) v.8, "And I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things."
- 8) v.9, "And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book; worship God."
- 9) v.10, "And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."
- 10) v.11, "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."
- 11) v.12, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."
  - a) Believers WILL be held accountable for all they do and do not do, in obedience to Jesus in this life
  - b) However, I believe the greater emphasis of this verse is upon the reception of the reward
  - c) Jesus says that He brings His reward to those who shall receive it
- 12) v.13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
- 13) v.14, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city."
  - a) The emphasis of this verse is NOT upon the tree, but upon the requirement for partaking of the fruit of the tree of life
- 14) v.15, "Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying."
  - a) This is a reference to all who reject Jesus, who fail to, "wash their robes" and in so doing are forbidden to enter heaven, the new Jerusalem
- 15) This statement is for us, for the unbelievers in that day will have already been cast into Hell, their choices on earth having permanently sealed their fate
- 16) v.16, "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."
- 17) v.17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."
  - a) This is the invitation of God, through the Spirit, through His people (the bride) to all who are "thirsty" . . . "Come . . . take the water of life without cost."
- 18) v. 18-19 give us the final warnings . . .
  - a) v.18, "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book;
  - b) v.19, "and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book."
  - c) Remember, Jesus told us in Matthew 5:18, that, "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."

19) v.20 "He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

20) v.21, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."