

Notes on Revelation 22

Intro: John, in this last chapter of Revelation, continues his depiction of the new Jerusalem and its wonderful blessings. The book closes with words of assurance and warning for those who would read its contents.

The new Jerusalem further described

A river coming from the throne of God & the Lamb

A river indicating abundance; water of life indicating its essence (It is life giving water)

Its source is from God

Both the Father and Son rule co-regently

Cf. Eze. 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Zech. 14:8

The tree of life

Cf. Gen. 2:9; 3:22 Lost in the garden, the source of eternal life. Lest they eat and live forever is God own precaution that man in spiritual death should not live in it forever. There is no blessing in eternal death.

Twelve crops indicates continuous supply

Leaves for the healing of the nations (Cf. Eze. 47:12)

No curse

Cf. the many curses of O.T. reference: Gen. 3:14ff; 4:11; 12:3; Deut. 27:15-26; 28:15-68

Cf. the prophecy of Zech 14:11.

The throne in it (God & Christ shall their rule over their people)

God's bondservants will serve him

They shall see his face Cf. 1 Jn. 3:1ff

His name on their foreheads, indicating ownership by the Father.

No night--

They shall reign forever and ever--

Words of assurance and warning

These words are faithful and true (God adds his testimony to Christ's)

I am coming quickly (The theme verse, lending weight to the cloud coming of Jesus' teaching)

John's response--John perhaps confuses message with messenger. Worship God!

Do not seal (Cf. command to Daniel, 8:26; 10:14; 12:4,9) This command indicates immediacy also.

Let the one who does wrong still do wrong. Is this a suggestion of no time for repentance or an indication that God already knows that those who are committed to both truth and error will persist in it? Or, that character is progressive, one continues to go in the direction he is heading. This view translated the particle "eti" "yet more".

I am coming quickly (Again, a historical judgment, not the end of time.)

I am Alpha and Omega

Blessed are those who wash their robes

Outside ...

dogs (immoral prostitutes, Deut. 23:17ff;

Jesus sent his angel to testify..

The root and offspring of Jesse (the hope of messianic prophecy)

The bright morning star (the herald of eternal day)

The invitation of Spirit, bride, thirsting, and the one who hears

Is this an invitation to Christ or the sinner?

Warning! Do not add to or take away from the revelation

I am coming quickly.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.