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This is the last verse in the book with a threat to six types of people who will be in the lake of fire:

dogs- Dogs were dangerous street scavengers with no home or obligations (Barclay). A term also used to describe a male temple prostitute. (Deut. 23:17–18; Phil. 3:2)

sorcerers- The use of witchcraft, spells, and drugs to extend personal power and pleasure. (9:21; 21:8)

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sexually immoral- Always a violation of God's command because it violates the sacredness of marriage (9:21; 21:8)

murderers- Condemned by God throughout Scripture as a violation of the sacredness of life (9:21; 21:8)

idolaters- Worshiping that which is not God violates the sovereignty of the Almighty (21:8)

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everyone who loves and practices falsehood- People like this have nothing to do with the truth; they have followed the devil, who is the great deceiver and liar (12:9).

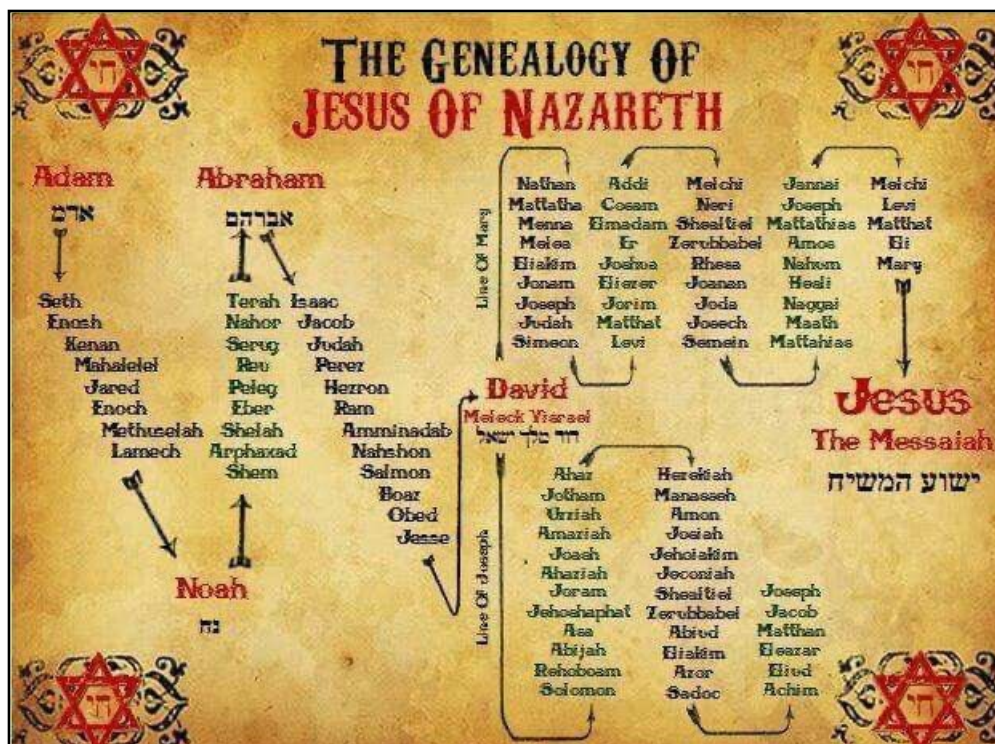
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Verse 16- “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

I, Jesus- In 22:8, John affirms the witness of the book by saying, “I, John.” Now, this is the only time this emphatic form is used in the Bible.

the root and the descendant- Jesus is both the ancestor and descendant of David.

the bright morning star- (the planet Venus) Appears when the night is almost over!



Matthew
1:2-16

Luke
3:23-38

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Verse 17- *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without cost.*

The Spirit and the bride- The Holy Spirit provides the power, and the church provides the voice and witness. They both say, "Come" to those who are lost without Christ.

who is thirsty- Christians can't save anyone, even themselves. Through evangelism, they can make people thirsty to be saved.

the one who desires- ANYONE can be saved.

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Verse 18- *I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;*

if anyone adds to them- There is a high price to pay for tampering with the Word of God, either by addition or subtraction.

Addition- legalism Subtraction- liberalism

This warning is not new. It was given to Moses in Deut. 4:2:

*You shall **not add** to the word which I am commanding you, **nor take away** from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I am commanding you.*

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Verse 19- *and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*

Addition

If people add to the words of the book, the plagues will be added to them.

Subtraction

If people take away from the words of the book, heaven will be taken away from them, something they never had to begin with (those in unbelief).

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Verse 20- *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

quickly- (tachy) Not when, but how. When Jesus returns, it will be in an instant. Be ready!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus- In Aramaic (marana + tha)
Maranatha!

1 Corinthians 16:22- "If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed. Maranatha!"

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Verse 21- *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

The book ends with a brief benediction that we saw at the very beginning of the book in 1:4:

“John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,”

Next week...

Genesis 1:1
“Beginnings”

