

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 22

Revelation 22: Jesus Come Quickly for Me & for You

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Welcome! Thank you to Pastor Daniel and his team for leading us in in our last Revelation Night together.

In our twenty-five-week series, we have studied the entire Book of Revelation, the unveiled message "of, from, and about Jesus Christ" (Akin). It has been an absolute joy to share the Word of God with you for the past several months.

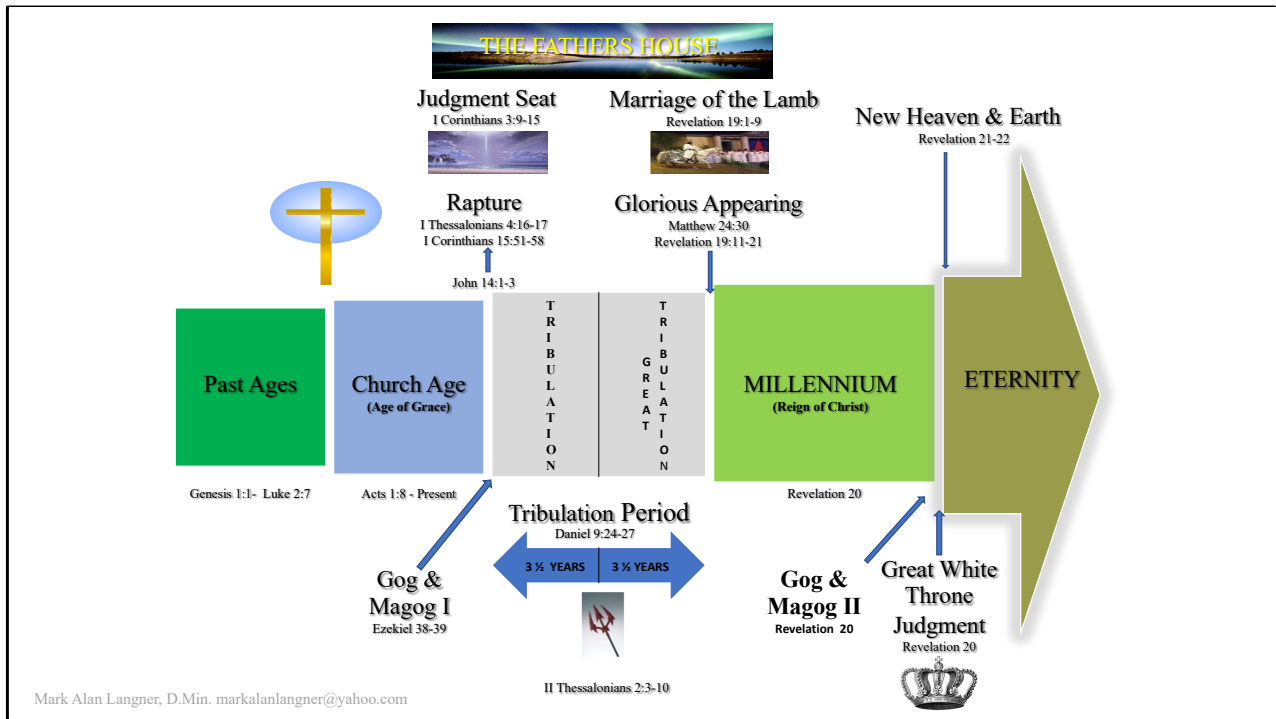
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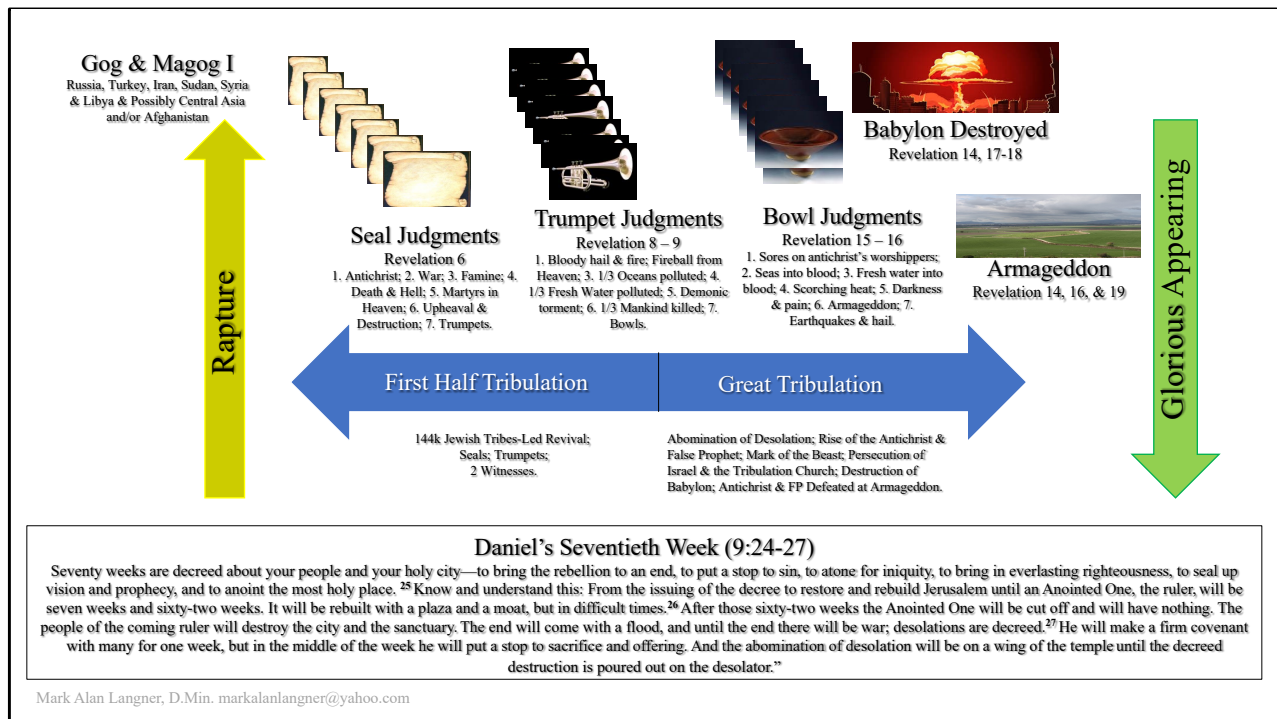
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I pray this document will help you remember what we have learned together. The entire series is still available through the Revelation link – all 325 pages!

Please note that I have added eight additional sources which are available following our notes.



Chapter 22 is located within a future eternity, with a clear reference back to the entire Revelation, especially Chapter 1.



Before we move into our gaze of the Heavenly realm, we should remember what got us here. Daniel's Seventieth Week described the return of God's people, Israel, to their land and their God.

Following this time of restoration, much of Israel has been saved through the call of the Spirit, the salvation of Jesus Christ, and the obedient work of the 144,000 Jewish Witnesses and the Two Great Witnesses of Jerusalem.

Jesus personally will return following this "week" of seven years and will reign for 1,000 years with us! Then will come the destruction of those who rebel against Christ, then the Great White Throne Judgment for those not named in the Book of Life, and then eternity for all people, saved and unsaved alike.

Parallels Between Revelation 1 and Revelation 22

- 1) A genuine prophecy (1:3; 22:6-10)
- 2) Addressed to God's bond-servants (1:1; 22:6)
- 3) To be read in the churches (1:11; 22:16-18)
- 4) Comes from God (1:1; 22:6)
- 5) Comes also from Jesus Christ [God the Son] (1:1; 22:16)
- 6) An angel speaks to John (1:1; 22:6)
- 7) John is a genuine prophet (1:9-11; 22:8-10)
- 8) Promises a blessing to all who obey it (1:3; 22:7)
- 9) Warns of judgment to those who reject it (1:7; 22:11)
- 10) Focuses on Christ (1:2; 22:6-10)
- 11) The Alpha and the Omega (1:8, 7; 22:7-12)
- 12) Christ is coming soon (1:3, 7; 22:7-12)

-Hindson

“Don't be afraid. I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look – I am alive forever and ever and, I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

-Revelation 1:17b-18; Revelation 22:13

- 13) Revelation is a Book of Spirit-promise from Chapter 1 through Chapter 22. The command to hear the Holy Spirit's voice – His invitation! – is personally noted by Jesus Christ (1:4b, 10; 22:17).

-Langner



Chapter 22 is so incredibly fascinating, intriguing, and satisfying. There is a culmination of Jesus's entire Vision, a drawing back to the first chapter of His Revelation!

The late, great Dr. Ed Hindson noted twelve parallels between the initial and final chapters of Revelation, and I am adding a clearly noted thirteenth parallel (see you notes for the additional parallel).

We cannot forget Jesus's focus on the Holy Spirit in His Vision. It is *He* who draws, who invites, people to Jesus Christ! The Spirit's call seems a cry from the Cross and the Empty Tomb, a revealing of Jesus to be exactly who Scripture says He is. He is both Lord and Christ, and the Spirit draws all humankind to Him. Jesus told us often to *listen* to the Spirit, and to obey His Message and His call.

The Source of Life

22 Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, ³ and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

There are several connotations feasible regarding the river of the water of life, including: 1) to Genesis 2:10, 14, with a river that fed four fountainheads; 2) to the rivers of Ezekiel 47:1-12; 3) to the living waters of Jesus mentioned in John 4, John 7:38, and Revelation 21:6; and 4) to the overflowing and continual presence of the Spirit of God (see also Psalm 36:9; Proverbs 10:11, 13:14; Isaiah 12:3; Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13).

“On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea, in summer and winter alike.”

-Zechariah 14:8





The Time Is Near

⁶Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

This sense of imminence is pronounced throughout the Revelation, in the New Testament, and among the Early Church. It is central to Pre-Tribulation/Pre-Millennial Understanding. This is the third such occurrence in Revelation (2:16 and 3:11).

This is the sixth of seven blessings (beatitudes) in Revelation including 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14.

As always, our focus of worship is for God alone. One should not underestimate just how significant it is that John was so overwhelmed that he worshiped the angel. And that, immediately, he was corrected.



¹⁰ Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.”

¹² “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.”



It is notable that Daniel was told to seal the prophecy in the Old Testament (12:9), but that John was specifically told to reveal the prophecy in the New Testament.

Those who are unsaved are in the same world as those who are saved. This is a proverb which perhaps, again, suggests imminency – a “choose this day whom you will serve” notice from God.

Again, Jesus establishes His eternity, His imminence, and His reward and/or judgment. Again, the saved and lost, are contrasted.



16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

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

20 He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

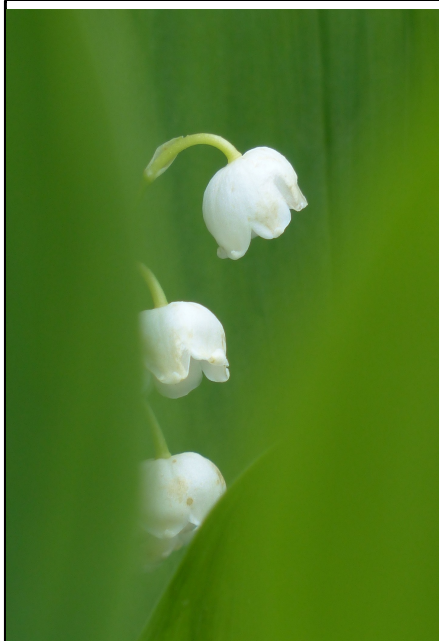
Personal pronouncement of Jesus to the churches; notes His prophetic role from the people of Israel.

Notice the intimacy between the Godhead; Son and Spirit in verse 17, the Father and Son in verse 3!

Anyone who desires the One who saves; anyone who desires the Spirit; anyone who accepts the Message of this book – all are freely offered grace. Grace in and of the Messiah is the Message of the Gospel – available to all!

We are to carefully weigh and obey the words of this prophecy. We are to understand that it is God who holds us responsible!





"The gospel is the good new of the only Son of God, Jesus Christ, who once and for all became incarnate, was crucified, resurrected, and will come again."

-Bonhoeffer

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures – concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh and was appointed to be the powerful Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead. Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles, including you who are also called by Jesus Christ. To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

-the Apostle Paul to the Roman Church



Remember that Jesus said this Book is for the Church. You have been here this whole time for a reason – and that is to continue our call to share about Jesus Christ, our Lord who is soon to arrive.

Two announcements for the Fall:

I will be preaching the September 3rd Message; in which we will talk about how to correctly interpret Scripture. I previously taught this as a class, but Pastor Jamie requested that I preach it to the congregation.

Pastor Jamie and I will be resuming RAW: A Study in Hebrews, on Monday, September 11th. Please join us as we discuss one of the most incredible books of Scripture, and one that continually emphasizes the preeminence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Again, I have been truly honored to share the Lord's Revelation with you. Thanks also to Pastor Jamie, who allowed me the opportunity to teach our Monday Night Bible Study for this long period of time; to Becky and my boys for their support; to Gus for being here and supporting us every Monday; to Kari, Nichole, and Tammy for all their help with our refreshments, our notes, and so many other actions which are necessary for a long study.

May the God of Grace and Peace bless you all.

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