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CHAPTER 22

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

⁶ The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 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, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through

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the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen. (Revelation 22:1-21 NIV)

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13 NIV)

As we prepare for the end of this age, we’re assured its birth pangs will turn to joy, and time, to eternity. Let’s not refuse the power of the Holy Spirit, but *ask, seek, and knock* to be baptized into His Presence, gifted and fruitful—essential for life.

The river of life draws our attention in the first two verses of chapter 22. It’s pure; it’s clear; it moves and lives, flowing from the throne of God through the middle of the street. Jesus said that if we knew the gift of God and asked Him for it, He’d give us living water. (from Jn. 4:14) Looking into its living water, we see a reflection of Jesus who’s always in the midst of sacred things.

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The Mystery in the Midst

Yeshua is in the heart of the Word as the Seed in the bosom of God. He's the Word in the Spirit who spoke in the midst of a fiery bush; He's a messenger in the midst of the furnace. He is in middle of the Father, Son, and Spirit; He stands in the midst of the seven churches. When two or three are in prayer, He's in the middle of us there. In the midst of the years, He recalled mercy. (Hab. 3:2) He was the Word in the woman's seed, carried in the midst of a virgin. He lived between two covenants and died in the midst of two Passover meals on a wooden cross between two thieves. He's the second of three Seder matzos, the *afikoman*, hidden in the midst of its linens.²¹⁵ He descended to the center of the earth and rose in the midst of the first day as the Firstfruits in the middle of Passover week. Jesus walked between two men to Emmaus and stood in the midst of His disciples. He appears in the midst of a cloud and comes for half the virgins at midnight. He reigns between two resurrections, between two indignations; in the middle of seven bowls and seven trumpets, in the midst of the seventieth week; between the two sabbaths of Sukkot; amid twenty-four thrones in the middle of the fire; in the center of the throne of God. As the voice from amid the living creatures, the Anointed One, Yeshua, dwells in our midst forever.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in darkness; and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:1-5, 9-14 ESV)

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What Time Is It?

In 1948 Jews were rejoicing in their land when Egypt stilled their songs. Instantly a desperate war for the soul of their nation began; their half-brothers surrounded them like a trap. The Jews weren't prepared, but they made it through. We're enthralled by a revival and enchanted by a rapture, but to suffer and die for the faith, we lack readiness. (Hos. 4:6; Mat. 22:1-13; Lk. 12:35-40)

We are in His Son at the right hand of the Father—how high a calling! Angels fell into darkness for envy of the gift He freely offers us. From His throne He'll raise us up out of dust or He'll come on a cloud to raise the elect and catch us up—either way, in Him, not even death can destroy us who endure to the end.

We contain something far beyond anything the world can imagine. Our significance is in our service to others as we live for Christ. Though darkness reigns around us, we are here as the light of the world; we are the flavor of life as the salt of the earth, sanctified and made holy by faith, standing in His righteousness against sin yet praying for sinners in their time of need.

- 4 And it will come about in the last days
That the mountain of the house of the LORD
Will be established as the chief of the mountains.
It will be raised above the hills,
And the peoples will stream to it. ...
- ³ And He will judge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation will not lift a sword against nation,
And never again will they train for war.
- ⁴ Instead, each of them will sit under his vine
And under his fig tree,
With no one to make *them* afraid,
Because the mouth of the LORD of armies has spoken.
(Micah 4:1, 3-4 NASB)

Yeshua spoke in parables for His followers to hear, see, and learn what He hid from others. His disciples didn't often understand the Lord. They were puzzled by the spiritual way He saw the world. He ascended to the Father for His Spirit to come and teach us as witnesses of Christ Himself because God is Spirit and

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puts His Spirit inside us when we focus our prayers on Him and ask, seek, and knock, surrendering our all to Him. (Rom. 12:1-2)

Twelve crops of fruit remind us of those who were closest to the promises and who most closely experienced the testimony of the Word: twelve tribes and twelve disciples. Its tree is rooted by the river like the man blessed by righteousness, delighting in the words of God, a tree planted by the waters, always bringing forth its fruit fresh to the taste. (21:2; Psalm 1)

All of us, so different, yet when the perfect is come, by His multifaceted wisdom, He formed us to express the character and nature of God in His words. He seals His name on our foreheads. All of us are diverse yet united; single in heart and of one mind, together we worship and search the heart and mind of our King.

God called Abram out of Chaldea into an unknown land and increased his fortune as he went. He provided for the Hebrews in the wilderness by Moses and fed Elijah by ravens at a brook. He slew a giant with a stone from a shepherd boy's sling and the Midianites by Gideon's three hundred. With a few small fish and some bread, God in Christ fed five thousand men.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. ...

³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jer. 31:28, 34)

Jews returned to the land after the holocaust. On their way to a wilderness, its immigrants were intercepted by British forces who led them to internment camps in Cyprus till Great Britain's Mandate ended May 15, 1948.²¹⁷ Jews learned their lesson well: nothing is treasured that isn't worth the cost it takes to keep it.

On Christmas Day 1969, an American evangelist took up a large cross, carrying the gospel on foot to every nation. Often in treacherous places, across deserts, through swamps, and over mountains, Arthur Blessitt returned forty years later from around the globe, the prophetic sign of the end of the age:²¹⁶

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And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come. (Mat. 24:14)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Lk. 24:44-47 ESV)

³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: ³³ so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Mat. 24:32-35)

The world is at war; the nations are perplexed. The earth is writhing with pain, but the light of the world is within us, and our hearts are full of His Spirit. Until she sees Him, Jerusalem resists Him who loves her though He waits for her kiss.

³⁵ This is what the LORD says,
He who gives the sun for light by day
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars
for light by night,
Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
The LORD of armies is His name:

³⁶ “If this fixed order departs
From Me,” declares the LORD,
“Then the descendants of Israel also will cease
To be a nation before Me forever.”

³⁷ This is what the LORD says,
“If the heavens above can be measured
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,
Then I will also reject all the descendants of Israel
For everything that they have done,”
declares the LORD. (Jer. 31:35-37 NASB)

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Yeshua rose and ascended to heaven to send His Holy Spirit for us to live as we were created to live. We've all sinned and offended others, but by God's grace toward us, we can forgive the offenses. *For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.* (Jas. 3:2)

Our Lord Jesus forewarned us: when we see the start of these things, our redemption is at hand: the perplexity of nations; the gospel preached in all the world; signs in the earth, in the seas and the skies; the Jews in Jerusalem; the great apostasy, and last of all, the lawless one, revealed. (2 Thes. 2)

Immediately after the tribulation (in Mk. 13:24), Jesus comes on a cloud at the Father's right hand to raise the elect and catch up to Himself all who are worthy. Till then, we may be the only light the world will ever see. Get ready; it's coming:

- 46 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
(Psalm 46:1-7 ESV)

In everything with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. (Phil. 4:6)

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
(Lk. 19:12-13)