
The Book of Revelation: Session 30

Revelation 22:3-21

YouTube: “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 22:2-21 | Gary Hamrick”
(taught on March 3, 2021 | 39:30 minutes)

Notes:

“Water of life”: Rev 21:6; 22:1,17

- Mentioned nowhere else in the Bible.
- Crystal clear and pure.
- Flowing from the throne of God.
- Flanked by the tree(s) of life.
- Drank by Believers in the New Heaven.

“Tree of life”: Rev 2:7; 22:2,14,19

- First mentioned in Genesis 2:9, in the Garden of Eden.
- Guarded by cherubim after Adam and Eve were expelled.
- Not referenced again until Rev 2:7.
- Reappears in the New Heaven. Its leaves and fruit are a reward for Believers.
- Produces fruit each month.

“I am coming quickly”: Rev 22:7,12,20

- “Quickly” (Greek “tachys”): quickly, momentarily, soon

The Seven Beatitudes of Revelation

1. Rev 1:3 – Blessed are those who read, hear, and keep what is written in Revelation.
2. Rev 14:13 – Blessed are the Believers who are martyred during the Tribulation.
3. Rev 16:15 – Blessed are the Believers on earth during the Tribulation who keep themselves pure while they wait and watch for Christ’s return.
4. Rev 19:9 – Blessed are Believers who will celebrate with Jesus at the wedding banquet of the Lamb.
5. Rev 20:6 – Blessed are those who take part in the first Resurrection and who will reign with Christ during the Millennium.
6. Rev 22:6 – Blessed are those who keeps the words of the prophecy of Revelation,
7. Rev 22:14 – Blessed are those who obey God’s commandments.

Questions:

1. Read Revelation 22:1-6.
 - a. Which aspect(s) of the removal of the curse (Genesis 3:14-19) excites you most, and why?
 - b. Which detail mentioned in verses 3-5 conjures up the most emotion for you, and why?
2. Read Revelation 22:7-13. “Behold, I am coming soon (or “quickly”)!” (verses 7, 12). “The time is near (or “at hand”)!” (verse 10). As you watch the signs in our world today, how close do you think we are to the Bridegroom’s return?
3. Read Revelation 22:14-21. John MacArthur summarizes: “God inspired Revelation for one purpose: to reveal the glory of His Son and call believers to live godly, obedient lives in light of His soon return. The purpose of Revelation is not to provide entertainment, but to provide motivation for godly living.” In his book, *Respectable Sins*, Jerry Bridges lists many sins that individuals in the church give themselves and others permission to commit (thus they are “respectable” or “tolerated” in our lives and in our churches): (1) Ungodliness and worldliness (2) Anxiety and frustration (3) Ingratitude (4) Discontentment (5) Pride (6) Selfishness (7) Impatience and irritability (8) Lack of self-control (9) Anger (10) Judgmentalism (11) Envy and jealousy (12) Gossip and slander. To think about: Do you give yourself permission to commit one of the above sins? Does someone in your life (family, church family) willfully participate in one of the above sins, seemingly thinking nothing of it? Action: (1) Repent of the sin you are committing. (2) Ask God if you are the one to address a certain sin in someone you love, and – if you are the one – how and when He wants you to address it.
4. What’s your biggest “takeaway” from this study on the book of Revelation?

Want to dig deeper? Engage with these sermons by John MacArthur, taught in 1995:

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-85/believers-immediate-response-to-christs-imminent-return>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-86/gods-last-invitation-part-1>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-87/gods-last-invitation-part-2>

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