

The Lord's Return - Teacher's Notes (Revelation 22:6-21)

Goal: The students will develop an eager expectation for the Lord's Return

Praxis: The students will apply this truth for the edification and evangelization of others

- v.6
 - trustworthy and true = genuine, faithful information
 - the spirits of the prophets - II Peter 1:21 - "carried along by the Holy Spirit"
 - servants - "slaves"
 - what must soon take place - "things which it is necessary to occur quickly"
- v.7
 - I am coming soon - Revelation 22:20 = same statement
 - Revelation 19:11-16
 - v.11
 - I saw heaven opened
 - This is when the beast will be smitten by the stone cut without hands - Daniel 2:34-35
 - Zechariah 14:3-4 - the Mt. of Olives will split as a demonstration of the Lord's power
 - Matthew 24:27-31 - The Lord described His Parousia
 - white horse
 - This is like the ancient triumphal procession of ancient Rome
 - The victorious general would lead his legions in a victory procession up the main street of Rome mounted on a white horse
 - Faithful and True - clear titles of the Lord Jesus
 - in righteousness - His judgments and His war are just and righteous
 - v.12
 - eyes...flame of fire - Like Christ in Revelation 1:14; 2:18
 - many diadems = kings' crowns
 - the diadem is a sign of royalty among Persians
 - it was a blue band trimmed with white on the tiara
 - it is distinguished from the stephanos of the Believer - Revelation 2:10
 - these many kingly diadems will form a turban-like supreme crown on the head of Christ
 - a name - perhaps, among the many names of God with which He reveals His attributes, there will be another revelation of His nature with this new mysterious name
 - v.13
 - clothed...dipped - perfect tenses
 - blood - the blood of His enemies - Isaiah 63:1-4
 - the Word of God - only John uses this title in his writings - John 1:1; I John 2:14; Revelation 1:2

- v.14
 - armies
 - saints in fine linen - v.8
 - angels - Matthew 25:31
 - fine linen, white and pure...white horses - emphasizes holiness
 - following - imperfect = emphasizes progression of armies. This is a triumphal procession
- v.15
 - sword
 - the long broadsword used with both hands. Used for executions
 - God's Word at this time will be all judgment
 - In Hebrews 4:12-13 the sword is the short soldier's sword used in hand-to-hand combat from behind a shield
 - rule - "shepherd"
 - Psalm 2:9 = "rule" - "break"
 - Revelation 2:27 - "shepherd"
 - rod - "staff"
 - tread...God - literally = "He treads the winepress of the wine of the anger of the wrath of the Almighty God"
 - anger - boiling agitation, like fire in straw, quickly blazing up and quickly extinguished
 - wrath - an abiding settled habit of mind
 - the juice of the grapes is like the blood of His enemies that will splatter His vesture - Revelation 19:13
 - Isaiah 63:1-6 pictures this - Revelation 14:19-20
- v.16
 - He is the supreme King and supreme Lord
 - Psalm 2:1-6 describes His power and authority
- blessed - happy, spiritually prosperous
- keeps - present tense stresses constant guarding, watching observing and keeping safe
- words of the prophecy - how can one keep the words if the words cannot be understood?
- v.8
 - I, John - there is no question as to the human author of this book
 - to worship - this angel was a majestic being. Imagine what it will be like to see God Himself (v.3)
- v.9
 - fellow servant - "fellow slave" - we shall someday judge angels. - I Corinthians 6:3
 - your brothers the prophets - here John is classed with the prophets in biblical history
 - those who keep - the ones observing and guarding the words. All Believers have part in this activity
 - Worship God - this is our highest purpose for existing
- v.10
 - Do not seal
 - it is open to all and made to be understood
 - Daniel was told to seal his book - Daniel 12:4
 - But now God's blessing rests on the one reading and observing - Revelation 1:3
 - the time - "season"

- v.11
 - do right - Literally: let him constantly practice righteousness
 - be holy - Literally: still keep himself holy - "the states of both the evil and the good are now fixed forever. There is no word here about a 'second chance' hereafter" - [A.T. Robertson](#), p.483
- v.12
 - coming - soon in a twinkle of an eye with all the saints on horses
 - recompense - has the idea of wages
 - repay - "to give back, to render"
 - everyone - "to each person" = individual payment
 - what he has done
 - The Believer's works at the Judgment Seat of Christ - II Corinthians 5:10-11
 - The Unbeliever's works at the Great White Throne - Revelation 20:11-15
- v.13 - The Lord Jesus claims divine titles - Isaiah 44:6
 - He is God
 - He is infinite
 - Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet
- v.14
 - wash their robes
 - other texts = "do his commandments"
 - either way the grace of Christ is the Believer's way into the city
 - have the right to the tree of life
 - Literally: their authority will be to the tree of life
 - Genesis 3:22-24 - Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden to keep them from the tree of life.
 - the city now replaces the garden but includes a river and a park
- v.15
 - dogs - "the dogs" - dogs in the Orient are the scavengers and are looked upon with contempt - Philippians 3:2
 - sorcerers - drug-users
 - loves and practices falsehood = those who constantly make lies
- v.16
 - I, Jesus - emphasizes that there is none other
 - to testify - "to witness" as in a court
 - the churches - refers back to chapters two and three. Can be generalized to all the churches in the world then and now
 - the root - Isaiah 11:1, 10
 - the bright morning star
 - the last bright star (usually a planet) that rises to herald the dawn of a new day - II Peter 1:19
 - Balaam prophesied that "a star shall rise out of Jacob" - Numbers 24:17
- v.17
 - Come - stated as a command in the original text
 - the Lord said He would come - v.12
 - the Holy Spirit and the Church are expressing their eager desire for the Lord to consummate these things quickly.
 - the one who hears - implies **hearing** with understanding
 - the one who is thirsty - constantly **thirsty** - like Isaiah 55:1 - "Come everyone who thirsts..."
 - the one who desires - the one **wishing**

- without price - just like the promise of 21:6 - "without payment"
 - 1 Chronicles 28:9 - "If you seek Him, He will let you find Him" (NASB)
 - Proverbs 8:17 - "And those who diligently seek me will find me" (NASB)
- v.18
 - I - emphatic pronoun - It is Jesus Himself Who warns
 - warn - speaking as a witness in court
 - hears - these words are being read out loud in the churches (Revelation 1:3)
 - adds
 - there are those today who believe that new revelation from God is still active
 - God illumines His Word to us, but He does not add any new revelation to the Bible today
 - Verses 18 and 19 apply directly to the book of Revelation; however, these verses are also placed at the end of the entire Bible to generalize the principle of the sufficiency of Scripture to all 66 books
 - Ezekiel 13:3 - "Thus says the Lord God, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!"
- v.19
 - takes away - there are those today who would dissect the Bible in order to teach that the Bible is not God's inspired Word
 - take away his share
 - such a person has not part or portion in the inheritance of the saints
 - God warned Moses in Deuteronomy 12:32 - "...you shall not add to nor take away from it." (NASB)
 - Deuteronomy 13:1-5 illustrates this truth long before the revelation of the Bible was complete
- vv.20-21
 - Surely - a particle to enforce the affirmation = YES
 - Amen = "So be it," = It is sure, certain
 - Come - John actually uses the imperative to declare his strong desire for the Lord's Return
 - grace - this word is mentioned twice in Revelation--here and in 1:4. Believers are saved by this grace and need it to serve successfully
 - Finally, Revelation 1:3 again comes to mind. There is blessing (spiritual prosperity) to the one reading and keeping the things in Revelation