

Our Lord's Final Message Revelation 22:6-21

I. God Must Speak – 22:6-7

1. Creation expresses God's desire
To create a human with whom He can fellowship
He created that human in His likeness so fellowship is possible
But He created him with a will so he might desire that fellowship
Love must be given if fellowship is true
2. Man chose to do what would break that fellowship
With a break in fellowship man was separated from life
3. If God's purpose is to be fulfilled He must speak
He must tell man how reconciliation can come
God expressed His continuing love in Gen. 3:15
Reconciliation & restoration comes through His Son
God must continue to speak with this message
This He did through His chosen O.T. prophets
This He did through His angelic messengers
God must speak, reveal Himself through His Son
Providing the one sacrifice to bring reconciliation
God must declare this message to all the world
He spoke through His apostles in declaring good news
4. When God speaks He must speak truth – 22:6
He must declare the fullness of restoration
And He must declare the destiny of those who reject
These two truths have been unveiled in Revelation
Not only are they true but must soon take place
5. Jesus declares His coming as found in this book – 7
Blessing comes for those who keep these words
Compare this with the words promised in Rev. 1:3
This book is practical – to be "kept" lived out

II. John's Response – 22:8-11

1. He is overwhelmed with these truths – 8-9
Revelations God has given him are so sacred
That he falls down to worship at the feet of the angel
Such worship is forbidden as the angel is only a messenger
He is a fellow servant with, John, prophets & those who keep these words
Worship God for this is His Word, His truth
Those who keep, live out, these truths must worship the author
Book of Revelation should cause us to worship God
2. He is not to seal up the words of this book – 10-11
The time is at hand – it is imminent though it may seem long
Contrast this with what Daniel is told in Dan. 12:9
When He comes, no time to change your behavior - 1

III. Jesus' Final Words – 22:12-19

1. Behold, I am coming soon – 12
Repeated from verse 7 with a note of urgency

- "Soon" seems to suggest with suddenness— imminent
This calls for preparation—living in light of His coming
Note Jesus' parable of 10 Virgins – Matt. 25:1-13
2. Bringing my recompense with me – 12
To repay each one for what he has done
Note the words of verse 11, no time for change
 3. I am the Alpha and the Omega – 13
The first and the last, the beginning and the end
What He had purposed in creation He will fulfill in the end
You can count on it, there is no plan B
 4. Blessing will come as promised – 14
To those who wash their robes,
So that they may have right to the tree of Life,
And that they may enter the city by the gates
To those who rest in the finished works of Jesus Christ
 5. Destiny of unbelievers are also sure – 15
"Outside of the eternal city are the dogs and sorcerers
and the sexually immoral and murders and idolaters
and everyone who loves and practices falsehood"
 6. Jesus sent the angel to John – 16
He validates the truth of this revelation to the church
He identifies Himself as the root and descendant of David
He is also the bright and morning star—Man's only hope
 7. The invitation is still extended - 17
The Spirit calls men to come to Jesus
The Bride (Church) calls men to come
Those who hear invite others to come
The thirsty are invited to come
Those who desire the water of life without price are invited
 8. Folly of altering the words of this book – 18-19
A solemn word of warning
Don't add anything to these words
Or God will add to him the plagues in this book
Don't take away from words of this prophecy
God will take away his share in tree of life & in the holy city described in this book
 9. Jesus testified these things to John – 20
He also said "Surely I am coming soon"
John responds Amen – Come, Lord Jesus!
 10. John ends with a blessing –
The grace of Lord Jesus be with all. Amen