

Last Words of Our Lord Jesus Revelation 22:6-21

I. His Testimony to the Message – 22:6-7

1. "These words are trustworthy and true – 6
Remember the words of Rev. 1:1-3
God gave the revelation of this book to His Son Jesus – 1:1
"To show to His servants the things that must soon take place"
God's plan was to send His angel to His servant John
"Who in turn bore witness to the Word of God & to the testimony of Jesus Christ"
John was to record "all that he saw"
2. God pronounced a blessing on the message – 1:3
"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy"
This message is so vital that it needs to be read to a gathering
"Blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it"
"For the time is near"
3. John was assured that "these words are trustworthy & true" – 22:6
"And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets" (Jesus)
"Has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place"
Surely this message is "trustworthy and true"
4. Jesus speaks in support of this truth – 22: 7
"And behold, I am coming soon"
Jesus adds His blessing to this message
"Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book"
Not just hears but "keeps" lives it out
The Greek word "soon" has the sense of "quickly" or "with suddenness"
The word calls for being prepared for His coming

II. John Adds His Testimony – 22:8-9

1. He speaks for what he heard & what he saw – 8
The impact of this was so great that he was stirred emotionally
He fell at the feet of the angel who showed them
2. The angel quickly corrected this response – 9
The angel said, "You must not worship me"
"I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets"
And those who keep the words of this book"
"Worship God"
He is the source of this message and declared it to be true
He alone is worthy of our worship

III. Angel Adds Directions – 22:10-11

1. "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book" – 10
"For the time is near"
Compare this with directions given to Daniel – Dan. 12:4
"You, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end"
Later Daniel is given more information about the time of the end – Dan. 12:8-13
This point in time goes from "Abomination of Desolation" – see Matt. 24:15-28
2. For John the "time is near" – 10-11
It is certainly more near and it is time to repent and turn to Christ
By the time of the abomination of desolation it may be too late
The time will come when God says "Let the evil Doer still do evil"
"And the filthy still be filthy and the righteous still Do right and the holy still be holy"

IV. A Sign for Israel – Dan. 12:6-13

1. God gave Israel a sign for coming of Messiah – Dan. 9:24-27
From the decree for Israel to return to coming of Messiah was 283 yrs.
This number came to pass when Jesus presented Himself as Messiah
On the Day we call Palm Sunday when He rode Into Jerusalem
Jesus' crucifixion was carried out later that week
Jesus wept and prayed over Jerusalem for their rejection
And what would be the result for Israel – Luke 19:41-44
2. This break was predicted in Dan. 9:26-27
It comes to a close with the rise of one in Revelation called the beast
This ruler (prince) will make a covenant for 7 Yrs. with Israel – Dan. 9:27
But will break that covenant after 3 ½ yrs. with an abomination of desolation"
2 Thess.2:1-4 and Rev.13:13-15
Daniel given this in 12:8-13 as a time for return of Christ.- Matt. 24:27-31
3. Jesus points to this sign in Matt. 24:15-31
The Jews living in Israel should flee
This ends the tribulation & the return of Jesus Christ to earth
Remember believers in Christ will be raptured
Before this time Rev 7::9-17
Before the pouring out of God's wrath on earth
4. Coming back to Rev. 22:11
John is told not to seal this book because believers will be with Him in heaven during the time of judgement
It will be too late to try to make changes at that point

The River of Life **Revelation 22:1-5**

I. The River of Life – 22:1-5

1. The glorious river flows through the city – 1
The angel showed John this River of Life
2. This river was “the water of life” – 1
It was “bright as crystal”
3. The source of this river is from throne of God and the Lamb – 1
The source of the river explains the power of the water
“Flowing from the Throne of God & of the Lamb”
4. Jesus spoke of this water of life
He told the Samaritan woman about “water of life” – Jn. 4:13-14
This water will take away human “thirst”
“It shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life”
He also spoke to the Jews about this water of life – Jn. 7:37-38
He spoke to any who were thirsty to come to Him and drink
He promised “whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said” “out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”
- 5 This river flows through the middle of the street of the city – 2
This fulfills the promise that makes this water accessible
Human thirst is fully quenched from this river of life
What Jesus promised in His ministry He fulfills

II. The Tree of Life – 2-3

- 1 On either side of the river was the Tree of Life – 2
This tree was in the Garden of Eden – Gen. 2:9
It was planted right in the “midst of the garden”
And it promised eternal life to those who ate of it
2. God’s creative work was prepared for eternity
Thankfully, it was never used even though it was accessible
After sin entered with Adam & Eve angels were sent to guard it – Gen 3:22-23
To keep anyone who might eat it and remain sinful for eternity
But now this tree is on either side of the river
God’s plan for man to live eternally will be fulfilled
6. The Tree of Life had twelve kinds of fruit – 2
Yielding its fruit each month
There was provision, with variety, for humans in their renewed body
4. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations
As nourishment is provided for renewed bodies
So the bodies are also protected from any disease

- .5. No longer will there be anything accursed - 3
No more rebellion against God but there will be loyalty
“But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it”
All will live under the righteous rule of the holy God
And the Lamb of God will sit upon the throne
6. “And His servants will worship Him”

III. The Family of God – 22:4-5

1. As the family of God they will see His face – 4
The veil will be lifted & we shall see Him “face to face” – 2 Cor. 3:18
Creation’s purpose will be fulfilled as God & man fellowship together
2. “His name will be on their forehead” – 4
They are His children – purchased by the blood of His Son
Conformed now to the image of His Son
3. And “night will be no more” – 5
No need for lamps or for the sun
The Lord God will be their light
The glory of God will radiate and fill our eyes with His glory
4. And they will reign forever and ever

