

Revelation 22:6-21 | Come Lord Jesus

Next Sunday we start 1 Thessalonians

- This week we will read a chapter a day (5)
- In each chapter, make note of:
 - 1. Something Cool
 - 2. Something Concrete
 - 3. Something Convicting
 - 4. Something about Christ
- **What I do:** Read; re-read; ruminant and pray; journal (action)

Read Revelation 22:6-21

The vision ends gloriously with wonderful news...

- So unbelievable and out there that John hears a **voice of confirmation: Verses 6, 16, 18-19**
 - **Faithful and true** (v. 6); **from Jesus** (v. 16); **don't mess with them...** sacred truth (vv. 18-19)

Summary...

- Reminded at the end here that everything will forever be different: **Verse 15**
 - There is no place in **New Creation** for the wickedness that is so prevalent now (b/w; in/out)
- All are invited into this **New Creation** through **forgiveness: Verse 14 and Verse 17c (The Gospel)**
 - That is why this Book is so important and needs to be read and heard (**Verse 10a**)
 - It is the Revelation of Jesus! **Verse 13 and 16b**
 - Revelation = Uncovering; Unveiling

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| 1. The Faithful Witness | 21. The beginning of the creation of God |
| 2. The firstborn from the dead | 22. The Lion from the tribe of Judah |
| 3. The ruler of the kings of the earth | 23. The Root of David that has overcome |
| 4. The one who loves us | 24. The Lamb of God |
| 5. The one who has released us from our sins | 25. The one who rules the nations with a rod of iron |
| 6. The one who made us to be a kingdom of priests | 26. The Lamb that stands on Mount Zion |
| 7. The one who is coming with the clouds | 27. The one who wears the golden crown |
| 8. The First and the Last | 28. The one who holds the sharp sickle |
| 9. The living one | 29. The Bridegroom of the Church |
| 10. The one who holds the keys to death and Hades | 30. The Faithful and True |
| 11. The one who walks among the churches | 31. The Word of God |
| 12. The one who has the sharp two-edged sword | 32. The King of kings and the Lord of lords |
| 13. The one who has eyes like a flame of fire | 33. The temple of God |
| 14. The one who is holy | 34. The lamp of God |
| 15. The one who is true | 35. The Alpha and the Omega |
| 16. The one who has the key of David | 36. The First and the Last |
| 17. The one who opens and no one will shut | 37. The Beginning and the End |
| 18. The one who closes and no one will open | 38. The Root and the offspring of David |
| 19. The Amen | 39. The Bright Morning Star |
| 20. The Faithful and True Witness | 40. The one who is coming quickly |

And the salient point of the closing section is that **He is coming quickly** (**Verses 6d, 7, 10d, 12, 20**) (**vv. 11-12a**)

- This gives us hope to hold on...
- And so we say, "**Come**" (**Verses 17a-b and 20b**)

What does it mean to say, "Come Lord Jesus"?

- Verse 7
 - I am coming quickly, so you should live out (obey) the implications of this book = blessed if do
- To respond rightly to "I am coming quickly" with "come Lord Jesus" is to obey
 - How? Well who is coming? **Our king! Our Lord!** The Lord of righteousness...
 - Verse 17 = **The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come"**
 - The Holy Spirit is **with** us and **in** us and **upon** us for power (**Walk in the Spirit...**)

But the Spirit also propels us into mission, in light of the coming Kingdom (**Book of Acts**)

To say, "come quickly" is to obey

- It is to obey the great commission (**Matthew 28:18-20, NASB**)
- Keeping mind this: **Matthew 24:14, NASB**

The end is in sight:

- More people have followed Christ in the last 100 years than in all of the previous centuries combined
- There are more people alive today who call themselves Christians than in all of the previous generations put together¹
- 1/360² versus 1/9³ (Active Christians in the world in AD 100 and now)
- In very recent times we have made great progress
 - In 1976 there were an estimated 17,000 unreached people groups
 - Today there are only an estimated 8,000 groups that are unreached⁴
- This is doable in our lifetime! We can finish the task!!!!
 - AD 100 = 1:12; Now = 1000:1 (church to people ratio)
 - So, if Christians got serious about "Come Lord Jesus"...
 - Recent (last 100 years) explosion: **Draw chart**

Here is the glorious goal:

- **Revelation 7:9-10, NASB**

To say, "come quickly" is to obey and live into that work of the Kingdom going forward

- Because our lives are witnesses and we live to witness
 - You are a witness... how are you living that out
- Verse 12 and reward
 - You will never regret obeying Jesus—and it pays eternal dividends

The directive of the Book of Revelation for us can be summed up this way:

- **1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT**

Corporate reading of **Revelation 15:3-4**

Pastor: And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

People: Great and marvelous are Your works,
O Lord God, the Almighty;
Righteous and true are Your ways,
King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy;
For all the nations will come and worship before you,
For your righteous acts have been revealed.

¹ Perspectives Study Guide, 73.

² Perspectives Reader, 544.

³ Ibid, 531.

⁴ Ibid, 539.