

REVELATION: Lesson 145

Chapter 16:15-17, The Coming of the Lord / It is Done

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In verse 15 the Lord Jesus Christ urges us to be ready for His sudden arrival. Since we do not know the day or the hour of His coming, we must be ready at all times, watching with our garments on, so we're not caught by surprise.

The Coming of the Lord

Revelation 1:7 Every eye shall see Him at His coming.

Instructions to the Church

Revelation 2:25 The Lord instructs His church to hold fast to what we already have till He comes.

- Assurance of Salvation (1 John 5:11-12).
- Fellowship of the saints (Heb 10:24-25).
- God's holy scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16), which guide and direct you.

Revelation 3:3 The Lord urges His church not to be caught by surprise when He comes as a thief.

- Hold fast to everything you have learned from the Bible (memorize it, practice it, adhere to it).
- Repent without delay when you sin (1 Jn 1:9, Rev 3:19, Acts 17:30).
- Don't give up and quit serving the Lord. He'll catch you not watching and not ready, and possibly doing something you wish you weren't caught doing.
- Strive to always be in the center of the Lord's will, doing what pleases Him.
- Because you don't know when the Lord will return, you will be ready always.

Revelation 3:11 Jesus promised to come quickly, not soon. But when He comes, it will be so quick, you won't have time to change your activities and your ways. It's best to always be doing right. If you know you're doing something wrong now, you ought to change it now.

Warning to the Lost

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief.

- Unannounced.
- Takes only the valuable things.
- Leaves behind fear and terror.
- Nothing you can do about it.

Blessings as we Wait / Rewards when the Lord Comes

Revelation 22:7 There are present blessings if we are living according to the word of God today.

Revelation 22:12 If you are keeping the word of God today, the Lord has promised rewards at His coming.

Revelation 22:20 The Lord shall come quickly. Those who love Him are glad to know He's coming.

The Seventh Vial (Rev 16:17)

- It is poured out into the air.
 - Satan is the prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:1-2).
 - He was already forced out of the third heaven to the second heaven (Luke 10:18).
 - Then he was forced down to the atmosphere of the earth (Rev 12:7-9).
 - He rules the course of this world (the system of evil on this earth).
 - The seventh vial is judgment upon that world system, driving Satan down to the earth.
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The Great Voice out of the Temple of Heaven

- “It is done!”
 - The end of the world is at hand.
 - The hour of the Son of Man has come.
 - Time for final judgment (chapter 17-20).
 - Time for the King to take the kingdom.
 - You cannot stop it.

The Great Voice on Calvary’s Cross (John 19:1-30)

- “It is finished!” (vs 30).
 - The sins of the world were paid for on the cross.
 - Men and women would no longer have to suffer the wrath of Almighty God for eternity.
 - Only those who reject Christ’s finished payment will suffer God’s wrath.
 - To them, the cry from heaven is “**It is done!**” They will now have to pay for their own sins forever and ever in the Lake of Fire.
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