

REVELATION Lesson 205

Chapter 22:5-21 Revelation Summary

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Vs 5 “...and they shall reign for ever and ever.” Saints reigning does not contradict any scripture.

- The throne belongs to God and the Lamb (vs 1, vs 3, Exod 15:18, Ps 146:10, Lk 1:33, Rev 11:15).
 - We are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17).
 - We are the sons of God...we shall be like him (1 Jn 3:1-2).
 - Jesus Christ hath made us kings and priests unto God (Rev 1:6).
 - Jesus Christ is “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Rev 19:16).
 - Jesus is King supreme. Born-again believers shall be kings who reign for ever and ever with Him.
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HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY (Vss 6-11)

God reminds us in this final summary of His word that man is responsible for his own actions.

In this first section, God gives a warning “⁷ **Behold, I come quickly...**” Jesus is coming. If you’re not ready when He comes, it’s nobody’s fault but your own.

DIVINE REWARD (Vss 12-17)

God reminds us of the reason we ought to live right: there is divine reward.

In this second section, the Lord repeats the warning, “¹² **Behold, I come quickly...**” Jesus will have rewards with Him when He comes. Will there be any for you?

THE SPIRITUAL RESPONSE (Vss 18-21)

The spiritual response is “²¹ **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**” The one who responds spiritually is one who would serve the Lord even if he wasn’t responsible to Him and even if there were no eternal rewards to be gained.

In this section, the Lord again says, “²⁰ **Surely, I come quickly.**”

If you would live your life in the **certain expectation that Jesus is coming quickly**, you would be living spiritually and responding to circumstances in a spiritual fashion. Knowing and believing that Jesus is coming will change the way you live your life today. This is the keynote of Chapter 22.

Vs 9 “**See thou do it not.**” The angel tells John not to bow down to him.

- Peter told Cornelius not to bow down to him (Acts 10:25).
- Jesus said, “**Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, AND HIM ONLY (!) shalt thou serve!**” (Mt 4:10).
- Jesus never rebuked anyone for worshipping Him:
 - Peter in Luke 5:8.
 - Mary in John 11:32

- A Leprous man in Mathew 8:2.
- Jairus, a ruler in the synagogue (Mark 5:22).
- The woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit (Mark 7:25).
- The wise men from the east (Matthew 2:11).

Vs 6 “**These sayings are faithful and true.**” Many people do not believe the bible is the perfect and inerrant word of God. Here the bible states that it is faithful and true.

- You would have no reason to believe that Jesus Christ is “**the faithful witness**” (Rev 1:5) if you didn’t believe “**these sayings are faithful and true**” from an inerrant bible.
 - “**A faithful witness will not lie!**” (Prov 14:5).
 - It is **impossible for God to lie** (Heb 6:18).
 - God said Jesus Christ is faithful (Rev 1) and He said His book is faithful (Rev 22:6).
 - How can you believe in a perfect God—if you don’t believe that the book which tells about Him is perfect also?

<u>THE INTRODUCTION</u>	<u>THE SUMMARY</u>
Rev 1:1 Things which must shortly come to pass.	Rev 22:6 Things which must shortly be done.
Rev 1:1 sent and signified it by his angel.	Rev 22:6 Sent his angel to shew unto his servants.
Rev 1:1 unto his servant John.	Rev 22:6 Unto his servants. (We receive the same thing John received).
Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth...this prophecy.	Rev 22:7 Blessed is he that keepeth...the prophesy.
Rev 1:7 Behold, He cometh.	Rev 22:7 I come quickly.
Rev 1:11 I am Alpha and Omega.	Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega.
Rev 1:17 I fell at his feet as dead.	Rev 22:8 I fell down to worship.
Rev 1:3 The time is at hand	Rev 22:10 The time is at hand.
Rev 1:17 Fear not (Jesus speaking).	Rev 22:16 I Jesus (Jesus speaking).
Rev 1:7 He cometh...Even so, Amen.	Rev 22:20 Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Vs 7 “**Behold, I come quickly...**” After viewing the splendors of New Jerusalem, the Lord tells John to get his eyes back on Him. Heaven is not about the riches and beauty that is there. It’s about Jesus.

“**Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**” We are not told to live it, but to keep it. Churches that have lost sight of the Lord’s imminent return have gone into apostasy. They moved away from the principles and beliefs taught in the holy bible.

- The Lord showed us in this book that man’s attempts to solve the world’s problems will fail.
- Churches that don’t keep those sayings will continue to try and fix the world. They will fail.
- Jesus must come again to fix what man cannot fix.

SEVEN BOOKS IN REVELATION

1. The book to the seven churches (1:11).
2. The seven-sealed book that could only be opened by the Lord (5:1).
3. The little book in the hand of an angel (10:2).
4. The book of life (8:17).
5. The books containing the deeds of men (20:12).
6. God's books to which men's works are compared (20:12).
7. The book of Revelation (22:7).

God uses a book to communicate with man. Satan, knowing this, attacks God's word every chance he gets.

8-9 God makes it clear that men are not to worship angels.

- Colossians 2:18 also warns about worshipping angels. An angel will not tell you to worship him.
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Vs 11 **"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still."** If you were unjust when you died, you will still be unjust when you get to eternity.

"He which is filthy, let him be filthy still." If you die filthy, the fires of hell won't clean you up. You will be filthy forever if you were not cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

"He that is righteous, let him be righteous still." Righteousness comes from Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1:30). When you have Jesus Christ's righteousness, you are righteous in the eyes of God forever.

"He that is holy, let him be holy still." If Jesus Christ took you out of Adam and put you in Himself, if he took you out of sin and put you into His body, you are holy—and you will be holy in eternity.

This verse refutes Universalism, second chance theories, reincarnation, and the idea of losing salvation.

Notice that it also refutes Calvinism. God did not decide beforehand which individuals He would give eternal life and which ones He would cast into eternal hellfire. Everyone makes a choice.

- If a man wants to be unjust, God will **"LET him be unjust."** He does not force anyone to go to heaven if they don't want to.
 - If a man wants to be filthy, God won't clean him up against his will. He'll **"Let him be filthy."**
 - Anyone who wants to be righteous and holy, God will **"Let him."** He'll save you and cleanse you of all unrighteousness and you will STILL be righteous and holy in eternity.
 - God will not stop you from doing what you want to do:
 - He'll warn you.
 - He'll send you preachers.
 - He'll send examples.
 - He'll send witnesses.
 - He'll send conviction.
 - He'll trouble your conscience.
 - But He won't stop you from doing what you want to do. He'll **"let you..."**
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