

**REVELATION Lesson 207**  
**Chapter 22:12-21 Last Words**

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**Vs 12** “Behold” occurs 26 times in Revelation, 6 times proclaiming the fact that the Lord is coming.

“And my reward is with me.”

- The Church is Jesus Christ’s reward for His suffering and His sacrifice: “My reward.”
- The Church’s reward is that we will be with Jesus Christ (Jn 14:3).
- There are also rewards that Christ brings at His coming to distribute on the Earth.

**Vs 13** “I am Alpha and Omega...” etc. Christ started His work in Genesis and finishes it in Revelation.

**Vs 14** “Blessed are they that do his commandments.” These blessings are present tense (as vs 7 and James 1:12). Doing right and obeying God brings immediate blessings.

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**Vs 15** “For without *are* dogs...” God does not place the importance of animals on the same level as humans. Animals are “Natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed...” (2 Pet 2:12).

- **Isaiah 66:3** One animal is the same as another. None of their blood can save you. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can save you. (Heb 10:4, 9:14)
- **Matthew 7:6** Being kind to animals is not an act of spirituality. Animals are not holy.
- **Psalms 22:16, 20** Dogs are scavengers that feed on death. There were probably dogs at Calvary’s hill.
- **Jeremiah 15:3** A dog is a carnivorous beast who tears flesh. Deut 23:13, they’re profane.
- **2 Peter 2:22** Dogs are vile and disgusting.

“Sorcerers” People who use potions, spells, drugs, or enchantments in their occult practices.

“whoremongers” habitually depraved lustful activity. It’s everywhere you look today, but it won’t be allowed inside New Jerusalem.

“Murderers.” Like their father, the devil, a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44).

“Idolaters” Those who replace God with other deities or with things they esteem higher than God.

“Whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” People who make lies and also love those who lie.

- **Romans 1:29-32** speaks of people who not only do wicked things, but also have pleasure in watching others do wicked things. Are you pleased to watch wickedness?
- **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**, those who have the truth, but don’t want it have pleasure in unrighteousness. Remember that the Lord looks at your heart.

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**Vs 16** “I Jesus.” This is the name given to the Lord which is above every name (Php 2:9).

Philippians 2:10	Revelation 22:16
<b>THE PROMISE</b>	<b>THE FULFILLMENT</b>
<b>At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.</b>	
Things under the earth	I am the root
Things in earth	I am...the offspring of David
Things in heaven	I am...the bright and morning star

Why does the angel testify these things **in the churches**?

- The church is the group looking for the bright and morning star (the Lord at the rapture).
- Following the appearance of the morning star is the darkest hour of night (Tribulation).
- Following the darkest hour, the sun rises (Return of the Lord with His saints).

Jesus Christ is the "**bright and morning star.**" This fulfils Numbers 24:17 "**there shall come a Star...**"

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**Vs 17** "**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.**" "Come" occurs over 1900 times in the bible. The first time is in Genesis 7:1, "**Come thou and all thy house into the ark.**" Come to safety.

**18-19** "**If any man shall add...**" "**If any man shall take away from the words...**"

- The Law: Deuteronomy. 4:2 "**Ye shall not add unto the word...neither shall ye diminish ought from it.**" Deuteronomy 12:32 repeats this.
- The Prophets: Proverbs 30:6 "**Add thou not unto his words.**"

18 "**The words of the prophecy of this book.**" Emphasis is on the content of the book.

19 "**The words of the book of this prophecy.**" Emphasis is on the completeness of the book.

"**...God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city...**" Christians cannot have their name blotted out, nor are they trying to gain access to the holy city.

- People who are not part of the Church during the Millennium are the ones in danger of having their names blotted out of the book of life and being refused access to the City.

The most serious sin is that of changing the words of God.

- Adam and Eve were the first to change God's words.
  - The roll call of faith (Heb 11) begins with Abel. Adam and Eve are not mentioned.
  - David (adulterer, murderer, liar) called tampering with God's word "**the great transgression.**" (Psalm 19:13).
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**Vs 20** "**Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**" Can you honestly say, "**even so,**" in agreement with everything God said He is going to do to those who reject Him?

**Vs 21** "**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.**"