

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

THE IMPACT OF THIS BOOK – VS. 6-9

Rev 22:6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true."

And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things

which must shortly take place.

Rev 22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly (swiftly; soon=ESV)! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Rev 22:8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

Rev 22:9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK – vs. 10-15

Rev 22:10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

"I come quickly - tachu - " - 22:7, 12, 20 - cf. Rev. 1:1-3; 3:11 - cf. 1 Cor. 15:52 - soon and sudden – Is that different?

THE IMPACT OF THIS BOOK –vs. 6-9 - Notice five things:

v. 6 "These words are faithful and true." - The reliability of this message - cf. 21:5; 3:14 – totally reliable, you can count on it!

v. 6 "the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants - The reminder of how the message was given - cf. 1:1 - From God the Father to Jesus Christ to the angel to John to the churches!

v. 6 "which must shortly take place". – What Christianity is all about!!! It's yet to come! - Cf. 1 Cor. 2:9

v. 7 "Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." - The response we should give to this message – This is the sixth beatitude in this Book. - Cf. Matt. 24:44-46 (“will find so doing”!); 25:14-30; 1 John 2:5 (“whoever keeps His commandments...”); 3:3 (“everyone who has this hope in or upon Him purifies himself” - purity and faithfulness)

v. 8 "I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things." - The reaction of John to this book

v. 9 "See that you do not do that - The rebuke of the angel - cf. Heb. 1:4, 6 “Let all the angels of God worship Him”!! Are we to worship only God?

IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK – vs. 10-15
(Revealed in four ways)

v. 10 "Do not seal the words" - It reveals the climax of God's plan of the ages - cf. Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 8-10

"quickly" (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20) – Gr.- tachu – literal translation in NKJV is “swiftly”; translation in ESV is “soon”

Two uses of this word:

- 1 Quickly in the sequence of time; soon**
- 2 Also when these events start unfolding, it won't be long, it will happen fast!**

Blessed is he who keeps the words...!!!
Revelation is not a book that just gives us interesting insights on what is yet to happen, but **it is a most practical Book**. We are told to: **“do this; keep this; follow this; obey this; occupy until He comes; purity and faithfulness”!**

Do you ever fall down to worship before the feet of the Lord?

Here it is not to seal – not “seal up”!!

Rev 22:11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;

he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

Rev 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly(swiftly; soon=ESV), and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Rev 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life,

and may enter through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

v. 11 "let him be unjust still; - The impossibility of any changes in the eternal state of believers and unbelievers - "still"

v. 11 "he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." - The enormous contrast between the believer and the unbeliever in terms of final destiny (unjust vs. righteous; filthy vs. holy— EXACT OPPOSITES!)

v. 12 "behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me", - It reveals the Coming of Jesus Christ - Cf. Rom. 2:6; 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:8, 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:10- cf. Rev. 4:4 - "on their heads crowns of gold"

v. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." - It reveals the Divine character of Jesus Christ; - Cf. Is. 43:11-15; 44:6; 45:5-6, 8, 11-12, 14, 18, 21-22; 52:13-53:12 (Note the singular pronouns); 59:20-21; 60:1; 61:1-3

v. 14 "Blessed are those who do His commandments", - It reveals the consequences of the gospel

v. 14 "may enter through the gates into the city". - They describe how we may enter the heavenly city - Cf. John 6:28-29 (this is the work of God that you believe in Him, whom He sent); 1 John 3:23; 5:5 - "wash their robes" codex Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus.

v. 15 "But outside - They determine who is inside the city and who is outside the city

Wow, what an enormous contrast between the believer and the unbelievers in terms of our eternal destiny!!! --THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES!

Do you believe you are going to be rewarded in heaven?

THE FINAL INVITATION OF THE BOOK – VS. 16-21 (God’s one last appeal!)

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches.

I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

And let him who hears say, "Come!"

And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires,

let him take the water of life

freely.

Rev 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Rev 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

THE FINAL INVITATION OF THE BOOK – VS. 16-21 -- (God’s one last appeal!)

v. 16 "I, Jesus," - The Person Who is the center and object of this invitation

v. 16 "the Root" - Isa. 11:1; 53:2 - Cf. Psa. 132:11-12; 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16

v. 16 "Bright and Morning Star" - Numbers 24:17(a star shall come out of Jacob); Rev. 2:28 (to overcomers at Thyratira- "I will give him the morning star."

v. 17 "Come!" - The provision of this invitation - Cf. Matt. 11:28 - "the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" - The people who give the invitation

v. 17 "let him who hears say "Come!" and let him that hears say..." Jn. 7:37-38

v. 17 "let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, - The prerequisite which must be faced - "let him who thirsts" and "whoever desires" – open to anyone who will come by fiath to Christ to accept His gfracious offer to eternal life!

v. 17 "him take the water of life - The promise which the invitation gives

v. 17 "freely". - The price of this invitation – it cost the Lord Jesus His death on the cross, but it’s given to us freely!

v. 18 " If anyone adds to these things". – This Book is to be heard and obeyed, not tampered with!!

v. 19 "God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things - Rev. 20:15; 21:27 - The punishment for those who reject this invitation - Cf. Heb. 1:1-2; Jude 3 "tree of life" 10 times – Gen. 2:9; 3:22, 24; Prov. 3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:4; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14.

Just as I am

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I AM COMING QUICKLY -- 22:6-21

OBSERVATION

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things

says, "Surely I am coming quickly(swiftly; soon=ESV)." Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Rev 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

INTERPRETATION

" He who testifies to these - The PROPHECY that makes this invitation so important

"Surely I am coming quickly." - It is an EVENT that will happen soon!

Even so, come, Lord Jesus! - It is the EXPECTATION of every believer! Let's repeat this in unison!!!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. - A FINAL WORD: "THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL - AMEN!" (cf. Rev. 1:4—this ends as it begun with grace!); Titus 2:11-14)

Summary of some important things we are told in the Book of Revelation:

What Christianity is all about!

Watch and be ready! For that great moment when Jesus comes!

Keep Active! – Such practical applications for us Rewards

An enormous contrast between the believer and the unbelievers in terms of our eternal destiny!!!

--There will be NO CHANGES!

Only Names written in the Lamb's Book of Life are saved!

Our Being Sure

The final invitation

If you don't turn to God, the only Redeemer, you will be lost!

That whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

APPLICATION

Questions:

1. What are some of the important things that come to your mind that you have learned from this Book? – "To sell all you have and go to the mountains and wait?"
2. What do verses 6, in today's study and Rev. 1:1 have in common?
3. Who is the message of Revelation directed to?
4. What response does verse seven say that the blessing from this Book is dependent upon? How about verse 14?
5. Do you ever fall down to worship before the feet of the Lord? Should we? (verse 8)
6. Are we to worship only God, not angels? (v. 9)
7. Do you believe you are going to be rewarded in heaven? That every believer will be?
8. How would you prove to someone, from the Old Testament only, maybe a Jewish person, that Jesus is God?
9. What constitutes the requirement of the invitation in verse 17? Does that mean to invite someone to church?
10. What does one have to do in verse 17, or what is the requirement for someone to "Come", to respond to the invitation?