

# Revelation Chapter Twenty-Two

- A crystal clear river of the water of life flows from the throne of God and the Lamb [22:1].
  - The throne is located in the middle of the New Jerusalem on the new earth.
  - The Lamb is on the throne meaning that handing over the kingdom to the Father [1 Cor 15:24] does not mean that Christ's reign will come to an end at the end of the Millennium, but it does change in character (e.g. no more ruling with a rod of iron).
- The tree of life is replanted on the new earth for the health of the people [22:2 cp. Gen 2:9; 3:22, 24].
  - The word "healing" is *θεραπεία* which means health-giving (therapeutic) describing the positive effect the tree of life has on our resurrection bodies.
  - The word "nations" is *ἔθνος* which means people groups (ethnicity).
- The new earth does not suffer from the curse of the fall and everyone on it will serve the Lord [22:3-4].
- Once again we see that the Lord is the Light of the new earth [22:5a cp. 21:23-24].
- The saints will reign with Christ forever and ever [22:5b cp. Dan 7:18, 27].
- The angel assures John that the things he has been told are true and will take place "soon" [22:6].
- Jesus Christ states that His return is imminent and will proceed at a rapid rate – we are blessed if we heed what is written in this book [22:7].
- John is once again overcome by what he has seen and heard so he mistakenly falls down to worship the angel [22:8-9 cp. 19:10].
- John is not to seal up the prophecy of this book due to the urgency of its message [22:10 cp. Dan 8:26].
- Since the message of this book is not sealed up, it is up to each person to heed what it says – John is not to force its message upon anyone [22:11].
- Jesus Christ reiterates His imminent return [22:12a].
- Jesus Christ makes it clear that He is the one who renders rewards based upon the evaluation of our deeds [22:12b cp. 1 Cor 3:12-15; 2 Cor 5:10].
- Jesus Christ is eternal God [22:13].

- Those who have washed their robes are contrasted with unbelievers [22:14-15].
  - The only way to wash your robe and make it white is in the blood of the Lamb (through faith) [7:14].
  - “Outside” is a description of being excluded from the new creation – in the Lake of Fire.
- Jesus Christ proclaims that He has sent this message to the local churches through His angel [22:16].
- The Spirit works with the Church age saints to extend an invitation for unbelievers to “come” and enjoy the free gift of the blessings of eternity through faith in Christ [22:17].
- A stern warning is given concerning rejecting the truth of God’s word by adding to or taking away from it [22:18-19 cp. Deut 4:2; 12:32; Pr 30:6].
- Jesus Christ again reminds John of the imminence (and speed) of His coming [22:20a].
- John responds to this with a prayer [22:20b-21].
  - John begins his prayer by expressing his excitement concerning Christ’s return.
  - John then ends with a benediction – asking for the Lord’s grace to be with the saints.
  - It is significant to note that the final verse of Revelation, a book that tells of God’s coming wrath, is centered on God’s grace.