

Revelation 22:1-21

Jesus is Coming Soon

Introduction:

The title gives the impression that I'm being rather presumptuous regarding the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, but not really, I'm merely stating what John states in the last chapter of the book of Revelation three times. (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20) "Coming Soon" must always be understood according to God's Calendar and according to the way the inspired writers use the word "time" These are the last words of the last book of the Bible! They are the most memorable. "Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. This is John's prayer and it should be ours.

I. The Tree of Life

A. The river of Paradise – v.1-2

1. It's Fountain head – "flowed from the Throne"
2. It's quality – "as clear as crystal"
3. It's position – centrally flowing down the middle of the city's street
Psa. 46:4, 5

B. The water symbolizes – thirst for Christ – John 7:37,38

C. Comparing the Genesis tree of life with the Revelation tree of Life.

D. The Happiness of Paradise v. 4-5

1. God will be revealed to us through the face of Christ.
2. The name of Jesus shall be on our foreheads.
3. Direct knowledge of God – v.5a.
4. Eternal reign – v.5b. II Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10

II. Christ's Return – v.7-21

A. Coming back regardless of the Scoffers – II Pet. 3:1-10

1. Those who say it refers to the destruction of Jerusalem – AD 70
2. The nearness of Christ Coming and the shortness of time – "last days" Heb. 1:1-2
3. From the perspective of Christ's timetable – v.10; Gen. 7:16; II Pet. 3:6,7

B. Inside or Outside the city – v.14-15

1. No room for wild dogs – v.15
2. A gracious invitation – v.17

III. The Fence Around the Scriptures

A. No tampering – Matt. 27:62-66

1. There is to be no Biblical text taken out of its context.
2. God 's Judgment is inevitable for those who add or subtract from the Bible – v.19; Matt. 22:11-14
3. Cults and false religions are in danger of severe judgment

B. The Scriptures are the only rule and practice of faith

1. John's prayer and ours: "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus –v. 20
2. Final closing: v. 21 "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all"

