THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Place in the Book of Revelation

- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - I. The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)
 - J. Events After the 1,000-Year Reign of Christ (20:7–21:8)
 - K. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)
 - L. Epilogue (22:6–21)

- 6 And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.
- 7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

- I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
- 9 But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

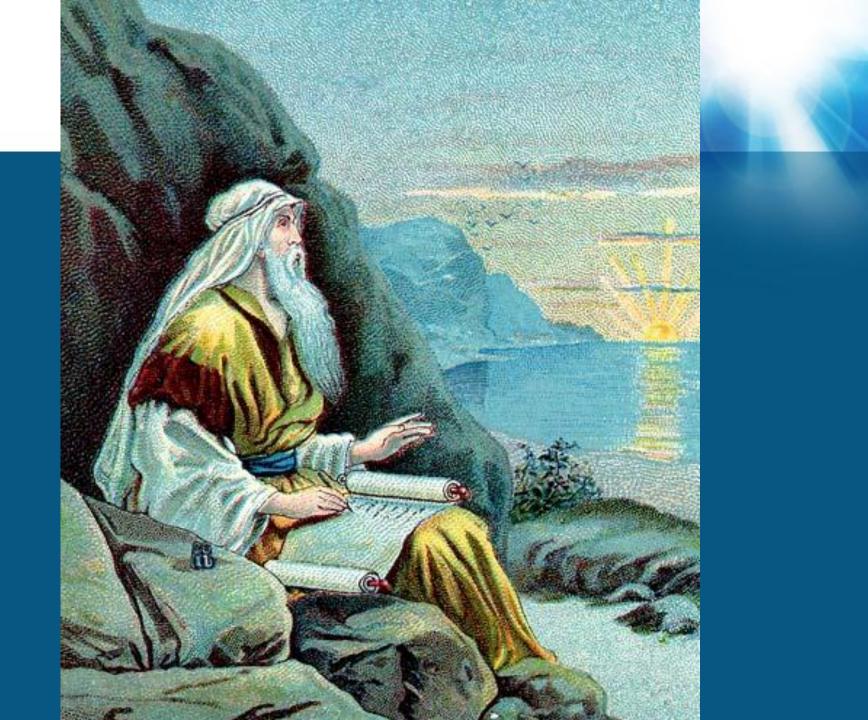
- 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
- 11 "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."

- 12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.
- 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
- 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

- 15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.
- 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

- 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;

- 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.
- 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.



- 1. Inspiration Established (22:6–7)
 - a. Message's character (v. 6a).
 - b. Message's author (v. 6b).
 - c. Message's messenger (v. 6c).
 - d. Message's recipients (v. 6d).
 - e. Message's content (v. 6e).
 - f. Message's promise (v. 7a).
 - g. Message's blessing (v. 7b).

- 2. Insignificance of John Exposed (22:8–9)

 a. John's awe and humility (v. 8).
 - b. Angel's declaration and command (v. 9).

3. Instructions Expounded (22:10–15) a. Leave the book open (v. 10).

Daniel 12

- 4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."
- 9 He said, "Go *your* way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."

- 3. Instructions Expounded (22:10–15)
 - a. Leave the book open (v. 10).
 - b. No second opportunity (v. 11).
 - c. Jesus will reward His servants (v. 12).
 - d. Jesus is the eternal God (v. 13).
 - e. Final beatitude (v. 14).

- 1:3 "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near."
- 14:13 ""Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

- 16:15 "Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame."
- 19:9 "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

- 20:6 "Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years."
- 22:7 "Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

22:14 – "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city."

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 - f. Final destiny of unbelievers (v. 15).

- Identification of Jesus Emphasized (22:16)
 - a. He sent the messenger to the churches.
 - b. He is the promised Davidic King.

2 Samuel 7:12-16

- 12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.
- "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 7:12-16

- 14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,
- but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
- "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

- 4. Identification of Jesus Emphasized (22:16)
 - a. He sent the messenger to the churches.
 - b. He is the promised Davidic King.
 - c. He is "the bright morning star."

Numbers 24:17

I see him, but not now;

I behold him, but not near;

A star shall come forth from Jacob,

A scepter shall rise from Israel,

And shall crush through the forehead of Moab,

And tear down all the sons of Sheth.

2 Peter 1:19

So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

Revelation 2:27–28

²⁷ AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;
²⁸ and I will give him the morning star.

- 5. Invitations Extended (22:17)
 - a. To Christ from the Spirit and the bride (v. 17a).
 - b. To Christ from the hearers (v. 17b).
 - c. From Jesus to sinners (v. 17c):
 - > "let the one who is thirsty come"

Nehemiah 9:20

You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth,

And You gave them water for their thirst.

Psalm 42:2

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 63:1

O God, You are my God;

I shall seek You earnestly;

My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,

In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Isaiah 49:10

They will not hunger or thirst,

Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down;

For He who has compassion on them will lead them

And will guide them to springs of water.

John 4:14

"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 7:37

Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

Revelation 7:16

They will hunger no longer,
nor thirst anymore;
nor will the sun beat down on them,
nor any heat;

Revelation 21:6

Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost."

- 5. Invitations Extended (22:17)
 - a. To Christ from the Spirit and the bride (v. 17a).
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 - > "let the one who is thirsty come"
 - > "let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost"

Isaiah 55:1

Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;

And you who have no money come, buy and eat.

Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.

Revelation 21:6

Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost."

- 6. Injunction Explained (22:18–19)
 - a. Do not add to it (v. 18).
 - b. Do not subtract from it (v. 19).
 - c. Implications:
 - > God's people must preserve His Word.
 - > Same injunction in Torah, Prophets, Writings, and New Testament.
 - > Canonical and covenantal.

- 7. Invocation Exclaimed (22:20–21)
 - a. Final promise
 - b. Final prayer
 - c. Final provision
 - d. Final pronouncement

Question for Discussion

How should we respond to the prophecies in the book of Revelation?

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus's words are faithful and true.
- Jesus is the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets.
- Jesus sends angels to do His bidding.
- Jesus is coming soon.
- Jesus blesses those who obey the book of Revelation.
- Jesus will reward His servants when He returns.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus is the eternal God.
- Jesus is the promised Messiah from the line of David.
- Jesus is prophetic bright Morning Star.
- Jesus invites sinners to come to Him for life.
- Jesus warns of judgment for anyone who alters His Word.
- Jesus grants grace to His saints.