

The New Jerusalem Rev. 22:1-22

Introduction

1. Chapter 22 is a continuation of the revelation of the new Jerusalem, the bride of Christ.
2. Chapter 21 was viewing the city as if an outside observer, Chapter 22 is an observation of life inside the city.

The Holy Spirit satisfies our thirst in the New Jerusalem. 22:1

1. The river's source is _____.
2. The river is _____ and is _____.
3. The river is filled with the water of _____.
4. The river is the source of _____ to the city.
5. The water of life in the river is _____. John 7:38-39

The Holy Spirit satisfies our hunger. 22:2

1. The Holy Spirit carries the life of God into the holy city and is the main source of supply.
2. The tree of life bearing fruit constantly satisfies our hunger.
 1. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were banned from the tree of life. Gen. 2:9; 3:22; 2:24
 2. In the New Jerusalem, the tree of life is available to all. It is desire fulfilled. Prov. 13:12
3. The tree of life also is a source of healing of the nations.

There is no curse in the New Jerusalem 22:3

1. The earth, the city of destruction was cursed from the day Adam sinned.
2. Judah and Israel were made a curse among the nations. Zech. 8:13
3. The New Jerusalem is also the new Israel and there will no longer be a curse. Zech. 14:11
 1. The old Jerusalem brought a curse with it because it brought the Law. Gal. 3:10
 2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law and the New Jerusalem becomes a blessing and a healing among the nations instead of a curse. Gal. 3:13
4. The throne of God and of the Lamb (the Holy Spirit) will be in it. In what?
 1. The New Jerusalem?
 2. The Water of Life?
 3. The Tree of Life?
5. The ultimate result of the work of the Holy Spirit in the saints is this: they become bond-servants to the Lamb. Life isn't about them. It's about Him.

The face of the Lamb and His name are before them. 22:4

1. What intimate fellowship the saints have in the New Jerusalem!
2. All of the Lamb's redemptive work is indelibly stamped on their hearts and minds.

The Lord God illumines life in the New Jerusalem and they reign forever. 22:5

1. There isn't any need for light or for the sun because God is their light.
2. Grasp the total picture.
 1. John sees the bride of Christ saved, protected, assisted and undergirded by His angels and apostles.
 2. John sees the bride cleansed of all sin and fully supplied by the Holy Spirit for all her needs.

3. John sees the bride brilliantly reigning in light from God's presence.

This new Jerusalem is a reality! 22:6

1. The reality of life in the holy city is affirmed by the angel.
2. The authority of what has been revealed is affirmed by the angel.
3. The New Jerusalem reality is soon to take place! Why soon?
 1. Heb. 12:22-23
 2. Eph. 1:13-14

Jesus, Himself, assures us. 22:7

1. Jesus assures of His coming. It will be quick, so be ready.
2. Blessed is he who heeds the words. What have you done with the Lamb?

John falls in worship. 22:8

1. John states clearly that he is the recipient and transmitter of this revelation of Christ and the Bride.
2. John can't remain standing in light of this awesome truth.

Only God is worthy of worship. 22:9

1. God's messengers are only servants.
 1. He is a servant to the prophets such as John.
 2. He is a servant to those who listen and heed the words.
2. Worship God alone!

These words are to be made available. 22:10

1. In Rev. 10:4, John was told to seal up the words he heard which the 7 peals of thunder spoke.
2. This time, he must write them and send them out. Why?
3. The time is near. What time is near?
 1. Is it the end of time?
 2. Is it the second death?
 3. It is the believer's entrance into the New Jerusalem?

How will people respond to these words in Revelation? 22:11

1. Can he make people listen and heed these words?
2. There will be two responses. It's another way of saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
 1. Some will continue living as they have always lived.
 2. Others will hear and be encouraged to continue in holy living.

Jesus sounds the warning. 22:12-13

1. Jesus comes with His reward in _____.
2. He will give to every man according to his _____.
3. Every day and everything in every person's life has been all about _____.
 1. Paul. Col. 1:15-16

Jesus/John sounds the blessing and warning. 22:14-15

1. The blessing: Those who have wash their robes have the right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city. Do you wash your robes? How do you do this?

2. If you are determined to continue in sin, then you cannot come into the New Jerusalem.
 1. Dogs:
 2. Sorcerers:
 3. Immoral persons:
 4. Murderers:
 5. Idolaters:
 6. Loves and practices lying (false teaching).

Jesus authorizes the book of Revelation 22:16

1. Jesus sent His angel to testify to the churches.
2. Jesus is the root, the source of all things.
3. Jesus is the Messiah, the descendent of David.
4. Jesus gives Himself. He is the bright morning star. 2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 2:26, 28

The Spirit makes a final call to come to Jesus. 22:17

1. _____ calls through Revelation.
2. _____ calls through Revelation.
3. Who do they call? What is the cost?

Don't mess with this book! 22:18-19

1. Jesus/John gives a final warning to preserve the integrity of Revelation.
 1. Don't add to the words of this book or the plagues of this book will be added to you.
 1. Rev. 9:18:
 2. Rev. 15:1:
 3. Rev. 18:8:
 2. Don't take away any of the words of this book or your fellowship with the HOly Spirit and the body of Christ will be cut off.
 1. What is the tree of life and the holy city? The fruit of the _____ and fellowship with _____.
 2. John. 2 John 9-11
 3. Paul. Rom. 16:17-18
 4. Peter. 2 Pet. 3:14-17

John declares Jesus' coming one last time. Be ready! 22:20a

1. The gospels record this message. Matt. 24:44; Luke 12:40
2. The point: Be ready every day!

John's heart expressed. 22:20b-21

1. The call up to now in Rev. has been to the readers, "Come to Jesus."
2. John, the Beloved disciple expressed his heart to Jesus. "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."
3. Until then, may the grace of the Lord Jesus that is available by the means of Revelation be with all who read. Amen.
 1. Have you experienced His grace in Revelation

2. Have you given heed to these words?
3. Have you come to the New Jerusalem to the waters of life
4. Do you wash your robes daily in the blood of the Lamb?