

Epilogue

Study 26. Revelation 22:6-21

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A. The Angel Affirms the Origin and Accuracy of His Message. 22:6-7

1. Who was it who spoke to John? 22:6a _____¹
2. What did he affirm? 22:6b _____

3. Who had made a similar comment in 21:5? _____

4. According to John himself, why had the Lord God of the spirits of the prophets sent His angel to His slaves? 22:6c _____
_____²
5. These statements affirm that the message of the book of Revelation is an accurate and faithful prediction of things that will happen in the future. If their fulfillment was near in John's day, how near must their fulfillment be today?
6. What did Jesus Himself affirm? 22:7a _____
7. Who receives a blessing? 22:7b _____

8. Are you, the reader, heeding the words of this prophecy?

B. The Angel Refuses John's Attempted Worship. 22:8-9

1. Who is the one who heard and saw the things recorded in this book? 22:8a _____
2. When he had heard and seen them, what did John attempt to do? 22:8b _____

3. How did the angel respond? 22:9a _____!

¹ 22:6 - he said to me: This is the same angel who had been John's tour guide in Rev. 22:1, and who had shown John the "Bride" of Christ (21:9).

² 22:6 - bond-servants: The word is actually "slaves" (*doulos*, 1401).

4. How did he identify himself to John? 22:9b “I am a fellow slave”³
 - a. Of _____
 - b. And of your brethren the _____
 - c. And of those who _____ the _____ of this _____.”
5. Whom did he tell John to worship instead? 22:9c _____

C. The Call to Holiness in View of the Nearness of the Fulfillment of the Prophecy of the Book of Revelation. 22:10-15

1. The angel’s command to leave the prophecy unsealed. 22:10
 - a. What did he command John? 22:10a _____

 - b. Why not? 22:10b _____
2. The angel’s warning about the fixity of moral character. 22:11
 - a. When Jesus returns to this earth (as recorded in Rev. 19:11-21; 22:12), what will be true of those who have *not* heeded the words of this prophecy? _____
 - b. When Jesus returns to this earth (as recorded in Rev. 19:11-21; 22:12), what will be true of those who *have* heeded the words of this prophecy? _____
3. Christ’s promise of His soon return. 22:12
 - a. What did Jesus promise? 22:12a _____
 - b. What would He bring with Him? 22:12b _____
 - c. Who will be able to escape evaluation and compensation for the deeds he has done in this life? 22:12c _____

³ 22:9 - fellow servant: Literally, “fellow slave” (*sundoulos*, 4889).

4. How does Christ identify Himself? 22:13 He is...
 - a. The _____ and _____
 - b. The _____ and the _____
 - c. The _____ and the _____.

5. Christ pronounces a blessing upon the righteous 22:14
 - a. Who are those blessed? 22:14a _____
 - b. What is the meaning of “having washed one’s robe” as explained in Rev. 7:14b? _____
 - c. What benefits are available to those who are holy? 22:14b
 - 1) They have the right to the _____;
 - 2) They may enter by the _____ into the _____.

6. Who are excluded from the city of New Jerusalem? 22:15
 - a. The _____
 - b. And the _____
 - c. And the _____ persons
 - d. And the _____
 - e. And the _____
 - f. And everyone who loves and practices _____.

D. The Authority and Identity of the Speaker. 22:16

1. Whom had Jesus sent to John as His messenger? _____⁴
2. John was the immediate recipient of the angel’s messages. Who were the ultimate recipients of the messages? The _____

⁴ 22:16 - My angel: The word “angel” is from the Greek word *aggelos* (32). It means “messenger.”

3. Jesus identified Himself as the “root” and “descendant” of _____⁵
4. How else did Jesus identify Himself? As the _____. See the prediction in Numbers 24:17. See also Peter’s apparent reference to Jesus in 2 Peter 1:19.

E. The Invitation to Come and Partake Freely of the Water of Life. 22:17

1. Who are two who issue the invitation to “Come”?
 - a. The _____
 - b. And the _____⁶
2. Who else is exhorted to issue an invitation to “Come”? The one who _____
3. To whom is the invitation issued?
 - a. The one who is _____
 - b. The one who _____⁷
4. What is the invitation? To take the _____ of _____ without _____.
 - a. What did Jesus tell the woman at the well in John 4:10? _____

 - b. What did he say in John 4:13-14? _____

⁵ 22:16 - David: The Old Testament predicted that King David’s descendant would become the ultimate Messiah (“Anointed One”), and qualified to sit on David’s throne forever (2 Samuel 7:16 compare Luke 1:31-33).

⁶ 22:17 - the bride: The “bride” refers to the “Bride of Christ” – the believers in Jesus in this current era, the Church Age, beginning at Pentecost (Acts 2) and terminating with the Rapture of the Church (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; Rev. 3:10; 4:1).

⁷ 22:17 - the one who is thirsty ... the one who wishes: Jesus, the giver of eternal life, does not force Himself on anyone. Only those who *thirst* for eternal life will respond to the invitation. Only those who *desire* to respond will do so. Do you, the reader, thirst for eternal life? Do you desire to come to Jesus? Then do so!

F. The Warning against Tampering with the Book of Prophecy (The Book of Revelation) 22:18-19

1. To whom did John issue his warning? 22:18a _____

2. What will happen to the person who adds to the book of Revelation? 22:18b

3. What will happen to the one who takes away from the book of Revelation?
22:19
 - a. God will take away his part from the _____ of _____
 - b. God will take away his part from the _____.

G. The Benedictory Farewells 22:20-21

1. What did Jesus promise? 22:20a _____
2. What response did John give to Jesus' announcement? 22:20b
 - a. _____. The Greek word *amên* (281) means "Truly" or "Let it be so!"
 - b. _____.
3. With what benediction to all the churches (see Rev. 2-3) did John conclude?
_____. _____.

H. Pause for Reflection.

1. What stands out to you most about this closing section of Revelation? (22:6-21)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

2. What overall impressions do you have the entire book of Revelation?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

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