

"Revelation #24"

Revelation 22:1 – 21 (The river of Life and the Second Coming)

Review: Chapter 21...

- We saw the Holy City Jerusalem coming down from heaven to earth.
- This Holy City adorned as a bride, the Bride, the wife of the Lamb (Church - Ecclesia)
- They are the same...

21:9-10 *"I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb... He showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down from heaven from God... having the glory of God."*

21:22 *"There is no temple, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple."*

- And the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb...
- No night... the nations will bring glory and honor into heaven. (Nature of God)
- Also have twelve names of the Tribes of Israel on the gates of the city.
- And the twelve names of the Apostles on the foundations of the city.

What does this signify? (Ephesians 2:14-18) Jew and Gentile are one. **A new covenant.**

Text 22:1-5 Read. (ESV) - The river of life.

- We are still in heaven... more detail.

V1b-2a Lit translation: (The break in the V's is a little confusing...) See if the following makes more sense. **(Even NKJV is confusing)**

"Flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of the street of the city, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life." (V2 should begin here)

V's 3-4... Are a repeat of things we have already seen, which is common in Revelation and throughout the bible.

- God likes to repeat things and truths in different ways or even the same.

Text 22:6-21 Read. (ESV)

Example: of repetition:

Chapter 1:3 *“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”*

Chapter 22:7 *“Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of this prophecy of this book.”*

- Last week we looked at the recurring theme, **of the one who conquers...** Chapter 2:7... 3:12-13... 3:21-22... 7:13-17... Scriptures for your reference.

Chapter 14:12 *“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”* (Over and over, we are encouraged to endure, to overcome)

But tonight, I want to do something different: from V's 6 thru 21 pick one or two verses and tell us what they mean to you, do they encourage, comfort, put you in awe, do they scare you.

Example for me V20 *“He who testifies of these things says. Surely, I am coming soon. Amen, **Come, Lord Jesus!**”* (Greek word, Maranatha)

1 Cor. 16:22 (ESV) *“If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed, **our Lord, come!** (Maranatha) the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.”*

V7, V12, V17... *“BEHOLD I AM COMING SOON.”*