

The Conclusion of Revelation (Message # 49)

Revelation 22: 6-21

It has been a long, but informative journey through Revelation. Our journey began with the Lord appearing to John on the Isle of Patmos to give him the Revelation of Jesus Christ. If you remember, revelation means to “*unveil*.” We have seen the will of God and our blessed Lord unveiled in the pages of this wonderful book.

We have covered an enormous expanse of time, from the time of the churches in John’s day to the events of an eternal future. We have discovered what awaits this sinful world after the church is removed and the Tribulation begins. It will be a time of death, destruction, and despair as the Lord pours out His wrath in judgment. We have witnessed the defeat of Satan and his Antichrist, with all of those who rejected God being cast into the lake of fire. Also we have received a glorious glimpse of the heavenly home prepared for the people of God.

Tonight we have come to the end of the book and in these verses we find some final words of conclusion. Let’s take a few moments to conclude our study as we consider: [The Conclusion of Revelation](#).

I. A Faithful Word (6-10) – In these closings words we find a reference to the Word of God, in particular the Revelation. These verses are rich in revealing what we have in God’s Word. Notice:

A. The Purity of the Word (6a) – [And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true:](#) John is reminded that [these sayings are faithful and true](#). All that he has seen and heard is true and can be counted on to come to pass. There is not one single portion of this prophecy which will fail. Just as the Lord has said, so shall it be!

- All that was prophesied concerning the birth of Jesus was fulfilled and each and every one of the events described in Revelation will happen in God’s time. We can rejoice in that we have a pure Word from the Lord. It is faithful and true. We may not be able to comprehend it all, but it is true nonetheless. [Ps.12:6-7 – The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.](#) Of all that we know, nothing is more certain than the Word of God! It will never fail!

B. The Purpose of the Word (6b) – [and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.](#) Some may believe that John

was a mad man who simply wrote gross exaggerations and myths, but he was given the Revelation of Jesus Christ so that men might hear and believe.

- John recorded these faithful words nearly 2,000 years ago and yet they stand today. Men of God continue to preach and expound the mysteries of God, trying to reach the lost before it is eternally too late. This is a message sent from God unto sinful men. It was given so that we might believe.
- The world may reject it and skeptics deny it, but God has given us His Word to reveal His Son so that we might be saved from sin and the wrath to come! God's Word is given to reveal His Son to the world.

C. The Promise of the Word (7) – Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Here we find yet another promise of the Lord's return. We will deal with that further in a moment, but rest assured that Jesus is coming again.

- Also we find the promise of blessing for those who read and keep the prophecy of this book. This is a reflection of [Rev.1:3 – Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.](#)
- The word [keepeth](#), in [v.7](#) has the idea of “*guarding, protecting, and carefully attending to.*” Those who read and keep the words of this book are promised the blessing of God. It isn't something to be doubted or skipped over, but to be studied, accepted, and applied to our lives. We are to pay special attention to the Word of God and live it out in our flesh. Live as if you believe every Word of God whether you fully understand it or not!

D. The Power of the Word (8) – And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Once again John is so overwhelmed with what he has seen and heard that he bows to the feet of an angel to worship. The angel forbids John's worship of him, but even in John's error we see the power of God's Word. John was so stirred by what he had witnessed that he desired to worship.

- When the Word is read and received, it moves men to action. The Word of God brings about conviction and repentance. It speaks to the heart and causes men to bow in worship. [Heb.4:12 – For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.](#) If you get into the Word, it will get into you!

E. The Person of the Word (9) – Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. John's focus is redirected by the angel, [worship God](#). He alone is worthy of our worship.

- The angels in heaven worship Him. They are right now worshipping the Lamb that was slain. Men are often guilty of worshipping many things, but Jesus must be the object of our worship.
- The Bible is His story; it is His book. He alone provided the means of our redemption; He alone is worthy of men's worship! It will be Jesus that we will worship for eternity in heaven and we ought to be in the habit of worshipping Him today.

F. The Provision of the Word (10) – *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.* John had been given the Revelation for a purpose, so that men might believe. He hadn't received it to keep it to himself, sealed up from the world. The word *seal* means to "*conceal or keep secret.*" John was to proclaim the words of God. He was to write it in a book that men might read and believe.

- Aren't you glad for the Word of God? Aren't you glad He gave us His Word so that we might hear of the sacrifice of Jesus and believe on Him in salvation? Man has tried throughout history to destroy God's Word and prevent others from hearing it, but they have failed!
- We have the Bible that points men to the Savior who died for them. Where would we be had the Word of God been sealed and kept from lowly sinners such as we are? I praise God for His Word and the provision He has made that I might have a copy of it to read and live by. We are saved by grace through faith, but faith cometh by hearing God's holy Word!

I. A Faithful Word (6-10)

II. A Formidable Word (11-16) – In these verses we find some concluding words concerning our Lord. He will come again and He will carry out that which He pleases. Let's consider these formidable words concerning Jesus.

A. A Word of His Return (12a, 7a, 20) – *And, behold, I come quickly.* [7a] *Behold, I come quickly.* [20] *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* In each of these verses Jesus declares that He will come again. He says, *I come quickly.*

- We have spent much time in Revelation dealing with the second coming of the Lord. It is undeniable that He will come again and that day will not be hindered or deterred by anyone, even Satan himself.

- The message of the Lord's return is nothing new. He promised us in [Jn.14](#) that He would come again and receive us unto Himself. As He ascended into heaven the angels declared that Jesus would come again just as they had seen Him taken into heaven.
- We know that the Lord's return will actually happen in two separate, and yet very distinct events. He will return in the clouds of glory as He calls for the church, rapturing us out of this sinful world, with the dead rising first and then we which are alive and remain being caught up together with them in the air. This will happen prior to the Tribulation and then as the Tribulation concludes, Jesus will come again to judge the earth and establish His kingdom. I have never been more certain of anything than the Lord's return. He is coming again just as He said!

B. A Word of His Rewards ([12b, 11, 14-15](#)) – [and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.](#) Jesus reveals that He will have the rewards of every man when He comes again. We are not saved by our works, but we will be judged according to our works.

- We are reminded in [v.11](#) that His return will be sudden and the state that men are in at that time will determine their eternal destiny. [He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.](#) Those who are unjust and filthy will remain unjust and filthy, while those who are righteous and holy in His sight will remain righteous and holy.
- Man isn't getting by with anything in this life. All that we do is seen and known of the Lord. The saved will be rewarded according to their good works and the lost will receive the reward of their wickedness, degrees of punishment in the lake of fire that never ends.
- I thought of the parable of the ten virgins; five were ready and five were not; five had oil in their lamps and the others did not; when the Bridegroom came, those who were ready and waiting went in, while the others were shut outside the door. We cannot think of this and not be mindful of our own lives. Where will you be found when the Lord returns? Is there oil in your lamp? Are you saved and ready for the Bridegroom?
- Each of us will fall into one of the two groups described in [Vv.14-15](#) –[Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. \[15\] For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.](#) I trust your reward will be in heaven rather than in hell.

C. A Word of His Reign ([13, 16](#)) – [I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. \[16\] I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.](#) Jesus declares Himself to be Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Before time was He

existed. Before man was ever created, Jesus was there. There has never been a time when He wasn't and there will never be a time when He ceases to exist!

- He is the **root and the offspring of David**. Here we find that Jesus preceded David and yet He came after him, born of the lineage of David. He was King prior to David's reign and He remains King of kings today.
- Jesus is the **bright and morning star**. A star carries the idea of being elevated and the morning star signaled the dawning of a new day. Jesus is the elevated One who will make all things new. He will rule and reign throughout eternity in all His glory and power.

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III. A Final Word (17-19) – It is here that this wonderful book concludes. Let's consider these final words and the significance they have. There is:

A. A Word of Invitation (17) – *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* This invitation is threefold.

1) The **Spirit** invites the Lord to come. He desires the will of God to be fulfilled. He desires the Lord to reveal His glory and set things right upon this earth. He desires sin and Satan to be defeated and the Lord to reclaim all that sin has lost.

2) The **bride** of Christ invites the Lord to come. She has been purchased of Him; she longs for the day that the wedding will take place and eternity shall begin. The redeemed of God have a longing in their hearts for the Savior to come. I enjoy living, but I am longing for the day that my Lord comes again. I want to pray as John did, *Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

3) Also we find an invitation to those who have never trusted in Christ, for everyone who reads these precious words, for all who thirst for the righteousness of God. In these closing words sinners are once again invited to drink of the water of life freely. Jesus died that all might be saved and He is inviting those to come unto Him before it is too late at His return!

B. A Word of Admonition (18-19) – *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: [19] And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy*

city, and from the things which are written in this book. A warning is given against adding or subtracting to the Word of God. The Bible is a holy book and should be honored and respected as such. Let no man add to the Word of God.

- We have the complete revelation of God to man. There are no new words to be found, (Book of Mormon, Gospel of Judas, etc...). These are in danger of the [plaques found within Revelation](#).
- There is also a warning against taking away from the Word of God. [2 Tim.3:16 – All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness](#): It is dangerous business to detract from the whole counsel of God. We don't have the right to pick and choose those portions of Scripture that appeal to our way of living. We are responsible for all of it! I am not interested in paraphrases and what men think the Bible says; I want to know what God said!
- Many are guilty of trying to dilute the Word of God, watering down its doctrine to please men's desires. I have no doubt that I will give full account of how I've discerned, handled, and preached the Word of God. It is a serious thing to open the Word of God and expound upon it. I don't want to be guilty of misrepresenting one word or doctrine.

We have concluded the book of Revelation. Allow me to remind you, Jesus is coming again. He will judge the sinful of this earth. All who deny Him will face His judgment. Are you saved and ready for that day?