

The first verses of this chapter conclude the final vision and show Jesus among His people forever.

Then the epilogue offers encouraging statements affirming the authenticity of the entire prophecy and the nearness of Christ's return.

Outline

Chapter Preview	Introduction
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
The Time is Near	Revelation 22:6-17
A Warning	Revelation 22:18-21



Truths & Principles

- ✓ The final state of the redeemed will be similar to the paradise of the Garden of Eden, only much better.
- ✓ The resurrected redeemed will serve God throughout eternity in indescribable ways, but part of their service will include reigning forever.
- ✓ Revelation is open for ordinary Christians to understand since it was not sealed up.
- ✓ Jesus himself inspired the message of the Book of Revelation.
- ✓ Christ's titles include Lamb, Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star and the Lord Jesus.

Preview

The book of Revelation ends with a beautiful picture of paradise "restored." The tree of life is once again accessible to mankind. When the entire unveiling of future events was completed, John was told not to seal the prophecy, but to leave it open for all to read. In the meantime, the Revelation closes with an invitation to come to Christ before it is too late.



Applications

- ✓ Beware of worshiping any object or creature other than God in three persons.
- ✓ Continue to live a life of "washing your robes," that is, confessing sins regularly and living in close fellowship with Christ.
- Be careful not to distort the central teachings of Revelation.
- ✓ Get ready, for Jesus is coming soon!



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

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- 2. What is seen on the side of the river that has not been seen since Genesis 3 (22:2)?
- 3. What were the leaves of the tree of life used for (22:2)?
- 4. What was enacted in Eden, but is removed in the eternal city (22:3)? ______
- 5. What does it mean that we "shall see His face" (22:4)?
- 6. What will we be doing for all eternity (22:5)?
- 7. Who are we to worship (22:9)?
- 8. List the two "beatitudes" found in this chapter (22:7, 14)?
- 9. Who calls for the unsaved to come to Christ (22:17)?
- 10. What judgements are promised to those who add or take away words from the book of Revelation (22:18-19)?

Study Questions

- 1. Read Matthew 24:42, 44.
 - What key to the prophetic significance of Revelation 22 do you find in these verses?
- 2. Why do you think the final imagery for the holy city focuses on garden-like qualities?
 - ❖ What could it mean "tree that bears fruit every month"?
- 3. Make a list of "top ten curses" you look forward to being totally removed.
- 4. Consider the comparisons and contrasts between "pre-fall" Genesis and Revelation.
 - Make a list of the similarities.
 - Make a list of the differences.
- 5. Consider verse 11.
 - What do you think is the meaning of this verse, in context?
- 6. Consider verses 7-21.
 - What do you find encouraging about these verses?
 - How can you apply them to your life?
- 7. Consider the entire book of Revelation.
 - ❖ If you had to tell someone in a couple of paragraphs what Revelation is about, what would you say?
 - ❖ What do you think is the most important lesson you have learned from studying the book of Revelation?
 - Knowing that Jesus is coming back soon, how does this fact affect your life?