

THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS

A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 37

In this final chapter of Revelation, John continues his guided tour of the city and end time events. Judgment of the sinner is now passed and eternity stretches before the believer.

I. THE OUTLINE OF REVELATION 22

- A. The fuller description of the city. (*Revelation 22:1-6*)
- B. The Faithful Word of God. (*Revelation 22:6-10*)
- C. The finished Work of Christ. (*Revelation 22:11-16*)
- D. The final Witness of the Spirit. (*Revelation 22:17-21*)

II. SOME COMPARISONS BETWEEN GENESIS AND REVELATION

- A. Paradise lost—Genesis; paradise restored—Revelation.
- B. The tree of life in Eden—the same tree of life in the Holy City.
- C. The Devil is triumphant in Genesis—the Devil is doomed in Revelation.
- D. The curse placed on the world in Genesis—the curse lifted in Revelation.
- E. Death is enthroned in Genesis—death is dethroned in Revelation.
- F. A Saviour is promised in Genesis—the Saviour is enthroned in Revelation.
- G. Sin enters the world in Genesis—Sin leaves the world in Revelation.
- H. The Devil enters the world in Genesis—the Devil leaves the world in Revelation.

III. THE FULLER DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY IS SEEN (REVELATION 22:1)

- A. The city has a “pure river of water of life.” (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - 1. It will flow with the brightness of crystal: “*Clear as crystal.*” (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - 2. The river proceeds “*Out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*” (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - a. Please note it is “*The throne of God.*” (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - b. Jesus still has a throne in eternity: “*Throne of God and of the Lamb.*” (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - 3. This river is different than rivers of today:
 - a. It is a “pure” river. (*Revelation 22:1*)
 - i. Pure like the Lamb from whose throne it comes.
 - ii. Pure like the city through which it flows.
 - b. It is pollution free.
 - c. It is clean.
 - d. It is not stagnant.
- B. The city has “*The tree of life.*” (*Revelation 22:2*)

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1. Jesus had referenced this tree before: *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."* (Revelation 2:7)
 2. God is good—We may partake of food in Heaven.
 - a. Angels ate when they were entertained by Abraham.
 - b. Jesus ate after He was raised from the dead.
 - c. At the solemn institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus said He would drink the cup anew in the Kingdom. (Matthew 26:29)
 - d. Will we need food? I can only answer that it will be available if we need it.
 3. The tree will yield every month. (Revelation 22:2)
 4. The tree will yield *"twelve manner of fruits every month."*
 5. The *"leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations"*.
 6. The word *"healing"* is the English word *"therapeutic"*.
 - a. It comes to mean *"health giving"*.
 - b. The leaves promote the enjoyment of life in the new Jerusalem.
 - c. Healing could not refer to physical healing since no infirmities are allowed in the city. (Revelation 22:3)
 - d. The text does not say they ate the leaves, although that is the prevalent thought.
- C. The city will have *"no more curse."* (Revelation 22:3)
1. When Adam and Eve sinned, they brought the curse upon the world.
 - a. Pain in childbirth.
 - b. Sickness.
 - c. Physical death.
 - d. Spiritual death.
 2. In Heaven there will be *"no more curse."* (Revelation 22:3)
 - a. Death, sorrow, crying, and pain are gone forever (Revelation 21:4)
 - b. Nothing that defileth. (Revelation 21:27)
 - c. No abomination. (Revelation 21:27)
 - d. Nothing that *"maketh a lie."* (Revelation 21:27)
 - e. The stated reason why the curse is no more:
 - i. God is there. (Revelation 22:3)
 - ii. The Lamb is there. (Revelation 22:3)

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- f. The redeemed are there. (*Revelation 22:3*)
 - i. They are called “servants.” (*Revelation 22:3*)
 - ii. They will “serve Him.” (*Revelation 22:3*)
- g. Both God and the Lamb are one and the same (*Note: Revelation 22:3*)
 - i. Some dare question the Deity of the Lamb.
 - ii. Note the singular pronoun “Him”. (*Revelation 22:3*)
 - iii. This points to the essential oneness of the Trinity.
- D. The thrill of the beloved in the city. (*Revelation 22:4*)
 - 1. They will see His Face. (*Revelation 22:4*)
 - 2. Moses was forbidden to do so.
 - 3. In our glorified bodies we shall “see His Face.” (*Revelation 22:4*)
 - 4. We will be granted an audience with the King of Kings!
- E. Three things missing in the Holy City: (*Revelation 22:5*)
 - 1. Night (*Revelation 22:5*)
 - 2. Candle (*Revelation 22:5*)
 - 3. Sun (*Revelation 22:5*)
 - a. Our Lord is the source of light in the city. (*Revelation 22:5*)
 - b. He will outshine all other sources because He is the source of light. (*Revelation 22:5; 21:23*)
- F. What those in the city shall do: (*Revelation 22:3-5*)
 - 1. They shall serve Him. (*Revelation 22:3*)
 - a. When does this service begin?
 - i. It begins at conversion.
 - a. Conversion is a change of service.
 - b. Conversion is a change of masters.
 - c. Conversion is a change of motive.
 - d. Conversion is a change of work.
 - ii. Conversion is not the end of life but the beginning of new life
 - b. How is this service carried out?
 - i. By a life of devotedness to our Lord.
 - ii. By doing His will.
 - iii. By working His work.
 - iv. By running His errands.
 - v. By looking after His interest.
 - c. Where is this service carried out?
 - i. First on earth, then in His Divine Presence.
 - ii. Matthew 25:23: “His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou

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hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

- iii. Revelation 19:8: *"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness (righteous acts) of saints."*

2. They *"shall reign for ever and ever."* (Revelation 22:5)

- a. We shall reign gloriously.
- b. We shall reign joyfully.
- c. We shall reign for eternity without end.
- d. The phrase *"for ever and ever"* Is beyond description. (Revelation 22:5)
 - i. It is dateless.
 - ii. It is timeless.
 - iii. It is measureless.
 - iv. It is endless.
 - v. It is without duration.
 - vi. It is imperishable.
 - vii. It is indescribable.
 - viii. It is undefinable.
 - ix. It is incomprehensible.
 - x. We have eternity is our present bosom and in our endless future.
 - xi. Our eternity is as glorious as the promises of God!