

THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 38

Revelation 22:6 marks a turning point in Revelation. We have looked at the Christ, the Church, and the consummation. In this portion of the consummation, we see the epilogue to the entire book. We are reminded that God always finishes what He starts.

I. THE LAST CHAPTER FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF THE FIRST CHAPTER

- A. In Chapters 1 and 21, the message was sent to John by an angel.
1. *“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his **angel** unto his servant John.” (Revelation 1:1)*
 2. *“And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his **angel** to shew unto his servants, the things which must shortly be done.” (Revelation 22:6)*
- B. In Chapters 1 and 21, a blessing is promised to those who read the book of Revelation.
1. *“**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.” (Revelation 1:3)*
 2. *“Behold I come quickly: **blessed** is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” Rev; 22:7*
- C. In Chapters 1 and 21, we are told that the end is near.
1. *“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.**” (Revelation 1:3)*
 2. *“And he saith unto me, Seal none of the saying of the prophecy of this book for **the time is at hand.**” (Revelation 22:10)*
- D. In Chapters 1 and 21, we are told that this book is a book of prophecy.
1. *“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.” (Revelation 1:3)*
 2. *“And he saith unto me, Seal none of the saying of the **prophecy** of this book for the time is at hand.” (Revelation 22:10)*
- E. In Chapters 1 and 21, we are told that Christ will return.
1. *“**Behold he cometh** with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” (Revelation 1:7)*
 2. *“Behold, **I come quickly**: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” (Revelation 22:7)*

II. THE PROOFS OF THE SCRIPTURES ARE GIVEN

- A. The Revelation is:
 - 1. Faithful (v.6)
 - 2. True (v.6)
- B. The Revelation is faithful and true because Jesus is Faithful and True.
 - 1. *“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, **the faithful and true witness**, the beginning of the creation of God.” (Revelation 3:14)*
 - 2. *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True** and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.” (Revelation 19:11)*
 - a. As the Faithful One, He endures the ages!
 - b. As the True One, He cannot lie!
- C. Jesus applies His own attributes to the Scriptures.
- D. Since the Scriptures are His Words, they are not to be tampered with. (v.19)
- E. In the beginning, Satan questioned the Word of God.
 - 1. In the epilogue, we are reminded that God’s Word is True.
 - 2. “Faithful and True” embraces all the Scriptures.
 - a. The Perfect Word came through the Holy Prophets. (Revelation 22:6)
 - b. Jesus sent His Word through other servants like John. (Revelation 22:6)
 - c. His Word is accurate!
 - d. His Word is eternal!
 - e. His Word is unchanging, from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21!
 - f. His Word is comforting!
 - g. His Word is encouraging!
 - h. His Word is settled!
 - i. His Word brings hope to the hopeless!
 - j. His Word brings strength to the weary!
 - k. His Word repeals the darkness of this world!
- F. The Word of God is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!

III. THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS TO HIS CHURCH ARE GIVEN

- A. Three times in this chapter Jesus speaks of His return.
 - 1. *“Behold I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” (Revelation 22:7)*
 - 2. *“And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” (Revelation 22:12)*
 - 3. *“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20)*
- B. These words of Jesus were far too important to be passed on by an angel. Thus, He spoke personally.
- C. The coming of Jesus:
 - 1. Will be personal. (I come) (Revelation 22:7)

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2. Will take place “quickly.” (*Revelation 22:7*)
 - a. “*In a moment in the twinkling of an eye.*” (*I Corinthians 15:52*)
 - b. “*For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the son of man be.*” (*Matthew 24:27*)
- D. His coming is a motivation for holy living. (*Revelation 22:7*)
 1. We are to keep “*The sayings of the prophecy of this book.*” (v. 7)
 2. The steps to holy living are given in His Word!
 3. The blessings of God abide upon those who do so. (v. 7—*Blessed*)
 4. Keeping His sayings will prevent embarrassment at His return: “*And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*” (*I John 2:28*)