

THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 40

Today we bring to a close our series of studies on the book of Revelation. We have gone from the Christ to the Church. We now close with the remaining part of the Consumation.

I. THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS SEEN (*REVELATION 22:16*)

- A. There can be no doubt about the author of Revelation.
 1. The affirmation of Jesus is indisputable. (*v. 16*)
 2. The affirmation is seen in the first and last chapters of Revelation.
 - a. *“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.”*
(*Revelation 1:19*)
 - b. *“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.”*
(*Revelation 22:16*)
- B. Jesus is the great “I Am” found eight times in Revelation. (*v. 16*)
 1. Revelation 1:8—*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”*
 2. Revelation 1:11—*“Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.”*
 3. Revelation 1:17—*“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.”*
 4. Revelation 1:18—*“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*
 5. Revelation 2:23—*“And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”*
 6. Revelation 21:6—*“And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”*
 7. Revelation 22:13—*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”*

8. Revelation 22:16—*“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.”*

II. THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE GOD MAN CHRIST JESUS IS SEEN (REVELATION 21:16)

- A. Jesus is the “Root of David.” (v. 16)
 1. The “Root” is buried in the ground.
 2. The “Root” precedes the tree.
 3. As “The Root of David” Jesus was before David.
 4. As “The Root of David” Jesus brought David into existence.
- B. Jesus is “The Offspring of David.” (v. 16)
 1. As “The Offspring of David,” Jesus came after David. (v. 16)
 2. As “The offspring of David,” Jesus came into this world born a Jew from David’s line. (v. 16)
- C. Therefore as both “The Root and Offspring of David”:
 1. Jesus was an ancestor of David.
 2. Jesus was a descendant of David.
- D. Jesus is “The Bright and Morning Star.” (v. 16)
 1. The morning star announces the day’s arrival.
 2. Before the darkness of the Tribulation sets in, our Morning Star will appear with healing in His wings.
 3. Jesus is coming as the “Morning Star” to the Church.

III. THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE LAST INVITATION IS GIVEN (REVELATION 21:17)

- A. Before John could close the Revelation our Lord paused long enough to offer humanity one more last invitation.
- B. The Holy Spirit sends an invitation to lost sinners. (v. 17)
 1. He was sent back into the world to draw sinners to Jesus.
 - a. John 16:8—*“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”*
 - b. John 12:32—*“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”*
 - c. The Holy Spirit places the sinner into the body of Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 12:13—*“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”*)
 2. The Holy Spirit says “Come.” (v. 17)
- C. The Bride of Christ sends an invitation to lost sinners. (v. 17)
 1. The Bride of Christ is the church.
 2. Truly saved people want lost people to be saved. (Acts 16:31)
 3. Part of the Bride of Christ is in Heaven and they rejoice when one sinner trusts Christ as his or her Saviour. (Luke 15)
 4. The Church exists for evangelism like a fire exists by burning.

- D. Jesus sends an invitation to lost sinners. (v. 17)
 - 1. Jesus said, *“Let him that heareth say, Come.”* (v. 17)
 - 2. Jesus died that sinners might be saved. (Luke 19:10)
 - 3. Jesus waits for sinners to be saved. (*“Let him that heareth say, Come.”*)
- E. An invitation is sent out to those who are *“Athirst.”* (v. 17)
 - 1. Those whose lives are dry and arid may come.
 - 2. Jesus is *“The water of life”* to the spiritually thirsty. (v. 17)
- F. Just in case anyone should fail to understand the invitation:
 - 1. Jesus gives a *“Whosoever will”* invitation. (v. 17)
 - 2. This invitation includes everyone.
 - 3. This invitation excludes no one.
 - 4. Those who go to Heaven will be the *“Whosoever desires.”*
 - 5. Heaven is an invitation from Jesus Christ Himself.
 - a. You can accept an invitation.
 - b. You can reject an invitation.

IV. THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE FOREVER SETTLED WORD OF GOD (REVELATION 21:18, 19)

- A. Jesus said don't mess with His Word!
 - 1. Don't *“Add unto these things.”* (v. 18)
 - 2. Don't *“Take away the words of the book of this prophecy.”* (v. 19)
 - a. Don't make the Word say anything other than what God intended it should say!
 - b. Don't twist the truth of Scripture!
 - c. God has said through His Word all He intends to say until He returns.
 - d. God's Word is complete!
 - e. God has drawn an unmovable line in the sand. His Word shall stand!
 - f. Anyone who puts a question mark at the end of the Bible is doing the work of the Devil!
 - g. All Scripture is Divinely Inspired!
- B. Jesus says there is a penalty for those who tamper with His Word.
 - 1. They will receive the *“plagues that are written in this book.”* (v. 18)
 - 2. Their part shall be taken *“Out of the Book of Life.”* (v. 18)
 - 3. They will not be in *“The Holy city.”* (v. 19)

V. THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS (REVELATION 21:20, 21)

- A. The blessed hope is revealed one final time. (v. 20)
 - 1. Jesus wants the world to know, *“Surely I come quickly.”* (v. 20)
 - 2. His words are true: *“Amen.”*
 - 3. The prayer of John is that Jesus will come: *“Even so, come, Lord Jesus”*
- B. Until Jesus comes His grace will be available. (v. 21)

FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND

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1. Fittingly, the last words of the Bible are about God's grace. (v. 21)
 2. Grace:
 - a. Saved us.
 - b. Grace keeps us.
 - c. Grace will present us faultless in glory.
 3. Grace abounds to sinful men!
 - a. Grace will keep us out of the lake of fire.
 - b. Grace will allow us to pass through the gates of Heaven.
 4. Oh, the marvelous grace of our Living God!
 - a. Everyone needs it. (*Romans 3:23*)
 - b. Everyone can have it. (*John 3:16*)
 - c. Only Jesus can give it. (*John 14:6*)
 - d. Only believers receive it. (*John 3:36*)
- C. In the last words of John, "AMEN." (*Revelation 21:22*)