

# **The Book of Revelation**

## **Lesson Thirteen**

### **Revelation 21-22**

#### **Revelation 21:1**

- **The old heaven and earth have passed away – 20:11.**
- **There is no more sea in the new creation.**

#### **Revelation 21:2**

- **This vision alludes to Isaiah 52:1.**
- **The new Jerusalem is likened to an adorned bride.**

#### **Revelation 21:3-4**

- **God’s “dwelling place” is finally with humanity – Ezekiel 37:27.**
- **“And they will be His people(s) – Revelation 5:9; Isaiah 25:6-8.**
- **The “former things” will be “no more.”**

#### **Revelation 21:5-6**

- **“I am making all things new” – Isaiah 43:19.**
- **“It is done” echoes the words in 16:17.**
- **The people of God are fully satisfied in the new creation – Isaiah 55:1.**

#### **Revelation 21:7-8**

- **God contrasts the inheritance of His people with the punishment of unbelievers.**
- **There is a father – son relationship.**

### **Revelation 21:9-11**

- These verses introduce the last major visionary unit.
- Jerusalem's enduring splendor contrasts with the fleeting beauty of Babylon.

### **Revelation 21:12-14**

- There is a unity of God's people through the Old Testament and New Testament.

### **Revelation 21:15-17**

- In 11:1 the prophet measures the temple and worshipers; here the temple-city.
- One stade is the length of a stadium (600 Roman feet).
- The perfect symmetry recalls the perfect symmetry of the Most Holy Place.

### **Revelation 21:18-21**

- The walls, gates, and streets described in magnificent beauty.

### **Revelation 21:22-27**

- God is gloriously and forever present with His people – Ezekiel 48:35.
- No need for the sun or moon – Isaiah 60:19-20.
- Nations walk according to this light – Isaiah 60:3.

### **Revelation 22:1-2**

- The throne is the source of the water of life.
- The tree of life is on either side of the river reflecting Ezekiel 47:7.
- The leaves of the tree bring healing – Ezekiel 47:12.

### **Revelation 22:3-5**

- "Accursed" appears only here in Scripture.

- They will see His face – Matthew 5:8; I John 3:2.
- The saints will bear God’s name on their foreheads.

#### **Revelation 22:6-7**

- The complete truthfulness of God’s revelation.
- God’s revelation concerns “what must soon take place.”
- The sixth beatitude.

#### **Revelation 22:8-9**

- The exchange between John and the angel closely parallels 19:10.
- “Worship God” sums up the appropriate response to this Revelation.

#### **Revelation 22:10-11**

- The last four commands summarize the four choices facing the book’s readers.
- Good and evil continue until the end of the age.

#### **Revelation 22:12-13**

- “I am coming soon” and “My reward is with Me” – Isaiah 40:10; 62:11.
- The three divine titles of verse 13.

#### **Revelation 22:14-15**

- The seventh beatitude.
- The redeemed have access to the tree of life.

#### **Revelation 22:16**

- “You” is plural and so refers to all recipients and not just John.
- Two more glorious titles given to Jesus.

### Revelation 22:17

- The threefold “come” modeled after Isaiah 55:1.
- The Spirit and the glorified church beckon present readers to “come.”

### Revelation 22:18-19

- Interpreted in three different ways:
  1. A ban against corrupting the text of this book.
  2. A restriction on all further prophetic activity.
  3. A warning not to falsify the message through errant teaching.
- Warning alludes to Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 12:32.

### Revelation 22:20

- Reiterates Christ’s promise in 22:7,12.
- The return of Christ is the church’s “blessed hope” – Titus 2:11-13.

### Revelation 22:21

- Book closes with a “grace” benediction – II Thessalonians 3:18

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