

Revelation

Chapter 22

Lesson 22

Ezekiel 47:1-12

- ♦ Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. ³ Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. ⁴ Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁵ He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?" Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁶ As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁷ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁸ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ⁹ People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹⁰ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹¹ On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

Revelation 22:1-2

- ◆ ¹ And the angel showed me a river of the water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out from the throne of God and the Lamb. ² in the middle of its main street, and on each side of the river, and from there a tree of life producing twelve fruits, according to each month yielding its fruit, and the leaves of the tree (are) for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3-4

- ◆ ³ And every divinely cursed thing will not exist any longer. And the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his slaves will serve (worship - **λατρεύουσιν**) him ⁴ and they will see his face, and his name (will be) upon their foreheads.

Revelation 22:5

- ◆ ⁵ And night will be no more, and they will not have need of the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine upon them, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:6-7

- ◆ ⁶ And he (the angel) said to me, "These words are faithful and true, and the Lord God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show his slaves what will come into being soon. ⁷ And behold I am coming soon. Blessed is the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this scroll."

Who is Speaking?

v. 6 — Angel

v. 7 — Christ

v. 8 — John

vv. 9-11 — Angel

vv. 12-16 — Christ

vv. 17-19 — John v. 20a — Christ

vv. 20b-21 — John

Revelation 22:8-9

- ◆ ⁸ And I, John, am the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I heard and saw (them), I fell to worship at the feet of the angel showing me these things. ⁹ And he said to me, “watch out do not do this!” I am a fellow-slave with you and your brothers the prophets and the ones keeping the words of this scroll; Worship God!”

Revelation 22:10-11

- ◆ ¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one doing harm continue doing harm, and the one who is morally filthy continue being morally filthy, and the one who is righteous continue to act righteously, and the one who is holy, let him continue to be holy.”

Revelation 22:12-13

- ◆ ¹² “Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to pay every last one according to his deeds. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Revelation 22:14-15

- ◆ ¹⁴ “Blessed are the ones washing their clothing, in order that they will have the authority to access the tree of life, and that they might have access to enter into the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the sexually immoral and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone loving and practicing lying.”

Revelation 22:16-17

- ◆ ¹⁶ “I Jesus sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and descendent of David, the bright morning star.”
¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” and let the one hearing say, “Come!” And let the one thirsting come, let the one desiring to receive the water of life (receive it) freely.

Revelation 22:18-19

- ◆ ¹⁸ I myself testify to every one who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds to it, God will add to him the plagues having been recorded in this scroll, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the prophecy of this scroll, God will take away his portion of the tree of life and from the holy city that have been written in this scroll.

Curse from the Letter of Aristeas

- ◆ As the books were read, the priests stood up, with the elders from among the translators and from the representatives of the “Community,” and with the leaders of the people, and said, “Since this version has been made rightly and reverently, and in every respect accurately, it is good that this should remain exactly so, and that there should be no revision.” There was general approval of what they said, and they commanded that a curse should be laid, as was their custom, on anyone who should alter the version by any addition or change to any part of the written text, or any deletion either. This was a good step taken to ensure that the words were preserved completely and permanently in perpetuity. (310-311)

Revelation 22:20-21

- ◆ ²⁰ The one testifying to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon. Amen, come Lord Jesus.” ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.