THE COMING OF THE LORD THE FINAL WORDS OF THE BIBLE REVELATION 22

Introduction

Last week we saw in Chapters 21and 22 – "A New Heaven, A New Earth, and A New Jerusalem!"

Revelation 21:5–"And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all** things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

What a blessing!

This last chapter of the Holy Scriptures are God's final words to us as the canon of Scripture is closed!

Do you know what the last word in the Old Testament is? It is the word *"curse."*

Malachi 4:6–"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a **curse.**"

Sin brings a curse, doesn't it! I like what *Revelation 22:3* says here! There will be **no more curse** because sin has been obliterated and taken out of the way!

I believe there are some other particular things God would have us to notice here in this last chapter!

I. THE FINAL BLESSING! (Vs 14)

When we initially look at this it might cause us to squirm! Why, because we cannot in our flesh "do His commandments!"

But listen, this blessing is fulfilled in our lives when we obey the Gospel! *Galatians 2:16; 3:10-14*

John 6:40–"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

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THE FINAL BLESSING ...

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- THE FINAL INVITATION! (Vs 17)
 - A. The Holy Spirit Of God Is Saying "Come!" John 16:7-11
 - 1. He Says "Come!" Because Of Sin!
 - 2. He Says "Come!" Because Of Righteousness!
 - 3. He Says "Come!" Because Of Judgment!
 - B. The Bride Is Saying "Come!"
 - 1. The Bride Is Saying "Come!" Because She Has Come!
 - a. We Know The Peace From Having Come! Romans 5:1–"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"
 - b. We Know The Redemption And Forgiveness From Having Come!

Ephesians 1:7–"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

c. We Know The Access To God From Having Come!

Ephesians 1:6–To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

d. We Know The Spiritual Blessings From Having Come!

> Ephesians 1:3–"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

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2.

The Bride Is Saying "Come!" Because She Has Come!

The Bride Is Saying "Come!" Because She Has Been Commanded!- The Great Commission!
Matthew 28:18-20-"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15–"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Acts 1:8–"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

3. The Bride Is Saying *"Come!"* Because She Is Constrained!

2 Corinthians 5:14-15–"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

The word "constraineth" = "compels"

- a. The Love Of Christ <u>For Us</u> Constraineth Us! We ought to want to "share the love!"
- b. The Love Of Christ <u>In Us</u> Constraineth Us! Christ loves the sinner! Christ lives in us! Christ living in us loves the sinner!

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c. Our Love For Christ Constraineth Us! John 14:15–"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

THE FINAL BLESSING...THE FINAL INVITATION...

III. THE FINAL WARNING! (Vs 18-19)

I believe this is not only true of the book of Revelation, I believe it is true of the whole of Scripture!

Proverbs 30:5-6—"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

Don't **add** anything to the Bible! Don't **subtract** anything away from it! We don't need the Bible **and** another book! (Book of Mormon) **We need the Bible and the Bible alone! Believe ONLY the Bible...and believe it all!**

IV. THE FINAL PROMISE! (Vs 7, 20)

"Surely I come quickly. Amen."

"Quickly" = "without delay" or (by surprise) suddenly."

We don't know the day or the hour, but Jesus is coming and He is coming unexpectedly!

This is good news to those of us who trust Him!

But, this is a terrible message to those who have rejected Him and are under the condemnation of their sins!

We must be ready for whenever He comes so that we are not caught off guard!

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V. THE FINAL PRAYER! (Vs 20)

Isn't it great that the Bible ends with a prayer!

Can you look into the face of heaven today and honestly say, *"Even so come Lord Jesus!"*

If you can't, there is something wrong!

You need to get where you can say that!

VI. THE FINAL BENEDICTION! (Vs 21)

1 Peter 5:10–"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."