

## THE ROOT OF DAVID

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Revelation 22:1-21

**“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**

This is the final “I am” of Scripture, and with it we conclude our study of passages in which Jesus used Jehovah’s exclusive title “I am” (Exodus 3:14), and applied it to Himself. This text is:

**1. An Authentication of the Author and the truth of Scripture:** It is one in a sequence of statements that begins in verse 6 and affirms, “These sayings are faithful and true.” Witnesses to this truth are God’s angel (6), Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega (7, 12 & 13), the Apostle John (8), and Christ’s angel (16).

**2. A Culmination of the Prophecies of Scripture, and thus, a Demonstration of the Unity of Scripture:** It takes two threads of prophecy that began centuries earlier, and weaves them together into a unified finale.

- **The root and offspring of David.**

- II Samuel 7:12ff                      The promise made to David
- Psalm 89:3, 4, 20-37              The promise reaffirmed and expounded
- Isaiah 11:1-11                      There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse
- Matthew 1                              The subject of the promise identified
- Matthew 9:27; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9      The subject of the promise recognized
- Matthew 22:42                      The subject of the promise identified by Christ
- Acts 2:22-34, Romans 1:1      The subject of the promise identified by apostles
- Revelation 22:16                      The subject of the promise finalized by Jesus

- **The bright and morning star.**

- Numbers 24:17                      The promise of a “Star” who will destroy Israel’s enemies
- II Samuel 23:2-5                      Qualities of the Star expounded by God’s Spirit via David
- I Kings 11:36; II Kings 8:19; II Chronicles 21:7      “Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.”
- Luke 1:78-79                      Zacharias’ exclamation at John’s birth
- John 8:12                              Jesus Christ: “I am the light of the world”
- Luke 23:45                              The sun is darkened as Christ hangs dying on the cross
- Acts 9                                      Saul is blinded by the shining radiance of Christ
- II Peter 1:19                              “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”

**3. The conclusion of the message of Scripture:** Thus authenticated and confirmed, the Scriptures are complete, needing no additions or deletions.