

## **Preparing for The End – Part 3**

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### **Introduction**

The book of Revelation is about:

- The Unveiling of Jesus and His People for Who They Really Are
- The Encouragement of Suffering Saints
- The End of All Things in a Fallen World

Revelation 22 is about the End of All Things:

- Heaven on Earth
- The Judgment of All Men
- The Free Offer of the Gospel

### **Heaven on Earth (1-5)**

One day there will be a new heaven and earth. Heaven will once again be on earth and there will be a new Eden in which God and His people fellowship face to face. The people of God will know perfect and full and everlasting joy and peace and will be serving God and reigning over all of creation with God and Christ. The new heaven and earth will be united. There will be continuity between the old earth and the new earth but unimaginable yet desirable differences. – Luke 24:36-43; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Psalm 16:11

### **Judgment of All Men (6-16)**

But before heaven comes to earth, God's people must be graciously rewarded and those who have refused God's mercy in Jesus must receive the only alternative: what they deserve (justice). Jesus came the first time to provide for the mercy of God in His own life and death and resurrection. He will come the second time to give relief to His suffering people and to bring a just judgment on all those who refuse His mercy and His reign over their lives. – Luke 19:11-27; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

### **The Free Offer of the Gospel (17-21)**

*What is pictured here?*

- The invitation to life in and through the Lamb.
- By the Holy Spirit through the Church as a whole and through individual Christians who have tasted and seen!
- The threat of justice and the promise of glory is the motivation for the invitation of mercy and satisfaction in Jesus!
- The free offer of the gospel!

### ***How does the Bible end?***

With an invitation to life! (17)

*Last Words Can Be Very Important* – 2 Chronicles 24:20-22; Acts 7:58-60

*The God who 'Rathers'* – Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11

*The Inviting Jesus* – John 7:37-39; Matthew 23:37

### ***What is the water of life?***

It is a Person. (17)

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take **the water of life** without cost.

*Jeremiah's Fountain and Cisterns* – Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13

*Jesus' Foot Washing* – John 13:5-10

### ***How do we receive it?***

By needing it and wanting it and resting in Jesus alone. (17)

*Woman at the Well* – John 4:7-26

*Two Kinds of Prayers* – Luke 18:9-14

*OT Invitation* – Isaiah 55:1-3

### ***What will we do if we receive it?***

We will hope in God's Word and pursue love according to God's Word no matter what. (18-21)

*Two Kinds of Builders* – Matthew 7:21-27

### ***What determines our end?***

What we do with the offer of living water.

*The Marriage Feast* – Matthew 22:1-13

### **Conclusion**

The last words of the last words are an invitation to life!

*There is far more mercy in Christ than there is sin in you.*

– Doug Wilson