

## Revelation 22

- A. **Revelation 22:6-21:** Offering final testimonies from God, the Lamb, the Spirit, the bride and the prophets who speak to the bride for the Spirit; underscores God's message to John.
1. The God of the Spirits of the prophets (22:6)—familiar phrase.
    - a. OT; “God of the Spirits of all mankind” (Num 16:22; 27:16).
    - b. NT; :Father of our Spirits” (Heb. 12:9
    - c. “Spirits”—refer to angels assigned to people (1 Enoch 20:3).
    - d. Spirits associated with prophesying; 1 Cor. 12:10; 14:32; Rev. 22:9.
    - e. Holy Spirit—“the even spirits”—Rev. 1:4—who also prophesy in Rev. 19:10.
    - f. God as ruler over human spirits.
  2. Verse 7—echoes pronouncement: These events will occur SOON! Jesus will return. Therefore—Blessed are those” who keep the words of Revelation close to heart—they will be rewarded.
  3. Verse 8—John identifies himself; first time since chp. 1; provides an eyewitness account.
  4. Angel refuses John's worship—God alone is to be worshiped; underlines the Deity of Christ.
  5. Revelation—unsealed—events are already taking place; Daniel was sealed—events were a long way from occurring. The time is near!
  6. Ironic Language—Verse 11—“Let those who do wrong continue...” Challenging unrepentance; reverse psychology if you will; used by prophets; Isa. 29:9; Jer. 44:25. There is a consequence.
  7. Jesus is the final Judge (22:12); Judaism—uncomfortable with this language—God alone is Judge.
  8. Jesus affirming His Deity—Verse 13—Alpha, Pmega, First, Last; Beginning, End;
  9. Washing Robes—Sardians (1 of 7 churches); Called to wash robes in the blood of Jesus Christ.
  10. Those who overcome and are prepared will partake in the tree of life and enter through the gates of the city (22:14).
  11. List of those who will not be permitted: a. practice magic arts b. sexually immoral c. idolaters.
  12. Jesus stands behind the entire Book of Revelation; Not just the offspring of the house of David but Jesus is the “Root” (c.f. 5:5); Bright Morning Star—Jesus is like a celestial body—The Messiah (Num. 24:17).
  13. Spirit—speaking through the bride (v. 17); Crying out and inviting “Come”; Drink the water of life—Come crying for Jesus to come!
  14. (WARNING!) Do not change the words of the book of Revelation—e.g. Moses warned (Deut. 4:2; 12:32).
  15. Closing prayer—“Come, Lord Jesus”; Aramaic—“*Maran tha*”

B. Points of Discussion:

1. Canon—closed or open? Closed canon does not mean that God cannot speak in powerful or dramatic ways!
2. Truth and fulfillment—Truth and Righteousness—Beginning and Finishing.
3. Worship—God alone merits are worship.
4. Obedience: Moral preparedness.
5. Come, Lord Jesus.