

“These Words Are Faithful and True!”

Revelation 22:6-11

Revelation #52

Final divine attestations to the truth of this prophecy

1. The Words of this Prophecy are to be Kept!

vv. 6-9

(1) Because they are faithful and true!

*“Then he said to me,
“These words are faithful and true.””*

- Delivered under the divine authority

*“And the Lord God of the holy prophets
sent His angel to show His servants
the things which must shortly take place.”*

- God’s attestation through His angel cf. 1:1b

It is revelation from God.

Jesus revealed it by sending it through His angel (Lit: He “signified it” through His angel)

And this angel communicated it to John

- Delivered in powerful fashion! (8-9)

(2) Because these things are to shortly take place

- cf. 1:1-3

- The beginning or the inauguration of the fulfillment of these things is the focus

- The “latter days” have commenced! Cf. Dan 2 “what will be in the latter days”

- In King Jesus the Kingdom of God was beginning in its displacement of the old order.

- In view here:

(1) Events which were *about to take place*

(e.g., Events referred to in the letters to the churches, Chpts. 2-3)

(2) Events to take place through the whole church age

(3) Events pertaining to the final return of Jesus – the consummation of all things.

(3) Because Jesus is coming quickly!

“Behold, I am coming quickly!”

- The angel quotes Jesus here.

- The total impression here is so powerful that John thinks the angel *is* Jesus!

(4) Because in the keeping of them there is true blessedness!

*“Blessed is he who keeps
the words of the prophecy of this book.”*

- The blessing promised in 1:3 reiterated here

- Blessing promised to those who read and hear this prophecy.

- Blessing is promised to those who “keep” this prophecy. (“read” and “hear” omitted here)

- Gk: tereo - to keep, observe, obey, pay attention to

- We are called to obedience with respect to the prophecy of Revelation

- A true understanding of its message will issue in obedience!

2. The Words of this Prophecy are to be Proclaimed!

vv. 10-11

(1) Because the time is at hand!

“And he said to me,

*‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book,
for the time is at hand.’”*

- “Do not seal” (litotes) “Publish!”

Opposite the instruction given to Daniel (12:4, 9)

- Fulfillment had already been set in motion!

(2) Because these truths are *destiny-determining* by virtue of their authority!

- Every man must deal with these truths!

“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;

he who is filthy, let him be filthy still;

he who is righteous, let him be righteous still;

he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

- Every man’s destiny is determined according to
his response to these truths!

Further Application