

# REVELATION

## CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

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I. **Revelation 22:1-2 (NASB)** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, (v2) in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A. "he"

1. **Revelation 21:9 (CSBBible)** Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

B. "river of the water of life"

1. **Ezekiel 47:1-9 (CSBBible)** <sup>1</sup> Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple and there was water flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the temple faced east. The water was coming down from under the south side of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup> Next he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate that faced east; there the water was trickling from the south side. <sup>3</sup> As the man went out east with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a third of a mile and led me through the water. It came up to my ankles. <sup>4</sup> Then he measured off a third of a mile and led me through the water. It came up to my knees. He measured off another third of a mile and led me through the water. It came up to my waist. <sup>5</sup> Again he measured off a third of a mile, and it was a river that I could not cross on foot. For the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed on foot. <sup>6</sup> He asked me, "Do you see this, son of man?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup> When I had returned, I saw a very large number of trees along both sides of the riverbank. <sup>8</sup> He said to me, "This water flows out to the eastern region and goes down to the Arabah. When it enters the sea, the sea of foul water, the water of the sea becomes fresh. <sup>9</sup> Every kind of living creature that swarms will live wherever the river flows, and there will be a huge number of fish because this water goes there. Since the water will become fresh, there will be life everywhere the river goes.

2. "river of water of life" is the Holy Spirit

3. represents new life in Christ

a. Scriptures

i. **John 4:14 (CSBBible)** But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life."

ii. **John 7:37-39 (CSBBible)** <sup>37</sup> On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." <sup>39</sup> He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

C. “either side”

1. problem: how can one tree be on both sides of the river
  - a. possible answers
    - i. Gill (as an option)  
A/ trunk on one side, boughs reaching over the river to the other
    - ii. Chilton  
A/ its not “*the* tree of life,” but rather “tree of life”
      - 1/ so you could read it as “a tree of life”
      - 1/ so, many trees of life on both sides of the river
    - iii. roots traverse the river, spread out on both sides

D. “tree of life”

1. the tree of life of course is Jesus

E. “twelve”

1. there’s a new crop of fruit every month
  - a. the provision will never, ever run out
2. the standard symbol for the church
  - a. as in the twelve apostles who were the foundation of the New Jerusalem

II. **Revelation 22:3 (NASB)** *There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it [New Jerusalem]; and His bond-servants will serve him;*

A. “curse”

1. **Galatians 3:13 (CSBBible)** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.
  - a. this is true for the present-day church as well as the final state

B. “throne”

1. God, Jesus rule in present-day church as well as final state
  - a. the throne belongs to both God and the Lamb
  - b. Scriptures
    - i. **Matthew 19:28 (CSBBible)** Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.  
A/ “judging”
      - 1/ query: how do 12 apostles, who are of the church, judge Israel?
        - a/ Jesus using “Israel” because that’s what the people of God were called then
          - i/ just like author of Hebrews used “Israel” to refer to the church
            - A) **Hebrews 8:8 (CSBBible)** But finding fault with his people, he says: See, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah —

B/ some might say that this does not occur until after the time of the church

1/ Answer

a. Scriptures

- i. **Luke 1:32 (CSBBible)** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.  
A/ who can argue that Jesus does not *now* sit on the throne of David?
- ii. **Acts 2:30 (CSBBible)** Since he [David] was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. **Acts 2:32-**

**33 (CSBBible)** <sup>32</sup> "God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. <sup>33</sup> Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear

A/ quoting Psalm 132:11

B/ Obviously, Peter fulfills the OT prophecy in the Resurrection and the first Baptism of Holy Spirit

1/ which is not in a future "millennium," or the final state

iii. **Acts 7:49 (CSBBible)** Heaven is my throne, and the earth my footstool. What sort of house will you build for me? says the Lord, or what will be my resting place?

A/ Stephen acknowledges that God was on the throne in *Stephen's* time

iv. **Hebrews 4:16 (CSBBible)** Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

A/ we don't draw near to an empty throne

1/ God is sitting on that throne

v. **Hebrews 8:1 (CSBBible)** Now the main point of what is being said is this: We have this kind of high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

vi. **Hebrews 12:2 (CSBBible)** keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

A/ both God and Jesus are on the throne *now!*

C. "bond-servants"

1. we are slaves of Christ NOW in present-day church as well as final state

a. **Colossians 4:1 (CSBBible)** Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

III. **Revelation 22:4 (NASB)** *they will see his face, and His name will be on their foreheads.*

A. "see his face"

1. does this mean to see Jesus' *physical* face in the final state?

2. Scriptures that say we see Jesus' face *now*, in the *new covenant church* age

a. **2 Corinthians 4:6 (CSBBible)** For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

b. **Hebrews 2:9 (CSBBible)** But we do see Jesus — made lower than the angels for a short time so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone — crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death.

B. "name"

1. we are in the image of God

2. God owns us

a. just like we own a basketball when we put our name on it (DT)

b. God protects what he owns

i. just like we would protect our basketball

C. "foreheads"

1. Scripture

- a. **Revelation 3:12 (CSBBible)** "The one who conquers I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never go out again. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God — the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God — and my new name.
- b. **Revelation 7:3 (CSBBible)** "Don't harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the servants of our God on their foreheads."
- c. **Revelation 14:1 (CSBBible)** Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

**IV. Revelation 22:5 (NASB)** *And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever."*

A. "light"

1. many Scriptures say that Christ is the light NOW

- a. **Isaiah 60:1-3 (CSBBible)** <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines over you. <sup>2</sup> For look, darkness will cover the earth, and total darkness the peoples; but the Lord will shine over you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to your shining brightness.
- b. **Malachi 4:1-2 (CSBBible)** <sup>1</sup> "For look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and everyone who commits wickedness will become stubble. The coming day will consume them," says the Lord of Armies, "not leaving them root or branches. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall.
- c. **Luke 1:78-79 (CSBBible)** <sup>78</sup> Because of our God's merciful compassion, the dawn from on high will visit us <sup>79</sup> to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- d. **John 1:4-5 (CSBBible)** <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.
- e. **John 8:12 (CSBBible)** Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."
- f. **2 Corinthians 4:4 (CSBBible)** In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **2 Corinthians 4:6 (CSBBible)** For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
- g. **Colossians 1:12-13 (CSBBible)** <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.
- h. **2 Peter 1:19 (CSBBible)** We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

- B. "they will reign forever and ever"
  - 1. not just for a thousand years
  - 2. the "they" is the saints, the church
    - a. we co-rule with Jesus
      - i. **Revelation 11:15 (CSBBible)** The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.  
A/ the *exact same* language is used  
1/ except for the pronoun
      - ii. the meek indeed will inherit the earth

V. **Revelation 22:6-7 (NASB)** *And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must **SOON** take place. (v7) "And behold, I am coming quickly [ESV: soon]. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."*

- A. "he" (v6)
  - 1. one of the bowl angels is still talking
    - a. **Revelation 21:9 (CSBBible)** Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
- B. "His angel"
  - 1. options
    - a. Jesus (DT)
      - i. angel can be translated "messenger" (DT)
    - b. the bowl-angel (cf. Revelation 21:9)
      - i. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges says angel is same as in the following  
A/ Scripture
        - 1/ **Revelation 17:1 (CSBBible)** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the judgment of the notorious prostitute who is seated on many waters.
        - 2/ **Revelation 19:9 (CSBBible)** Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true."
        - 3/ **Revelation 21:9 (CSBBible)** Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
        - 4/ **Revelation 22:6 (CSBBible)** Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."
        - 5/ **Revelation 22:8 (CSBBible)** I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me.
        - 6/ **Revelation 22:16 (CSBBible)** "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star."
  - 2. many commentators don't even discuss who this angel was

C. “soon” (v6)

1. what part of “soon” do we not understand?
2. “soon” (τάχος) is used 7 times in Revelation
  - a. listed
    - i. **Revelation 1:1 (ESV)** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.
    - ii. **Revelation 2:16 (ESV)** “I will come to you soon . . .”
    - iii. **Revelation 3:11 (ESV)** “I am coming soon. . . “
    - iv. **Revelation 22:6 (ESV)** “ . . . the Lord . . . has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”
    - v. **Revelation 22:7 (ESV)** “ . . . I am coming soon . . . ”
    - vi. **Revelation 22:12 (ESV)** “ . . . I am coming soon . . . ”
    - vii. **Revelation 22:20 (ESV)** “ . . . I am coming soon . . . ”
  - b. the first verse and the next to the last verse of the book have “soon”
    - i. so what part of “soon” do we not understand?
3. this does not mean that *all* of the events of Revelation were to occur “soon”
  - a. << Even Prof. [Moses] Stuart, who contends that the greater portion of the book refers to the destruction of Jerusalem, and the persecutions of pagan Rome, admits that "the closing part of the Revelation relates beyond all doubt to a distant period, and some of it to a future eternity" (ii., p. 5); and, if this be so, then there is no impropriety in supposing that a part of the series of predictions preceding this may lie also in a somewhat remote futurity.>> (Barnes)

D. “coming”

1. used 7 times in chapter 22 alone
2. used other places in Revelation
  - a. Scriptures
    - i. **Revelation 1:7 (CSBBible)** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. So it is to be. Amen.
    - ii. **Revelation 2:5 (CSBBible)** Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
    - iii. **Revelation 2:16 (CSBBible)** So repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
    - iv. **Revelation 3:11 (CSBBible)** I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown.
    - v. **Revelation 16:15 (CSBBible)** "Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who is alert and remains clothed so that he may not go around naked and people see his shame."
  - b. not the second coming
    - a. that obviously is not coming quickly

E. “heads”

1. not just understands what’s going to happen when
2. remember all the ethical injunctions to the first seven churches

VI. **Revelation 22:8-9 (NASB)** *I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. (v9) But he said to me, “Do*

*not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.*

A. "angel"

1. the bowl-angel of Revelation 21:9

- a. **Revelation 21:9 (CSBBible)** Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

B. "worship"

1. **Revelation 19:10 (CSBBible)** Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

2. problem if we take this in the sense of worshipping a god

- a. John the apostle, receiving a revelation of Jesus Christ, not likely to do that  
b. angel didn't rebuke him for idolatry, which would be natural and logical  
c. see on 19:10, where ditto

2. "proskuneo"

- a. "the custom of prostrating oneself before a person and kissing his feet, the hem of his garment, the ground, etc."

i. used not only for worship of a god, but also to show reverence due to superiors

A/ **Revelation 3:9 (KJV)** "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan [in Philadelphia], which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship [proskuneo] before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

1/ obviously, Jesus not going to ask synagogue of Satan to commit idolatry

3. angel is saying John (and all Xns) are on an equal level with angels with respect in the Kingdom

- a. ironically, this verse is usually interpreted as saying John is trenching on God's honor  
i. when actually, John was trenching on his own honor  
b. we should think about this the next time we get depressed over how worthless we are

5. Angel says in effect: "get up and worship God, because you have every right to be in his presence, every bit as much as I do."

C. "brethren"

1. this is more evidence that the angel is saying John being too humble

- a. if the "testimony of [about] Jesus" is the Spirit of prophecy...

i. and the brethren of John hold the testimony of [about] Jesus...

A/ then the brethren also have the spirit of prophecy...

1/ which means they shouldn't be giving obeisance to an angel

- b. John is a brother of the prophets, which means he *is* a prophet (DT)

VII. **Revelation 22:10 (NASB)** *And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."*

A. "Do not seal"

1. because you would have to turn around and unseal the book quite shortly

2. Contrast Daniel 12:4

- a. **Daniel 12:4 (CSBBible)** "But you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will roam about, and knowledge will increase."

b. Daniel writing about events of the First Advent to take place over a half millennium in the future

i. John writing about events about to take place a few years in the future

B. “near”

1. What part of “near” do we not understand?
2. this word is related to “soon”
  - a. “near” (ἐγγύς) is used twice in Revelation
    - i. **Revelation 1:3b (CSBBible)** . . . the time is near.
    - ii. **Revelation 22:10 (CSBBible)** Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

VIII. **Revelation 22:11** “*Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.*”

A. “filthy”

1. the Gentiles (Romans) and the apostate Jews have filled up the cup of their iniquity
  - a. their judgment is set, and nothing’s going to turn it away
2. <<a prayer ‘that the world may come out black and white, so as to be ripe for judgment.’ Self-consciousness on both sides of the contest is always a prelude to judgment.>> (Chilton, quoting Gary North)
3. too late for repentance now, the die is cast

C. “holy”

1. the persecuted Christians just needs to persevere in being who they are
  - a. and doing what they do  
A/ “practice righteousness”

D. OT Scripture

1. Ezek 3:27 “<sup>27</sup> 'But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.”

IX. **Revelation 22:12-13 (CSBBible)** <sup>12</sup> "Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person **according to his work**. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

A. “coming”

1. in judgment, not physically at the end of the world

B. “soon”

1. what part of “soon” do we not understand?

C. “reward”

1. **Matthew 16:27-28 (CSBBible)** <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his **angels** in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each **according to what he has done**. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here [Mt of Transfiguration] who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
  - a. note parallel with 22:12 “according to his work”
  - b. Matthew 16:27-28 refers to AD 70
    - i. can’t be end of world judgment  
A/ everyone would have tasted death till then
    - ii. can’t be Mt. of Transfiguration, which happened several days later  
A/ why would Jesus say someone wouldn’t taste death in just a few (six) days?  
B/ what kind of a reward is going to be handed out at Mt. of Transfiguration?



C/ futurist dodge

- i. some of you (Peter, James, John) won't taste death till you see Mt of Transfig  
A/ as opposed to the rest of you who will taste death  
1/ after which time you will see the Son of Man coming at end of time
- ii. problem for futurists  
A/ why would Jesus say some of you will not taste death in six days?  
B/ did the Mount of Transfiguration have "angels" and "rewards"?  
1/ Matthew 16:27-28 says there will be

D. "Alpha and the Omega"

1. Jesus established the new covenant, and he consummates it

X. **Revelation 22:14 (NASB)** *Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city."*

A. "wash"

1. KJV has "do his commandments"
2. symbol of moral purity (DT)

B. "tree of life"

1. tree of life is Jesus
  - a. **Revelation 22:2b (CSBBible)** The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations,

C. "right"

1. Do Xns today have the right to the tree of life?
  - a. answer → *Yes!*
  - b. **Revelation 2:7 (CSBBible)** "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
    - i. **1 John 5:5 (CSBBible)** Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
A/ Christians are, *by definition*, overcomers
    - ii. the overcomers in the seven churches of John's day get to eat of the tree of life  
A/ these aren't Christians in a future final state

D. "may enter"

1. Do Christians today have the right to enter into the New Jerusalem?
  - a. answer: *Yes!*

E. "city"

1. the New Jerusalem

XI. **Revelation 22:15 (NASB)** *outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.*

A. "outside"

1. those who aren't citizens of the New Jerusalem are unbelievers
  - a. and the sins listed in 22:15 is what unbelievers typically do
2. futurists vs. preterists
  - a. futurists would say "outside" is hell
  - b. preterists would say "outside" is those outside the church in the church age

B. “dogs”

1. scavengers that are regarded w/ disgust and revulsion all through the Bible
  - a. Prov 26:11 “<sup>11</sup> As a dog returneth to his vomit, *so* a fool returneth to his folly.”
  - b. sodomites (Dt 23:18)
  - c. unclean Gentile nations (Mk 7:26-28)
    - i. **Mark 7:26-28 (NASB)** <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered and \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."
  - d. unbelieving Jews, the “false circumcision” (Phil 3:2)
    - i. Phil 3:2 “<sup>2</sup> Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the circumcision.”  
A/ this is probably who is being referred to in 22:15

XII. **Revelation 22:16 (NASB)** *I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”*

A. “you”

1. it’s plural
  - a. John’s audience is directly addressed by the Lord

B. “churches”

1. Rev was meant PRIMARILY for the churches in John’s day

C. “root”

1. **Revelation 5:5 (NASB)** “<sup>5</sup> and one of the elders \* said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

D. “morning star”

1. **Revelation 2:28 (NASB)** <sup>28</sup> and I will give him the morning star.
  - a. the overcomers get Jesus!

E. “angel”

1. cf. Rev 22:8
  - a. “the angel who showed me these things”

XIII. **Revelation 22:17 (NASB)** *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 wished take the WATER OF LIFE WITHOUT COST.”*

A. “come”

1. to whom is this addressed?
  - a. two options
    - i. to Jesus  
A/ the HS urges the bride to ask her husband to come to her  
B/ the second “come”
      - 1/ Jesus says this to all who are unsaved and want salvation
    - ii. to those who are unsaved and who want salvation  
A/ the second “come”
      - 1/ those who come into salvation then ask others to come into salvation

- B. “without cost”
  - 1. salvation is free to us, because Jesus paid the full price for us
- C. “water of life”
  - 1. obvious reference to salvation
    - a. one more indication that Rev has to do with the establishment of the NC church

XIV. **Revelation 22:18,19 NASB** *I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; (v19) and if anyone takes away the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*

- A. “plagues”, “take away his part from the tree of life”
  - 1. Jesus took this book very seriously
    - a. a word of warning for panmillennialists
- B. “take away”
  - 1. query: if a Xn adds/subtracts from Rev, will he lose his salvation
    - a. answer
      - i. refers to non-believers who would try to destroy the book of Revelation (gotquestions)
- C. “tree”
  - 1. KJV erroneously has “book” (gotquestions.org)
    - a. Erasmus, translating from the Latin Vulgate, saw “libro” (book) instead of “lingo” (tree)
      - i. a scribe copying the Latin screwed up
    - b. most all modern translations have “tree”
    - c. note how “tree” fits the context of the chapter better
      - i. “tree” is mentioned twice in chapter 22 along with “city” (vv2,14)
        - A/ same as here, v19

XV. **Revelation 22:20-21 (NASB)** *He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (v21) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

- A. ”quickly”
  - 1. John started out the book of Rev saying he was coming quickly
    - a. Rev 1:1 “<sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must SHORTLY [NASB: “soon”] come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John”
    - b. and now he ends on the same note