

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## Unit 30: (1) *The Spirit and Bride Say 'Come!'*

### Revelation 22:1-21

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#### CONTEXT REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK (Revelation 21:1-27)

1. The heavens and earth experience *regenerated newness* as the Dwelling of God descends.
2. Unbelievers experience the *second death* (eternal damnation of raised body and spirit [soul]).
3. Symbolic dimensions of the New Jerusalem are revealed [high wall, 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes, 12 foundations, 12 foundation jewels].
4. No artificial, astral or planetary light is needed - the Lamb in the Light.

#### I. THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

**REVELATION 22:1-5** [1](#) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2](#) through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [3](#) No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. [4](#) They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5](#) And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- (1) *river of the water of life* - Symbol of the inexhaustible fullness of Eternal Life.
- (2) *tree of life* - True believers now have access - no angelic separation (Genesis 2:9 and 3:22-24)
- (3) *leaves of the tree* - True believers in Christ, healed by the blood of Christ
- (3) *see his face* - In a rejuvenated state, believers can survive seeing God directly.

#### II. TWO TESTIMONIES TO THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE REVELATION

- (6) *trustworthy and true* - As Christ is the Faithful and True Lamb of God (Revelation 3:14), the angel assures John that the words of Christ he is authorized to write are also faithful and true.

#### III. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS

**REVELATION 22:10-15** [10](#) And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. [11](#) Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." [12](#) "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. [13](#) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." [14](#) Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. [15](#) Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

- (10) *do not seal up the words* - John is forbidden to do with his prophecy - what the prophet Daniel did with his prophecy. (See Daniel 8:26 and 12:4)
- (10) *the time is near* - John's prophecy must be proclaimed TODAY!
- (11) *Let the evildoer still do evil* - If the filthy and unrighteous will not repent after hearing the true prophetic words of the Revelation, there is nothing more that can be done.

**Luke 16:29-31** [29](#) *But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'* [30](#) *And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'* [31](#) *He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"*

- (14) *wash their robes* - Cleansed and justified by living faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- (15) *outside* - The impenitent unbelievers are excluded from the New Jerusalem.

**Matthew 22:13-14** [13](#) *Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'* [14](#) *For many are called, but few are chosen."*

#### IV. THE INVITATION TO ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN

**REVELATION 22:16-21** [16](#) *"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."* [17](#) *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 desires take the water of life without price.* [18](#) *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, [19](#) and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. [20](#) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21](#) *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

- (16) *the root* - Jesus is source of our salvation.
- (17) *the Spirit* - Direct reference to the Holy Spirit [third person of Trinity]

#### Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**What does this mean?** *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He [Holy Spirit] calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.*

- (17) *the Bride* - The Christian churches - in which the Holy Spirit dwells.