

Rev 22 The New Jerusalem— **Interior**

Rev 22:1-2a Then he showed me a *river of the water of life, clear as crystal*, coming from the *throne of God* and *of the Lamb*, in the middle of its street...

River: whose water ensures life !
(Rev 21:6)

Clear as crystal:
Pure unlike the Jordan river.
(2 Ki 5:10,12)

From the throne:
GOD is the SOURCE.

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Rev 22:2 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*.

fruit every month— **Variety & never ending supply**

Ezek 47:12 “By the river on its bank, on one side and the other, will grow all *kinds of trees for food* ...*They will bear every month ... and their fruit will be for food & their leaves for healing.*”

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Rev 22:3 There will *no longer be any curse*; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants *will serve Him*.

No longer be any curse

- *Not sinners Deut 27:15-26*
- *Not the ground Gen 3:17*
- *Not mankind Gen 3:16f*

Will serve Him—

- *Worship & rejoice in Him.*
 - *Personally talk with God.*
 - *Learn everything about God.*
- *Sing* with millions of saints & 10,000 Angel choir

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Rev 22:4 They will **SEE His face**,
and His name will be on their **foreheads**.

We get to see God face to face.

***In human body, man
could not see God's
face and live !
(Ex 33:20)***

***His name is on their
foreheads. He is
constantly on our
minds. (Rev 7:3)***

***Moses could only see the back
of God's **GLORY** as He passed. (Ex 22:22)***

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Rev 22:5 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; & *they will reign forever & ever*.

***Nothing
dark,
scary
or sin -
related!
(Jn 3:19f)***

***Saints reign
not for just
1,000 years
(Rev 20:4) but
Triumphantly
through all
eternity!***

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Rev 22:6 He said to me, “*These words are faithful & true*”; and the Lord, *the God of the spirits of the prophets* sent his angel...

And he said to me: the angel who took him to a high mountain to show the new Jerusalem. (Rev 21:10)

These words are faithful & true:

Absolutely dependable ! (19:9; 21:5)

God of the spirits of the prophets:

God inspired the prophets. (Deut 18:18; 1 Cor 2:12-13; 1 Pet 1:11; 2 Pet 1:21.)



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Rev 22:6 God... sent His angel to show to His bond-servants *the things which must shortly take place*

The beginning of things must shortly occur.

But the series of events extended into distant ages, and even into eternity.

❑ Early date holders admit chap 19:19-20 deal with *Rome's Fall, was hundreds of yrs in future.*

❑ They admit *Satan was bound for 1,000 years* (20:2). And (20:11-15) deals with the *final judgment thousands of years in the future.*

Some began right away. Some things later (1:19), and *some 1,000's of years* in the future (20:11-15).



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Rev 22:7 “Behold, *I am coming quickly*.
Blessed is he who heeds the words
of the prophecy of this book.”

I am coming quickly:

(also Rev 22:12, 20)

- Jesus figuratively oversees
the Battles (Mt 24:30)*
- He comes to judge the
Churches (Rev 3:11)*
- He comes to judge the Nations (Rev 16:15)*

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Rev 22:8 “I, John... *heard & 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.”

This is the *second time* he
has done this. (Rev 19:10).

Rev 22:9 But he said to
me, “*Do not do that.* I am
a fellow servant of yours
& of your brethren the
prophets and of *those*
who heed the words of this book. ***Worship God!***”



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Rev 22:10 And he said to me, "*Do NOT seal up* the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

Do not seal up:

God wants this revealed *NOW!*
It was the opposite of Daniel's instruction. (Dan 8:26)

Dan 8:26 "But keep the vision *secret*, for it pertains to many days in the future."



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Rev 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."

“Still” : In Rev 22:11 the word indicates the *permanent character, condition & destiny*... Vine's

Man **MUST Choose**, he can't be *forced* !

You **Grow** or get *Hardened* (2 Tim 3:13; Heb 3:13)



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Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

My reward is with Me:

Greek < misthos > pay, wages.

If Faithful => *Open door* (Rev 3:8)

Enemies will bow to you (Rev 3:9)

Kept from hour of testing (Rev 3:10)

If Unfaithful => *Tribulation* (Rev 2:22)

(2:5) Will remove your lampstand

(2:16) 'Punished' with sword of my mouth.



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Rev 22:13 “I am the *Alpha & the Omega*, the first & the last, the beginning & the end.”

Alpha & the Omega—
Completeness of
his deity !



- Jesus was *in eternity* (John 1:1)
- Jesus was *before earth* (Col 1:17)
- Jesus was *before Abram* (John 8:57)
- Jesus is here *with us today* (Mat 28:20)
- Jesus will be *with us forever* (John 14:2)

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Rev 22:14 Blessed are those *who wash their robes*, so ..they may have the *right to the tree of life*, and ..enter by the gates into the city.



Rev 7:14 They have *washed* their robes and made them **WHITE** in the *blood of the Lamb*.

Rev 19:8 Given to her to clothe herself in fine **linen, bright and clean**. the *fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints*.

Our life cleansed by Christ or still full of sin? Ac 22:16

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Rev 22:15 *Outside are the dogs* and the *sorcerers* and the *immoral* persons and the *murderers* and the *idolaters*, and everyone who *loves and practices lying*.



Outside: Everything immoral and evil is excluded in New Jerusalem.

Dogs were symbols of male prostitutes in the OT. (Deut 23:18)

Nothing depraved has a right to the tree of Life or presence of God

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Rev 22:16a *I, Jesus,*
have sent *My angel* to
testify to you these
things for the
churches.

Jesus
personally
addresses John and
confirms all that the
angel said.
(Rev 1:1)

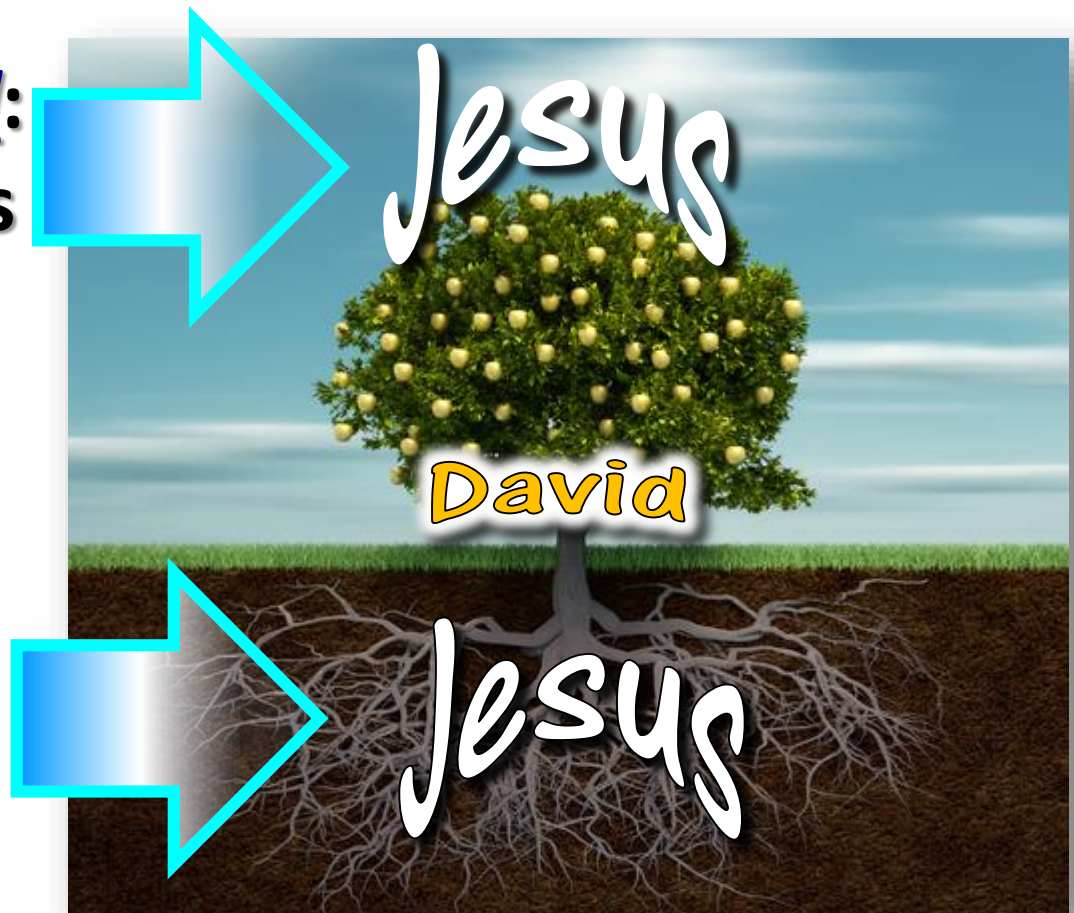


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Rev 22:16b *I am **the root and the offspring of David** (NIV)*

Offspring of David:
came from David's
line. (Lk 1:32)

Root of David:
Jesus preexisted
King David (Mic
5:2; John 8:58)



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Rev 22:16c *“I am the bright morning star.”*

Isa 9:2 The people
who walk
in darkness
*will see a
great light.*

Those who
live in a dark
land, *the light*
will shine on them (Mat 4:16).

Jesus is the beautiful
star that announces
the ending of the
dark night and
the coming
of a Bright
***NEW
DAY.***

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Rev 22:17a The *Spirit and the Bride* say, "Come."
And let the *one who hears* say, "Come...
Take of the Water of Life without Cost!"


Here is the
Universal Invitation:

The Spirit: by His Word !
The Church: by its Evangelism !
All hearers: by inviting friends !



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Rev 22:17b And let the one who is *Thirsty come*;
let the one who *Wishes* take the
water of life without cost.



It doesn't matter how bad your background is.
It doesn't matter how many bad things you did.
*It only matters that you want to be saved
and go to heaven !*

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Rev 22:18 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.*

Speak where *God has spoken!*
Don't *write* detail that God hasn't!
OT (Deut 4:2) You shall not add to
nor take away...

God will add to him the plagues:

Greek Pleegee; wound, strokes,
“Metaphorically of calamities”
--Vines. (cf. Rev 16:1-21)



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Rev 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the *tree of life* & from *the holy city*, which are written in this book.

Don't transcribe and *leave parts out*.

Don't think parts *improbable & omit*.

Jehoiakim didn't like Jeremiah's prophecies about calamities on Judah. So he *cut up the scroll*.

(Jer 36:1, 23)



Or You're Barred from Heaven & Eternal life.

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Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says,
"Yes, I am coming quickly."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



I am coming quickly (22:7, 12)

To execute His judgments.
Some were to begin very
soon. (Rev 2:5, 16, 22)

Amen Come, Lord Jesus: John
agreeing with the judgments
& in answer to the martyr's
prayer! (Rev 6:9-10)

Revelation Overview

Genesis was Paradise Lost.

Revelation is Paradise Regained.

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The background of the slide is a digital illustration of a heavenly city. The city is composed of numerous tall, golden spires and structures that resemble a futuristic or biblical metropolis. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the sky above the city. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and radiant, suggesting a place of glory and eternal life.

No more death, pain, tears, or sin.

Golden city, golden streets.

Eternal life— tree of life lined avenues.

God's throne is in the center.

We will see His face and serve him.

We will reign forever in joy & purity.

Revelation Conclusion



**But right now there are some battles to fight.
Don't give up ! You will win. Christ promises it.
In the meantime— CARRY ON SOLDIER !!!**