

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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"UNTIL WE GET TO HEAVEN"

THE DWELLING OF GOD AND THE ETERNAL STATE

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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It is an Awesome Thing to Realize

that when you come to the end of the Bible and the end of things as we know them - - we enter a world that is just the beginning for everyone who is believing in and trusting in Jesus Christ!

this closing chapter of the Bible puts a smile on my face
as I consider it again.

On a Personal Note:

it's because on the day that Jesus Christ took hold of me I went home with my little paperback Bible and I turned to the back of the book to see how it all ends, and I came to the end of the Bible, the 22nd chapter of the book of revelation and discovered that by becoming a Christian, I would enjoy eternity with God.

FIVE TIMES IN THIS LAST CHAPTER
JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE AGES...

You'll Hear Him Saying; "Be Confident and Be Ready"

There's "Urgency" in Jesus' Voice

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

It's Been Said by A.T. Pearson, a Great Bible Teacher
of Another Time...

Revelation ends with perfect **restoration**

there shall be no more curse there

Revelation ends with perfect **administration**

but the throne of the Lamb and God shall be there

Revelation ends with perfect **subordination**

His servants shall serve Him there

Revelation ends with perfect **transformation**

they shall see His face there

Revelation ends with perfect **illumination**

there will be no need for the sun and moon there

Revelation ends with perfect **identification**

they shall receive His new name upon them there

Revelation ends with perfect **exultation**

they shall reign forever and ever

The Assurance of Heaven
and privilege of being with God !

Maybe You would Agree with the Apostle Paul

Philippians 1:21-23

For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. :22 But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. :23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

UNTIL WE GET TO HEAVEN

I.) We need to fix our eyes on eternal life

WE BEING HIS CREATION,
ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON HIM FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS....

We need to fix our eyes on eternal life

a.) And the sufficiency of God in Christ v.1

Revelation 22:1

And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal,
proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

"proceeding from God's Throne..."
was a pure river of something very different

this "proceeding" is an overflowing, a flooding or gushing forth!

we saw life giving water flow out of eden, the garden of God
we see life giving water flow out of the new Jerusalem, the city of God

John 7:37-38

On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. :38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

The Sufficiency of God in Christ

John 19:34

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear,
and immediately blood and water came out.

Revelation 21:22

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb
are its temple.

From Jesus Christ, Our Eternal Temple,
forgiveness and His benefits flow continually

2 Corinthians 3:5

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves...
...but our sufficiency (our being able) is from God,

**"Our Ability to Live the Christian Life"
is of God, it's Jesus Christ...**

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace :8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, :9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

The Meaning is Clear -
God has Provided More Than What is Needed
"Sufficiency"

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. :21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, :22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

We need to fix our eyes on eternal life

b.) *And the prerequisite of God by Christ*

v.2

pre·req·ui·site

(Noah Webster 1828)

**the performance of something that is required for the next step to take place
in order to fulfill a purpose**

and In the middle of its street, (New Jerusalem) and on either side of the river (the river of life), **was the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for **the healing (vitality) of the nations.**

Psalm 46:4

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

*fixing our eyes on eternal life
because, God performed, by Jesus Christ, our Redemption*

The Cross for Us Became a Tree of Life

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

the prerequisite of God by Christ

but what does that mean to me?

it means that I was so without God and so unable to save myself and so lost
and so in need of being found and so in need of being rescued - that Jesus had to die for me if I
were to be saved from eternal destruction!

Hebrews 12:2

Let us **fix** our eyes on Jesus, the author (prerequisite) and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame(.) ...and sat down at the "**right hand**" of "**the throne**" of God.

UNTIL WE GET TO HEAVEN

II.) We need to set our hearts upon the presence of God

a.) Because of where He is in reality

v.3

And there shall be **no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb **shall be in it**,
and His servants shall serve Him...

Much of what is found being lost in the Book of Genesis is recovered in the Book of Revelation.
what was lost is now found, what has been denied is now accessible.
what died is now made alive!

"No More Curse"
The undoing of the will of Satan

From Death to Life;
Satan has a "Death Wish" for Your Life

It Was Satan, Through the Flesh Who Said;
"come on eve, live a little will ya, and be your own girl, do your own thing"

It Was Satan, Through the Flesh Who Said;
"come on Job, blame God for all that's wrong in your life"

It Was Satan, Through the Flesh Who Said;
come on Elisha, kill yourself because you're all alone"

Listen, It's Been Satan, Through the Flesh Who Says;
There's No Hope for You, God Won't Forgive You

There Will Be No More Curse

Galatians 3:13

Jesus Christ has redeemed us from **the curse** of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

There is The Curse of Sin - Death!
There is The Curse of the Law - Condemnation!

This "No More Curse" is The Curse Against Creation!
The Cursed Creation is Gone and There is a New Creation

Revelation 21:1

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

We need to set our hearts upon the presence of God

b.) Because of what He shall reveal to us

v.4

...They shall see His face, and His name **shall be on their foreheads**. :5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Church, Imagine With Me Please for a Moment;

This Is a promise that Moses would have died to have had.
this fact would have caused King David to be Jealous for Us today.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

No One Has Ever Seen God in Totality !

1 Timothy 6:15

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, :16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God;

Hebrews 12:29

For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Today, we live by "Faith" in Position

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

To The Church at Philadelphia, Turkey Jesus Said;

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. 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 **I will write on him My new name.**

This was a Fantastic Event in History / and it will be for our Future
After the great earthquake of 17 a.d. - - The Roman Emperor Vespasian ordered the city of Philadelphia to be "Free from Roman Taxation" and so for five years it could regain its footing in the empires economy. The city was so grateful for its tax exempt status that it declared its new name to be - - Neo-caesarea, or "New Caesar City".

In gratitude, the citizens of Philadelphia tattooed "Neocaesarea" on their bodies!

it Was The Name, That Announcement of Ownership

Isaiah 49:16

Behold, I have engraven thee upon the palms of *my* hands

UNTIL WE GET TO HEAVEN

III.) We need to rest in the finished work of Christ

:6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. :7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

We need to rest in the finished work of Christ

a.) Because Jesus Christ will never fail us

v.6a

Then he said to me,
"These words are faithful and true."

Revelation 3:14

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; :3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John 5:30-32

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. :31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. :32 There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

Hebrews 4:9-11

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. :10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. :11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

God Said It, That Settles It

meditate on what He has told you - - until He returns

We need to rest in the finished work of Christ

b.) Because Jesus Christ will complete all things

v.6b

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

shortly a compound greek word = "en-tachos"

In Haste or In Short Order.

not the word for soon, but the word that means "once they begin, it will not be long"

We need to rest in the finished work of Christ

c.) Because Jesus Christ will come again

v.7

Notice with me what God thinks about the Bible

So Then Christian, Rest in Christ.

because He shall never fail you, He is faithful and true

Verse 7

**"Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."**

**This Here Is Jesus' Exhortation to Every
Church Age Believer Since the Day of Pentecost...
Always be Waiting for Me**

To Not Be Waiting is to be Spiritually Unfaithful

how should the doctrine of imminence affect us today?

why should the doctrine of immanency matter to us today?

who does the doctrine of immanency apply to today?

**“Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”**

Revelation 1:3

Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

Psalms 138:2

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise **Your name** For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; **For You have magnified Your word even above Your name.**

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **:18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **:21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

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

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, For *I am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, **:10** Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, “My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.”

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

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; **:19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

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

Deuteronomy 4:2

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

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

Proverbs 30:5-6

Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **:6** Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

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

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. :9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Just This One Verse Alone Predates
The Muslim Cult and The Mormon Cult
and thus renders them helpless and hopeless

"keeps"

thre÷w tereo, tay-reh'-o; from **tero/β teros**

to guard over with vigilance. to be a custodian to that which is priceless.

to defend against loss, injury or damage.

to fix your eye upon someone or something so that it cannot escape.

to build a wall or fortress around a city

what are you doing to "keep" the prophecy of this
book?

if someone is keeping the words of the prophecy of *this* book.”

1. they will be **busy** for God
2. they will be **giving** to God
3. they will be **servng** God
4. they will be **honoring** God
5. they will be **in the Word** of God
6. they will be **building the kingdom** of God
7. they will be **caring for the things** of God
8. they will be **obedient to the will** of God

That's why he or she is...

**"Blessed" - "Happy" because they keep the words of
the prophecy of this book.”**