

Revelation 22:1-21 (NIV)

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2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

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

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to 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, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him 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, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

It appears there are 7 provisions in the Heavenly Jerusalem.

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **² down the** middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Provision 1 – the river of the water of life—Purest river ever! Quenching of every thirst Better than well water on a hot day!

Provision 2 – the tree of life—produces fruit year-round. It’s leaves for healing! Nothing in this new creation to bring any physical , or spiritual sickness, weakness, or harm.

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. **⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.**

Provision 3—No curse--no aging, corruption, deterioration, decay, death, suffering, evil, disturbance, division, disasters, and on and on

Provision 4—The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city – Unending access!

Provision 5—God’s Name written on our foreheads – in Revelation, the Antichrist forced all to receive a mark...forehead... his name of # of his name (possession). In heaven, God’s Name signifies we are wholly possessed by God. No devil to tempt or interrupt!

⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Provision 6—Eternal light—Our rest is in His Presence, therefore no need for night...for sleep.

Provision 7—Eternal rule. We’ll have/experience all the joys, benefits, and privileges of royalty—under His perfect eternal reign.

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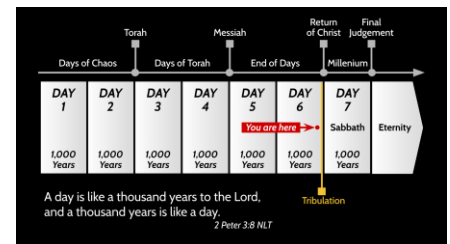
Trustworthy, true words brought by God’s angel.

Coming soon! **² Peter 3:8-9 (NLT2)** “But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. **⁹ The Lord isn’t** really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient **⁵** for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Soon means “in a short time.” God is not procrastinating—He does not look at time like we do! This has always made sense to me... 6 days of creation, then God rested. **For us, 6 days** then the Lord’s day of rest/worship. 6000 years of world history, then the one day (1000 year rest) with Jesus ruling the earth. Then eternity!

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Blessed is the one who keeps **[guard/don’t let them escape]** these prophetic words.



⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. **⁹ But he said** to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

John was so overwhelmed with the revelation, that he spontaneously fell at the feet of the angel to worship him.

The angel, probably vividly remembering 1/3 of the angels being cast out of heaven, wanting to be worshipped was quick to STOP! Worship God!

Satan promised Jesus everything in return for worship. Jesus responded “worship the Lord your God only!”

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

The message of Revelation is not to be sealed—it’s to be proclaimed! It is to be read, studied, preached, and taught!!! People must be prepared. They must get ready!

11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

The more a person hardens his heart, the harder he becomes and the less likely he will be to change. If we do not repent, turn away from this world of sin and turn to God—if we do not get into the Word of God and the prophecies of Revelation—then our hearts will become harder and harder, more and more stubborn. Then when the events of the end time hit the earth, we will be unprepared, and our hearts will be so stubborn and hard we will be lost eternally.

- We will be unjust, so we will remain unjust.
- We will be filthy, so we will remain filthy.

But if we turn to God and begin to study Revelation and do what Revelation says, we will be righteous and remain righteous. We will be holy and remain holy.

12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

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

The Lord's return in imminent—at hand—could be at any time!

When He returns—rewards will be given to those who lived for the Lord!

Judgment will come for those who did not submit their lives to the Lord. Then, the time to prepare will be over. This means that He is both the Creator and Finisher of the universe.

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

The believer surrenders to Jesus, who in turn cleanses them by the "blood of the Lamb."

Then, the believer turns daily from sinful, self-satisfying behaviors to live a holy (separated) life.

IT'S ONLY THAT PERSON WHO WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE AND BE ABLE TO GO THRU THE GATES!

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

In ancient days the *dogs* of society were wild—a symbol of roaming about, of being mean and savage, dirty and immoral. Therefore, those who roam about living mean and savage lives, or dirty and immoral lives will never be allowed to enter God's heavenly city.

PRACTICES 5 things...including FALSEHOOD—those who lie, who deceive, put on a false front/false face.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

Jesus confirms He has sent his angel to testify (bear witness) for the benefit of the churches. Let the invitation go forth! Jesus identifies himself as the root/offspring of David. The fulfillment of God's promises—the One who would make David's throne eternal.

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

THE GREAT INVITATION! The Spirit of God and the Bride (the church/true believers) both cry out COME!!!

Let the thirsty [THE PARCHED, EMPTY, CRAVING]--COME!

Whoever wishes—COME!

This is a free gift!

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. **19** And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The message of Revelation must not be tampered with. The warning is solemn and emphatic.

- **A person must not add** to the words of this book.
- **A person must not take away** from the words of this book.

What happens if a person tampers with the Word of God? If he adds to the words, he is going to suffer the plagues covered in the book. **If he takes** away from the words, God is going...

- to take away his share in the tree of life.
- to take his share out of the holy city, the Heavenly Jerusalem.
- to take his share out of all the glorious promises of this book of Revelation.

²⁰ **He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** ²¹ **The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.**

Jesus Christ is the One who reveals and testifies to the things written in Revelation. **They are** not the imaginations and words of men. They are the Word of the living Lord, the Son of God Himself.

- **Jesus Christ** declares: "Yes—it is true. I am coming soon."

AMEN – So be it!