



“IT IS DONE!”

Revelation 22:6-22 | April 6, 2024
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RESTORATION & REIGN

“... And they will reign for ever and ever” (22:5; cf. 5:10; 20:4, 6).

- Humanity was originally created in God’s image and commissioned to lovingly rule over the earth (Gen 1:26-28; 2:15; Psalm 8:4-8).
- The fall brought frustration and exploitation.

RESTORATION & REIGN

- “Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him” (2Tim 2:11-12; also Rom 8:17; Eph 2:6; Col 3:1-4).
- In John’s vision, the resurrected followers of the Lamb have their original role as image bearers restored and “will reign for ever and ever” on the new heaven and new earth (22:5).

RESTORATION & REIGN

“The point is not that they will reign over anyone; the point is that God’s rule over them is for them a participation in his rule” (Richard Bauckham, *Theology of Revelation*, 142).



ENDINGS (22:6-21)

“The angel said to me, ‘These words are trustworthy and true’” (22:6; cf. 8; 16).

- John’s message is trustworthy because they ultimately come from “the God who inspired the prophets” (22:6).
- John’s veracity (22:8; cf. 1John 1:1-3).
- Jesus’ own testimony (22:16).

ENDINGS (22:6-21)

“Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near” (22:10).

- An allusion to Daniel 8:26; 12:4, 9.
- Instead re-sealing it up, John is told not to because its message needs to be heard.



ENDINGS (22:6-21)

“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll...” (22:18-19).

- “This scroll” applies to the book of Revelation, not to the canon of Scripture.
- The words of the scroll are from Christ himself and are to be *heard and heeded*.

ENDINGS (22:6-21)

“Blessed is the one who *keeps* the words of the prophecy written in this scroll” (22:7; 14; also 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6).

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who *keep* what is written in it, for the time is near” (1:3).

CONCLUSIONS

Revelation is at its core a book about
Jesus Christ,
worship and discipleship,
and final hope for the world.

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Jesus Christ

- He is trustworthy (22:16, 20; 1:5; 3:14; 19:11).
- He is “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (19:16); he is God (22:12-13; cf. 1:8; 21:6).
- He is coming soon (22:7, 12, 20; also 2:16; 3:11).

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Worship & Discipleship

- Worship is described throughout Revelation, but it is commanded three times: “Worship God!” (22:9; 19:10; cf. 14:7).
- Follow the Lamb faithfully in a life of discipleship: “Blessed are those who wash their robes” (22:14).

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CONCLUSIONS

Hope for the World

- Hope despite all appearances.
- Based on the firm conviction that God will accomplish his purposes in and through his Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (22:20).