

The Eternal Bliss of the Saints – 2

Sermon 5 in the Revelation Series

Revelation 22:1-21

We saw that the prophecy of Isaiah 65:17-19 is now fulfilled in Rev. 21

Isaiah 65:17-19

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

I. Life in the New City 22:1-5

A. The Water of Life and the Tree of Life v. 1-2

Ezekiel 47:12 -- ² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

In Ezekiel, the Water of Life flows from the Temple.

In the New Jerusalem – the Water of Life flows from the very throne of God.

B. The Blessedness of the City 22:3-5

They will worship Him. Worship is one of the Key themes in Revelation.

They shall see His face.

They have His Name on their forehead.

God is the light.

II. Epilogue 22:6-21

An Appeal 17

A Warning 8-16 A Warning 18-19

Blessing & Promise 6-7 Blessing & Promise 20-21

v. 6 – **trustworthy and true** (also 21:5)

v. 7 – the blessing – in chapter 1 we saw the blessing was to those who read the book out loud and to those that hear.

v. 7, 12, 20 – “Soon and near are relative terms – but when He comes it is finished.
Each generation should be looking for the coming of the Lord. **v. 20**

v. 8-9 – Worship God.

v. 10 – Do not seal up the prophecy – for the time is near.
Daniel, regarding the end of all things was told to seal up the prophecy

Daniel 12:4 -- O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end
Daniel 12:9 -- for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

v. 11 – a warning to those who would reject Christ.
Daniel 12:10 -- ¹⁰ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly:
and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

v. 12 – “Recompense” – speaks of “reward” and “punishment”.

v. 13 – hearkens back to Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8; 21:6

v.14-15 – The context of v. 12

v. 16 – Balaam’s prophecy Numbers 24:17 – “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob, and **a scepter** shall rise out of Israel;”

v. 17 – The Great Invitation
Isaiah 55:1 -- “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

v. 18-19 – The warning is specifically to those who would add or subtract from the words of this book – but it
extends to the entire Bible – and Moses warned Israel of adding or subtracting to the Word of God.

20-21 – the heart-cry of John and a benediction