

The River of Life
and
Jesus' Final Words to His Followers

Revelation 22

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A garden is inside the New Jerusalem 22:1-5

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.

² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *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 of the nations.

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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.

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.

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A garden is inside the New Jerusalem 22:1-5

- A flowing river, pure and crystal clear, coming out of the throne of God and the Lamb (1)
- The fruitful tree of life which provides healing for all people (2)
- Freedom from the curse (3)
- We shall serve God (3)
- We shall see His face and be secure in Him (4)
- We shall reign forever and ever (5)

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Jesus's final words to His followers 22:6-21

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.

- This involves the entire book of Revelation which John has been inspired to write.

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Jesus's final words to His followers 22:6-21

⁷ "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.

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Jesus's final words to His followers 22:6-21

⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

⁹ Then he said to me, "See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for **the time is at hand**.

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Jesus's final words to His followers 22:6-21

¹¹ "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

- A warning that those who reject God's warnings will fix their eternal destiny in the lake of fire, where they will retain their unjust and filthy natures forever.
- Those who respond to God's warnings will fix their eternal destiny in glory and realize perfect righteousness and holiness forever.

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¹² "And behold, **I am coming quickly**, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

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

¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

- Blessed are those who **wash their robes**

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¹⁵ But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

- Jesus used the term "dogs" to refer to unsaved Gentiles (Mat. 7:6; 15:26)

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."

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¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

¹⁸ 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;

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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.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "**Surely I am coming quickly**." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

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