



SEVEN THUNDERS

A STUDY IN REVELATION

GROUP/FAMILY

SESSION 10

- Watch the sermon titled: “The End of the Bible” on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel.
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 1291-1296 (on [YouTube/podcast](#)) and share them with the one you are discipling.
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon also exposit's Revelation 22:1-21
Devotions 1291-1296 study prophetic echoes of Isaiah in Revelation
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CONTEXT

Revelation 22:1-21 offers a final glimpse into the eternal state, where God's perfect restoration of creation is realized. This passage concludes the Bible's story, drawing from both Old and New Testament promises. The river of life, the tree of life, and the renewed earth echo imagery from Genesis 2, showing God's intention for a restored Edenic state. In John's day, the early Christian community was under Roman oppression, and this vision provided them with hope for ultimate redemption and peace. The idea of "coming quickly" in verse 7 and verse 20 conveys the imminence of Christ's return, injecting red-hot encouragement into every Christian who understands it.

By the time we arrive at the inspiration of Revelation to John captive on Patmos, Jesus had already walked the earth and given us the beautiful invitation of [John 7:37-38](#). John, who was one of the inner three of the twelve disciples, with the Spirit's help would likely have recognized this teaching of a river of living water from Jesus' teachings.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Biblical Text (CSB) - Revelation 22:1-21

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, 3 and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

7 "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. 9 But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

10 Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. 11 Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy."

12 "Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. 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, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, 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 will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.

20 He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT

- In Revelation 22:1-2, we see the river flowing from the throne to the tree of life which seems to span across the river. Whether this indicates that the river ends with the tree, or continues flowing, we see that this tree itself is not the source. What is the source and why does it matter?
- Revelation 22:3-5 mentions God's servants reigning forever. How does this fulfill the promises of Revelation 5:10, and what does it imply for believers' roles?
- With the highest view of Scripture as tantamount to Christ himself, Revelation 22:6-7 may be the only actual circular reasoning in the entire Bible when God affirms His own Word. Why would this be unavoidable if so? Who else could affirm this text with perfect authority?
- In Revelation 22:8-9, why does John fall down to worship an angel for the second time, and why did he not learn his lesson the first time? Was this angel aware of Lucifer's fall?
 - (Bonus question: how can this be used sharing the gospel with Mormons who believe an angel named "Moroni" gave a new gospel to John Smith?)
- Revelation 22:12-13 presents Jesus as the Alpha and Omega. How does God's sovereignty across time from beginning to end give us peace even on the absolute worst days of our lives?
- The Bible ends with a prayer for the grace of the Lord Jesus to be with everyone followed by the word "Amen" which means, "Let it be so." What passages of Revelation apply directly to us now and what passages apply more directly to those living through its penultimate prophecies fulfilled?

THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT CHURCH?

This passage shapes our worldview. It fills us as Christians with unshakeable hope because we know that everything ends in the grace and perfect glory of God. It should give us a SUPERNATURAL sense of forgiveness which leads to a literally other-worldly sense of peace. There is nothing we cannot endure in the meantime because we know how it all ends.

History is literally His story and the story ends with the grace of our just God on His people who glorify Him forever.

FOR PARENTS:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

All of history is His story. Our story began with creation and all of history ends with the glory of God. Jesus' resurrection atoned for (paid for) every last one of our sins, so we get to be glorified with Him one day. For forever and ever, we will help and serve Him by reigning wherever He gives us to reign right here where earth and heaven will be made new. Imagine a perfect kingdom with zero sin, suffering, or evil. That is how all things end according to the Book of Revelation! Let's share our faith with your friends and their families to invite them to the eternal party!

FOLLOW ALONG

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- Holy Dissident: Isaiah for Groups
- Letters to My Sons: The Pastoral Epistles
- Into The Fray: I Corinthians
- The God of All Comfort: II Corinthians
- Reason For Hope: 6 Apologetic Sessions for Groups
- The Sacred Acts: Ordinances of the Church
- The Revival Project: A Transformative Study of Nehemiah
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