

## Revelation

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# REVELATION 22 — THE INVITATION

## Biblical Backgrounds

**Genesis 1:26-28** — When God created the first human beings, what role did he call them to play in his creation?

**Genesis 2:8-10** — In the middle of the garden of Eden were two trees: the tree of \_\_\_\_\_ and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The garden was watered by a \_\_\_\_\_ that flowed from Eden.

**Genesis 3:8-19** — When Adam & Eve first sinned, God cursed the serpent, the woman, and the man. What curse did he give to the woman?

- What curse did he speak upon the man?

**Isaiah 11:1-9** — Isaiah foretold the coming of the “Root of \_\_\_\_\_” (father of David). The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord would rest on him, and he would rule in righteousness and bring peace.

**Jeremiah 17:13** — In this verse, the Lord himself is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of living \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ezekiel 47:1-12** — The water of this miraculous river will enter the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea and make its salt water become fresh. The fruit of the trees that grow along the river will be for food, and their leaves will serve for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Zechariah 14:8** — \_\_\_\_\_ water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea and half of it west to the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.

**John 4:7-14** — What kind of water did Jesus offer to the Samaritan woman? \_\_\_\_\_

- This water becomes a spring of water in a person welling up to \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 7:37-39** — Jesus said, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and \_\_\_\_\_.” From such a person would flow rivers of \_\_\_\_\_. By this Jesus referred to the \_\_\_\_\_, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

**Revelation 1:1** — God gave Jesus this revelation to show his servants what must \_\_\_\_\_ take place.

**Revelation 3:11** — Jesus said, “I am coming \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Revelation 19:10** — What did John do wrong?

- How did the angel respond?

## Revelation 22:1-5 — The Holy City (continued)

22:1-2 — The angel showed John the river of the \_\_\_\_\_ flowing from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.

22:2 — What tree grew on either side of the river? \_\_\_\_\_

- How often did it bear its crops?
- What are its leaves for?

22:3 — No longer will there be any \_\_\_\_\_.

22:3 — The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of the \_\_\_\_\_ will be in the city, and his servants will \_\_\_\_\_ him.

22:4 — They will see his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ will be written on their foreheads.

22:5 — Why won't God's servants need the light of a lamp or of the sun?

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Genesis 2:8-10  
Jeremiah 17:13  
Ezekiel 47:1-12  
Zechariah 14:8  
John 4:7-14  
John 7:37-39

### LINK

Genesis 3:8-19

22:5 — And they will \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever.

**LINK**  
Genesis 1:26-28

***The description of the holy city in chapters 21-22 communicates four particular blessings for God's faithful people:***

- *IDENTITY: The new Jerusalem is both a place and a people, the bride of Jesus the Lamb (21:2, 9). It bears connections to the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of Jesus (21:12-14). God's people there will bear his name on their foreheads. All of this is intended to indicate the identity of the people who are this city, that they are the people of God.*
- *SECURITY: God's people in the holy city are no longer persecuted; they have no reason to be afraid. They no longer must face death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4). The protective walls of the holy city are massive (21:17), and its gates never need to be closed because there is nothing to threaten the city (21:25).*
- *ACCESS: God's people have full access to the city (the community of God's people), to God himself, and to Jesus the Lamb. God himself will be with them and be their God (21:3); they will be his children (21:7). Like a bride with her husband, the church will be united to Jesus the Lamb forever (21:9). God and the Lamb are immediately present in the city (21:22-23), and God's people will see his face.*
- *SERVICE: God's people will serve him; they will not be either idle or self-focused, but will continue to serve God. They will also reign forever (22:5), fulfilling the charge of stewardship given to Adam and Eve from the beginning of the human race (Genesis 1:26-28).*

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**Revelation 22:6-17 — The Invitation**

22:7 — Blessed is the one who \_\_\_\_\_.

- What do you think? How might one do this?

22:8-9 — What did John begin to do to the angel?

- How did the angel respond?

**LINK**  
Revelation 19:10

22:10 — The angel said, "Do not seal up the words of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this scroll, because the time is \_\_\_\_\_."

22:12 — Jesus will give to each person according to what they have \_\_\_\_\_.

22:14 — Those who wash their robes will have the right to the \_\_\_\_\_ and may go through the gates into the \_\_\_\_\_.

22:16 — Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Offspring of \_\_\_\_\_, and the bright \_\_\_\_\_.

22:17 — The Spirit and the bride say, " \_\_\_\_\_!" And let the one who hears say, " \_\_\_\_\_!"

**LINK**  
Isaiah 11:1-9

22:17 — The one who wishes may take the free gift of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 22:18-21 — The Closing**

22:18 — What curse does John speak against one who adds to the words of the prophecy of Revelation?

22:19 — What curse does John speak against one who takes away from the words of this prophecy?

22:20 — Jesus says, “Yes, I am \_\_\_\_\_.”

**LINK**  
Revelation 1:1, 3:11