



# Logos Class Book of Revelation- Ch 22

Nov 23, 2025 Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

11/23/2025

### Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ Nov 16, 2025
  - √ Nov 18, 2025
- ✓ Nov 23, 2025
  - Nov 27, 2025
- Nov 30, 2025.
- Dec 7, 2025
- Dec 14, 2025
- Dec 21, 2025

- Revelation Ch 21 All things New
- Manor Lake Gospel of John
- Revelation Ch 22 Finish and Summary Thanksgiving
- New Study
- New Study
  - Christmas Lesson 1
  - Christmas Lesson 2

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

#### Israel and the Middle East

- Hostages are almost all returned
- Israel cleaning up Gaza tunnels
- Israel preparing for Hezbollah strikes in Lebanon
- Iran has found a way to send arms to Lebanon
- The UN has approved the "Day After" plan for Gaza
- US and Saudi Arabia have cemented ties and Technology but worrisome language regarding a 2 state Solution

#### US, and Rest of the World

- Some kind of new Plan for Ukraine is in the works, not clear if Ukraine accepts or or Russia will abide by it.
- Government back open, and according the Babylon Bee...Congress will switch from doing nothing...to doing nothing.
- Thanksgiving is here. Be thankful to the Lord for all that we have, and what He has done for us as individuals, and as a country.

### Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas: His Person, His Power, His Program This unfolds in **5 Parts:** 

#### Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church

- ✓ Introductions 1:1-8
- ✓ Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20
- ✓ Introduction to the Church
- ✓ Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) Finish today

#### Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven

- ✓ Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4
- ✓ Lion and Lamb Ch 5

#### Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 2

#### Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18

- ✓ The lamb opens the SIX seals Ch 6
- ✓ First interlude Ch 7 144,000 Jews sealed by the Lord
- ✓ The Trumpet Judgments Chapters 8-9
- ✓ Second Interlude Part 1 John eats the book Ch 10
- ✓ Second Interlude Part 2 Two witnesses Ch 11 (Today)
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 1 The Invisible War Ch 12 (midpoint in Tribulation)
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 2 Antichrist comes to power Ch 13
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 3 Preview of things to come Ch 14
- ✓ A Song for the End Ch 15
- ✓ The Pouring of the Bowls Judgments— Ch 16
- ✓ The Fall of Babylon Ch 17-18 Religions (17), Political (18)

#### Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 3

Part 4 – The Reign of the King – Rev 19-20

The Return of the King – Ch 19

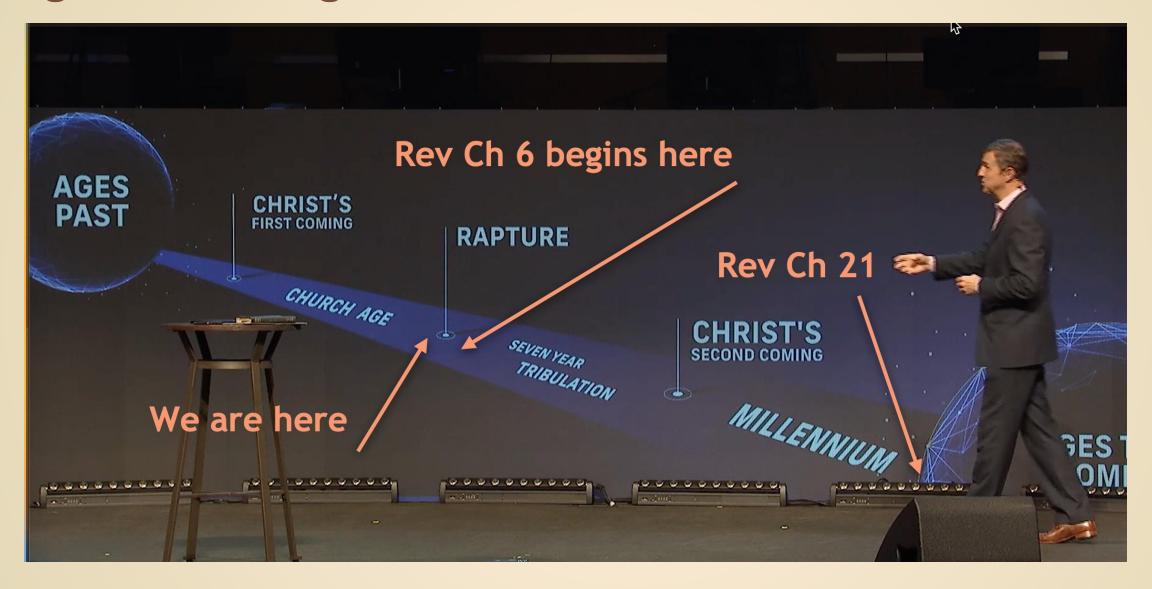
- ✓ Before the Wrath Part 1
- ✓ Before the Wrath Part 2 Ch 20

#### *Part 5: Eternity - Rev 21-22*

- ✓ All things new Ch 21-22:5
- ✓ Even So...Come Ch 22:6-21

Maranatha!! We will finish Revelation TODAY

### Ages Past to Ages to Come



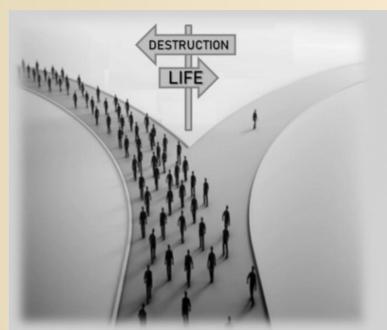
#### What about Heaven?

We have all heard about it, if we are a Christian, it will be in our future. Do we want to know all about it beforehand?



Eternity in Heaven

Just to add perspective, we all live in in the Circle for our entire lives, but we will live our eternity, in Heaven, if we choose the Narrow Way



"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Matthew 7:13-14

Two Gates – Wide Gate is the GWT judgment, the Narrow Gate is the Judgment Seat of Christ

Decision is critical – no decision keeps us on the natural path, which leads to destruction

Remember this: The Road of Life is paved with flat squirrels who could not make a decision

- Tom Kratman

#### Revelation Ch 21:9-10 Come let's take a tour

- <sup>9</sup> One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
- <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away **in the Spirit** to a mountain great and high, and showed me the **Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**.

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One of the Angels who handled the bowls of wrath, comes to John and takes him "in the Spirit" to see the Bride of the Lamb. We are the Bride of Christ, so John is going to see where we will be, and he will be in the future. He goes to a mountain very high and sees New Jerusalem "coming down" from Heaven.

John is transported to see this scene, and this is the beginning of a description of what he saw.

### New Jerusalem...artists rendition



### No consistency on what this really looked like to John



## Top 10 Lessons from Revelation 21 – Bible Hub

- 1. A New Heaven and a New Earth
- 2. The Holy City, New Jerusalem
- 3. God Dwelling Among Us
- 4. The End of Suffering
- 5. Making All Things New
- 6. The Alpha and the Omega
- 7. The Gift of the Water of Life
- 8. The Inheritance of the Overcomers
- 9. The Warning Against Unbelief
- 10. The Splendor of the New Jerusalem

I will put a PDF on the Website with the details under each point

#### Revelation Ch 22:1-2. Eden Restored



22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

<sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

### Revelation Ch 22:1-2 Deeper Understanding

- This an easy picture to visualize. We have the throne of God and the Lamb visible, and from that, the River of the Water of Life...flows. Even in present day Jerusalem, the main source of water is the Gihon river that flows underneath the Temple Mount.
- In the book of Ezekiel, the prophet tells us that a river will flow out of the Temple of God to the present city of Jerusalem. This is a nod to the Millennium Kingdom, and the present city of Jerusalem.
- In this case, we are speaking of the **New Jerusalem**. Of course, the visual picture is that the **Water of Life** flows from the **Source of Life**. In the present-day Jerusalem, it flows from the Temple outward, but in the New Jerusalem, it flows from the **Throne of God and the Lamb** in the River of Life through the Great Street that is in New Jerusalem. Crystal clear water speaks of the Purity of the River of Life
- On each side of the River, are the Tree(s) of Life, Each one of them bearing a crop of food, which gets renewed each month. The Angel tells John that there are 12 crops of fruit, one each month.
- In addition, the leaves on the trees are for the "healing" of the Nations. The Word in Greek that Translates here as "healing" is an interesting word.

### Revelation Ch 22:2 Healing of the Nations

Q: If we are in eternity, where there is no more sickness, hurt, disease or death...what does this verse mean?

- A: The Greek word "θεραπεία" (therapeia) means healing or service, particularly in a medical context. It encompasses the idea of care and attention, often associated with both physical healing and the service rendered to others.
- In this context, it means that the leaves are a ministering force that provides care and attention to the inhabitants of the New Heaven. It does not mean that it cures disease or sickness. In English, we take Healing to mean curing of some malady, but the Greek is much more expansive.

A simple way to understand this is that the leaves are for the ongoing maintenance of health for all the Nations people

#### Revelation Ch 22:3

<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

I want to jump to the first prophecy in the Bible, in Genesis

#### Ch 3:15 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your **seed** and **her seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

This verse is called a Proto Evangelism verse, because it predicts a person to come to bruise the head of the serpent, and the serpent will only bruise his heel.

### Genesis 3:15 Some thoughts...

In the verses that surround this one, the focus is on the curses to the Serpent, the man, and the woman, and to Nature because of Sin

What the Fall of Man started, the New Jerusalem and the New Heaven and Earth reverse. (Eden restored)

The term "seed" is always spoken of using the male part of reproduction, not the female part. Yet here...Genesis speaks of the "seed" of Eve. Many modern translations make the English say "offspring", as does the NIV translation.

While this is the actual implication of the sentence, the use of the word "seed" is not explained. In the case of this **Anointed One to come**, we know that the "seed" is from God Himself, and there is no human seed in His Birth, so the verse refers to her seed to indicate her children. It is fascinating that words, tenses, and deeper meanings can be found in scripture everywhere, if we take the time to meditate and study the Word carefully.

Even in the earliest of the prophetic verses we see hints of the Divine nature of the Anointed One to come.

### Revelation Ch 22:4-5 Bride of Christ

- <sup>4</sup> They (The Bride of Christ) will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.
  - Instead of any earthly mark, we will carry the mark that identifies us as belonging to Christ
- <sup>5</sup> There will be **no more night**. **They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun**, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.
  - We automatically think of this in terms of day and night, but remember that darkness is really an absence of Light, so here we are seeing that there is only Light, the Light of the Lord, and that it is everywhere. Evil and darkness, fear, and doubt are erased. WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE

Each of us will have the Light of the Lord God, and we will reign in this light forever.

### Revelation Ch 22:6 John and the Angel

- <sup>6</sup> The angel said to me, "These words are **trustworthy and true**. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."
- The angel speaks again to John and tells him these words that he has written are both worthy of trust, and genuine, not false.
- John is being shown those things that must take place "soon". Again, a day is like a 1000 years, and 1000 years like a moment in Eternity, so the "soon" is meant to convey Eternal time, the "soon" will be measured in comparison to eternity ... as just ahead.

### Revelation Ch 22:7 The Angel quotes the Lord

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

The word translated "soon" here means "with quickness". Aren't we glad that Jesus' idea of quickness is different from our own. He gives us time to change and accept His free Gift.

Again, we are to receive a blessing for keeping (believing and acting) the words of this prophecy. We receive a blessing for reading this book, hearing it, and following what it tells us.

Now John adds his own notes to this book. He is attesting to the truth and worthiness of what this book proclaims...

#### Revelation Ch 22:8 A reminder to John and to us

<sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

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Like we have seen several times in the book of Revelation, John is so taken and overwhelmed by what he has seen and heard, and his mind is so blown over what God will do, he falls down *to worship the one who delivered the message*.

Let me take a brief pause here. In our lives today, sometimes we translate the message given to us by Popes, Preachers, Teachers, and religious leaders and mistakenly place them on a pedestal for delivering the message. We live in a culture with "cult of personality" but none of them, none of us, are more than Messengers, delivering the message, and Word of Hope, Redemption, Grace, and Mercy of God Himself...

Never let the messenger become more important than the message.

### Revelation Ch 22:9-11 The Angel Reacts Instantly

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a <u>fellow servant with you and with your</u> <u>fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll</u>. Worship God!"

Each of us has a mission and a purpose for being part of the family of God. Those of us who teach, are only doing what we are called and empowered by God to do...for His Kingdom.

<sup>10</sup> Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near.

<sup>11</sup> Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

These two verses emphasize again that the time is "near". This message is to encourage all believers to know that the End is guaranteed and we are preserved for Eternity with the Lord, but then the Angel also talks about the way we are to interact with others (v11)...this part seems strange to us.

#### Revelation Ch 22:11

<sup>11</sup> Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

We know we are to be Salt and Light to the world. This means we act as a preservative for those things that are good and illuminate Gods desires and plans to all who we are in contact with. Taking this idea and just letting things be the way we find them goes counter to all we believe...or does it?

What these verses mean is that if these verses are unsealed and therefore revealed, then with our actions there is no middle ground. Either they will be accepted and acted upon, or that they will be rejected and not followed.

Let that be the result. We are not responsible for another's actions, if the message has been revealed and we have encouraged and spoken up.

Tough message for us. What are your thoughts on this?

### Revelation Ch 22:12-13. Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

12 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

<sup>13</sup> I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the **First and the Last**, the **Beginning and the End**.

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Again, **behold.** A way of asking us to pay close attention to what is being said next. "I am coming soon". We have heard this for a long time, but we are closer than we ever have been to this fact, and we believe it is a fact, not some hazy metaphor that we can take or leave.

"my reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done." What is this reward? I believe it is the promise to go to "the place Christ has prepared for us", and to the Judgment Seat of Christ where there will only positive rewards for the work we have done for the Kingdom in this life.

#### Revelation Ch 22:14

<sup>14</sup> "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

Blessed are those...

Q: Do you know that there are 7 blessings in this Book of Revelation? This is the last of the 7 blessings

All of these blessings are ours if we read, hear, and follow what is given to us as the true words of God. "washing our robes – means that we have an active part in our sanctification after we accept the Lord. We must grow closer to Him and be more Christ-like. It is a journey from salvation to where God wants us to be as His Bride.

Are we growing in Him?

### Revelation – Seven Blessings of Revelation

- 1. Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near
- 2. Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."
- 3. Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked, and men will not see his shame."
- 4. Rev 19:9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."
- 5. Rev 20:6 Blessed and Holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years
- 6. Rev 22:7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."
- 7. Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city

#### Revelation Ch 22:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

This is just a reminder that while all are invited, many will reject the offer because they love the sin more than they love the Lord. They are outside of these promises and blessings.

<sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

Just as John identifies himself, Jesus identifies Himself so there is no misunderstanding the words. This testimony is not John's, but Jesus' testimony given by the appointed Angel to John.

Jesus is both the root (origin of David), and the offspring/seed of David...this speaks to the **eternality of Christ** and His Creation and participation in the Redemption plan. **He is also the Bright Morning Star.** 

# **Bright Morning Star**

GotQuestions.Org says this about this phrase:

In <u>Revelation 22:16</u>, the <u>title</u> **bright Morning Star** conveys hope and assurance.

The morning star is the harbinger of the day. As night falls away and a new day dawns, the morning star is the most prominent and beautiful of the celestial bodies.

And, as the darkness of this evil world gives way to the brightness of God's glorious <u>kingdom</u>, Jesus Himself will capture our attention as the One who ushers in the brand-new day.

### Revelation Ch 22:17 ...Come

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the <u>one who wishes</u> take the free gift of the water of life.

As in the recruitment of the Disciples, the command to "come" signals that if we come and listen to the Lord, we will get the true story, enough to make our decisions

- Holy Spirit and the Bride say "come"
- All who hear say "come"
- The one who longs for the water that quenches thirst "come"
- Who ever decides to take the free gift of the water of Life "come"

But there is also a warning...

# Revelation Ch 22:18-19 ... A Warning

- <sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll.
- <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.
- This is a warning for all those who hear the words from this scroll, that are the Words of the Lord...**True and Worthy** and they either add-to or take away words they will be harshly punished.
- This is particularly important for those who teach or preach on these words and prophetic truths...and who do not take them literally or seriously.

### Revelation Ch 22:20-21 Maranatha

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Jesus reaffirms that He is testifying about these things, and that He is coming soon.

Q: What do we say? What did John Say?

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Maranatha!!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

# Final Thoughts...

My prayer for you is that you believe that Jesus is coming soon and you will live your life in anticipation and understanding of that fact...regardless of society's cultural decay.

We can bask in the Grace and Mercy of the Lord for being part or the Bride of Christ (Church) and only witness the events of Revelation that are wrath related, from Heaven.

I want to end this discussion with a song that is so appropriate

Cece Winans - Come Jesus Come



#### Next Week

We will start a new Topic or Book

Happy Thanksgiving – Stay positive with the family

- Pray for the Situation in Israel to improve
- Be in prayer for our Nation, State, Israel, and all the leaders and Pastors
- Pray for a revival to come and workers for the harvest
- Pray for each other, and all our families and friends that need to come to the Lord, or renew their commitments

Keep looking up. The Lord is coming back. Normal may not return but Jesus will!