

# Book of Revelation – Epilogue (Conclusion to Revelation)

Series REV-70

- Revelation 22

Part II

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## Review Part I

Here is a quick review from Part I, since it's been a number of weeks since our last segment together. Note these bullet points:

- 3x the words, “I come quickly
- 6x “Prophets/prophecy” are mentioned. Unlike Daniel, Revelation is not sealed (last 2 times deal with most serious warning in the book)
- As examined throughout the book of Revelation, the word, ‘prophecy’ as we looked at in Part I is to be understood as a unit:  
“*God’s word is to be received once heard and then kept.*”
- The Book of Rev is the only book in Scripture which begins and ends by ‘seeing and hearing’ for as 1:3 and 22:10 reveal—the time is at hand.
- The Alpha and Omega chiasm (Exhibit A) conveys the following:
  - a) No beginning or ending
  - b) He sends a message to 7 churches
  - c) The last “*It is done*” includes an invitation
  - d) That if received by the Alpha/Omega will enter into the City by doing (to act rightly, to celebrate, to keep) the commandments.

## Christ’s last Will & Testament

[You will need to fill out Exhibit B which goes along with this lesson to give the broad picture of the rest of the chapter. We’ll come back to it on p.2]

## Last Two Beatitudes (vss.7 & 12)

The last 2 beatitudes are here located in the Epilogue:

Vs. 7 – *Blessed* is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Vs. 12 – *Blessed* are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and ... enter... through the gates to the city.

In the beginning of the book, John recorded the first blessing which stated, to keep (1:3) those things—“the words of this prophecy—that are “written therein.” Now at the end of this book, under the 6<sup>th</sup> blessing, Jesus tells Him to do the same after stating, “that He is “coming quickly.” It is a reminder left on record, but the angel emphasizes the words of Christ again in vs. 9 – “keep the sayings of this book.”

The question is, Will we? \_\_\_\_\_

Note what follows these phrases:

Vs.7 – Behold, I come quickly \_\_\_\_\_

Vs.12 – And behold, I come quickly \_\_\_\_\_

Not only are these the words of Jesus, **red letter**, but in verse 12 He states, “and my reward is with Me to give every man according as his work shall be.

Vs. 7 invokes a blessing on those who

‘keep the sayings of the prophecy of this book.’

In vs. 12, Jesus reiterates that He is coming quickly, but adds that His coming will bring reward to every man (implying) what was specifically stated in Matt 25 under the Parable of the Talents (vss.14-30); and the Reward given to the saved and lost (vss.31-46).

Thus, these two verses Rev 22:7 & 12 and the verses in between give a strong incentive to all “to keep the sayings of ...this book.”

Based on the stair step exercise (Exhibit A) you did showing a bird’s eye view of this chapter, we note a matching parallel pattern, with verse 12 at the pinnacle point. Let’s stop and contemplate this for a moment: The last chapter of the last Book (the Masterpiece) of the whole Bible and the focal point of this nearly perfect chiasm is comprised of these 15 words,

“And My reward is with Me to give every man  
according as his work shall be”

He is coming with His reward! The reward is according to what every man (every person’s) work shall be. Does this surprise you?

If you have time, look up these passages in relation to this verse 12:

- 2 Chronicles 6:30
- Jeremiah 17:10
- 2 Corinthians 11:15
- Revelation 2:23

In one word, how would you summarize these verses? \_\_\_\_\_.

We will discuss in our study together

I don’t think we will finish the chapter in this lesson, for we have a few more verses we didn’t get to (vss. 15-21). We will need one more lesson. But what a blessing the Lord has given us as we work our way through this Epilogue of the greatest book ever written.