

Revelation Study Guide

Chapter 22



Rev. 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev. 22:3 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 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.



So now I must tell you a couple of things that come to mind, you see this wonderful heavenly city coming down, this is where God is going to be. Jesus makes a final altar call in this chapter. There are some things to understand here, the believer is told he will reign forever and ever. That means that there is still going to be something to rule over, can you imagine God having a stagnant kingdom, where not another child is born, not another building is built, not another tree ever grows, it just stays the same forever? I believe that when God told Abraham to count the stars of heaven and told him this is the number of your seed. If you even tried to count those stars, you would realize that there are far more stars in the universe than the amount of people that the earth could sustain.



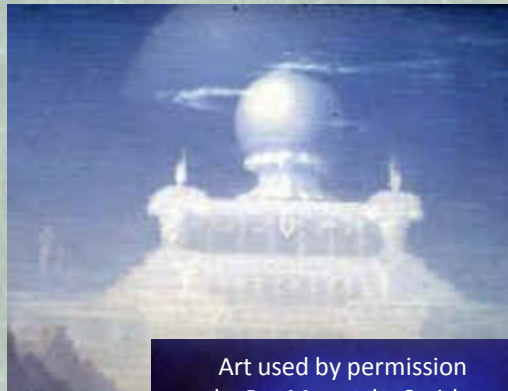
When God says something like that you might take it figuratively, but when all is said and done it will have literal fulfillment. That causes me to think that it is highly possible that God will fill the universe completely and the Kingdom of God will never stop growing. Abraham can walk to his balcony and look out at the stars and say, God you weren't kidding. I can remember the day that you spoke to me and made me that promise, and now every star that I look at, your glory, honor is there. My children, my grandchildren, and all the following generations are all worshiping you, and along with those you gave me by faith. You see we aren't coming in on the end of something here, we are about to embark on the greatest adventure the world has ever seen. Captain Kirk, eat your heart out!



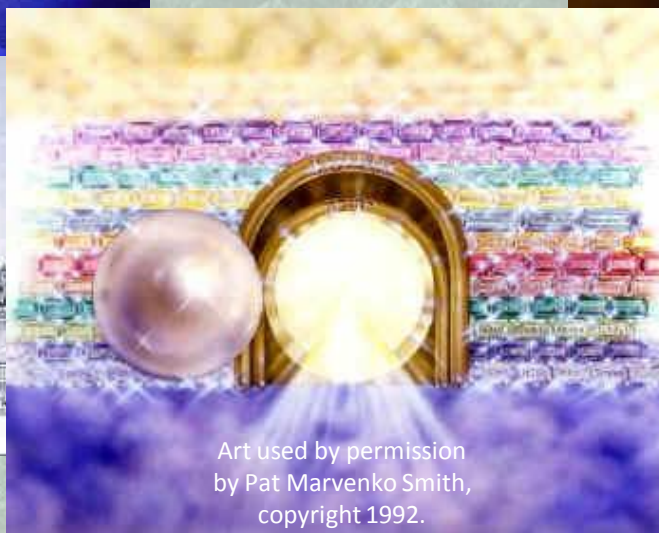
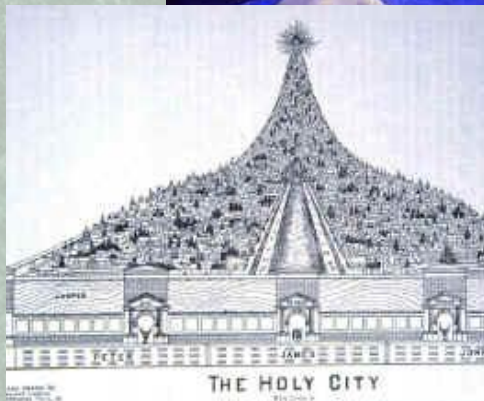
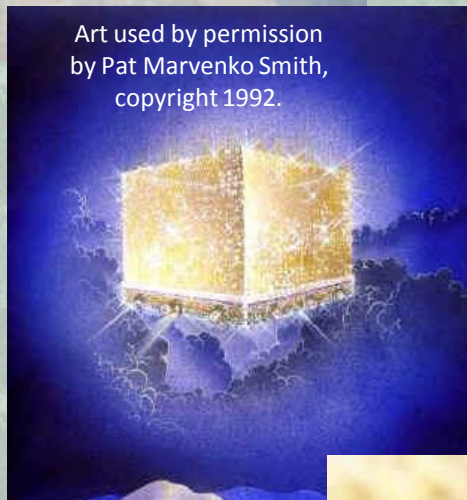
Rev. 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

This is Christ again saying behold I come quickly. Blessed is he that keeps the sayings of this prophecy, how can you keep the sayings of this book if you never study it? If you don't know them how do you keep them? It is a blessing to take the time to learn them, study them, know them, and teach them. I think I have been given the greatest privilege of any preacher that I know, and that is to teach this book

I pray that this guide will reach its way around the world where people and preachers are exposed to it and teach it to their congregations. This teaching ministry is not just mine, now that I have taken the time to put it on paper, now it belongs to you. It has been given to you, and who knows how God is going to use you to share this information. Some people may never get a blessing from God, so it is our responsibility to take the message to the world.



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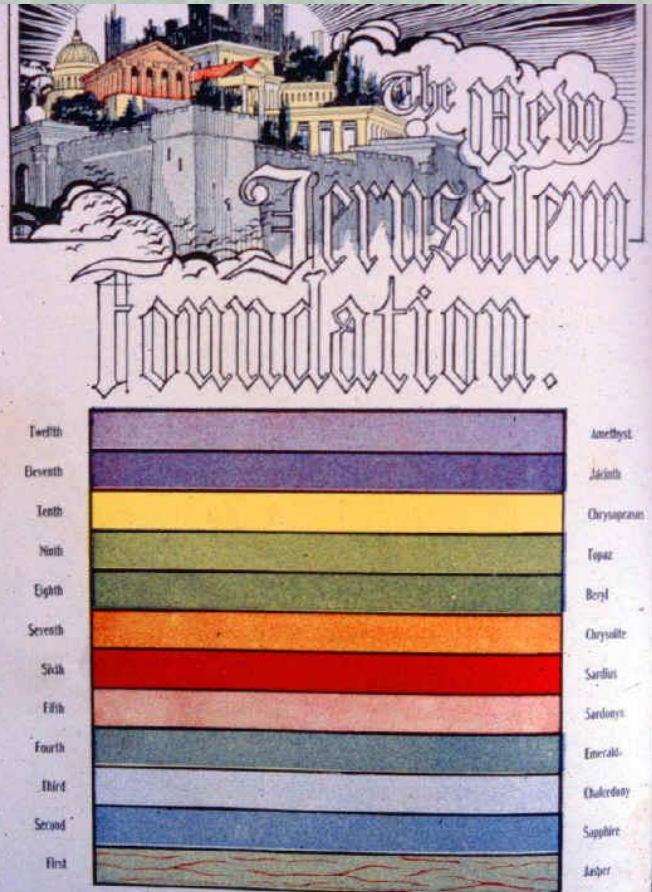
Rev. 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Again John falls down before what he believes to be an angel, and he is told not to worship him but God only, It is not an angel but a fellow Jewish prophet who has already gone to Heaven.



Rev. 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

I think this is Daniel because he was told to seal his book, but now Daniel is telling John not to seal his book because now is the time. As John is getting this whole message it didn't wait to start two thousand years later, it was happening at the time John was alive. The seven church messages in Revelation 2 & 3 where prophetic the revealed the next two thousand years of history. As John was writing, prophecy was being fulfilled.



Rev. 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

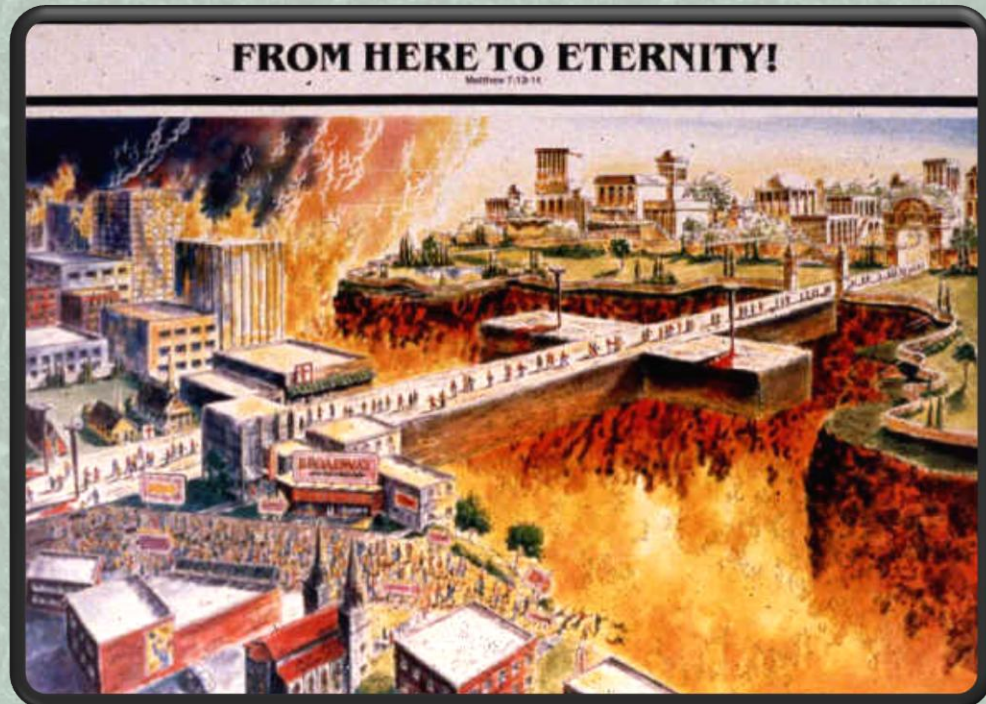
This means that when you come to this place in eternity, if you are damned you are damned, if you are lost you are lost, if you're saved you are saved, there will be no change of that status once you have stepped into eternity. Some people teach that after so much suffering God will feel sorry for you and take his word back and let you out. No sir, if you die and are condemned to hell, you will never get out of there.



Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.



Jesus is speaking here and He says that I have sent this man to do this, and I firmly believe that wherever God has opened a door for me to teach this information, that God has sent me there, by divine commission. Seventeen tells us what we have to do to get to eternity by going through the cross.



Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.



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Jesus is giving this last altar call and he is saying the spirit and the bride say come. The spirit is the Holy Spirit tugging on hearts, and the bride is the church. So this altar call is not being made during this time that we have reached in eternity rather it is given to us right now as we read this Book of Revelation. So what is the job of the bride? It is to say come, come, come. What does the Holy Ghost do, he says come, and Jesus says come, because I am coming back quickly? So what our job is as the church is that we must take this gospel into the whole world and tell people to come to Jesus Christ. So that last altar call is given and the question asked, are you willing to accept the gift of eternal life, if you have not been saved the question is being asked to you right now.



Rev. 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.



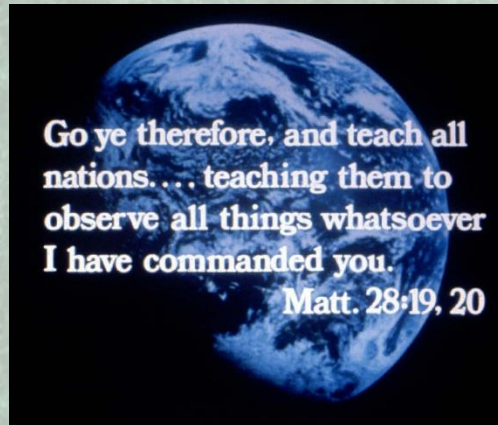
Will you accept the GIFT of Eternal Life?



This brings us right to the end of the vision. Notice it says that if you take away from this prophecy then your name will be taken out of the Book of Life. Some people don't believe that your name can be taken out of the Book of Life, but I want to tell that there is one sure way to do it, that is to take one word out of the Bible and you have surely erased your name. So what happens to the NIV people who created a Bible that has 64,000 words less than the King James Bible? I tell you they are bold, what do you think happens to these publishers that twist the word to make a profit? You see no one could have these promises of the plagues and their name taken out of the book unless they were alive at the time of the Rapture translating a Bible.



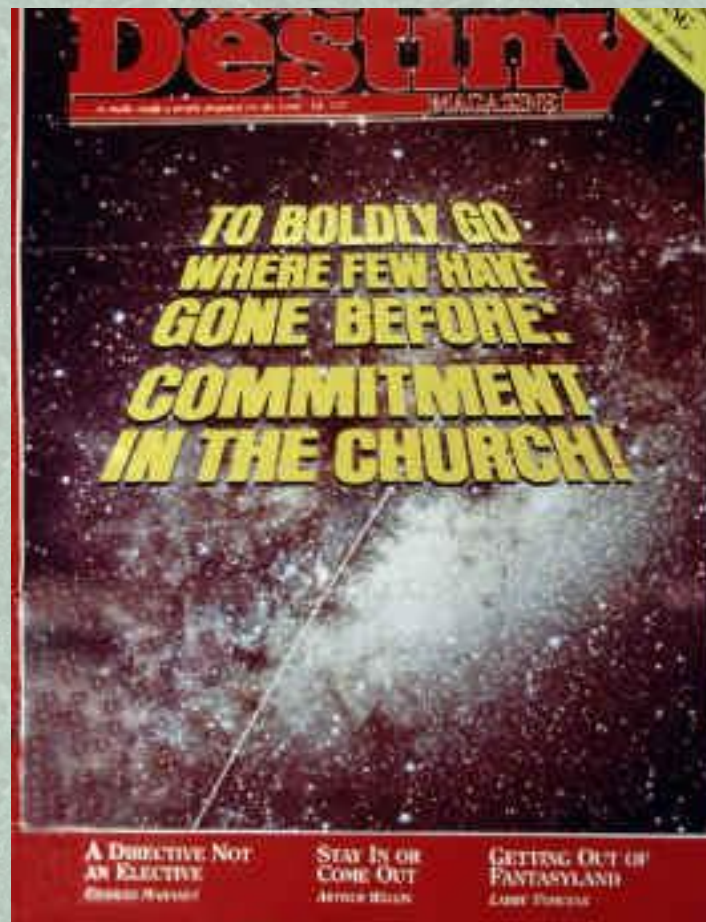
The people that wrote the King James don't have this fear because they are long dead, but not these new translators. Those are some terrible curses, I think I will stick with my old King James and if your smart you will too. We just don't know how late it is and how soon this Rapture will be taking place. Right now, while we sit here time is passing away and the time is coming to a close. Now you know the message, now you have heard the message, now you have seen the message, what are you supposed to do with the message?



Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

What is our job, it is to come alive and send this message every place we can?





Closing Notes:

I want to thank all of the artists who allowed us to use their art to illustrate the message of this visionary book. Thank you for taking the time to read and use this study guide. I will look forward to seeing you in heaven.

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