

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 26

Chapter 22 - Not just the last words of Revelation but also the last words of Scripture and are of just that much more significance.

Sews up some loose threads:

- 1) Bible starts with unhindered fellowship between God and man, and it ends that way as well.
- 2) Starts with God living and walking with man on the earth, and it ends that way as well.
- 3) Starts with the tree of life, and it ends that way.
- 4) Starts with a river and ends with one as well.
- 5) Starts with one will (God's) and ends that way.
- 6) Starts with a perfect state: no illness, death, sorrow, or pain and, it ends that way.
- 7) Starts with sinless perfection and, it ends that way'!!

Start us out in the Old Testament as everywhere the Revelation has required us to know it well:

Ezekiel 47:1-12...Revelation 22:1-6

Verses 1-5 – No possibility of sin or a curse.

- ✓ What do servants do? Serve? == Eternity will not be a place of just laying around.

Verses 6-7 – “Soon” this is the same Greek word used in chapter 1 verse 1 “things that must soon take place” taxomai = tachometer == rpm not time.

- ✓ Speed at which it will take place once it starts.
 - ✓ Vast majority of Revelation is concerned only about a 7 year period.
 - ✓ “Words are Faithful and True”, don't explain them away, don't allegorize them or spiritualize them, but take them for what they say.
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Verses 8-9 – Remember, John is a spectator of all these things.

Verse 10 – Daniel 12:1-4, John is being told the exact opposite of what Daniel was told concerning the same subject....**Why is that?**

- ✓ What two advantages do we have over every believer in the Old Testament? Bible and the Spirit.
 - ✓ Remember the 7 cover letters to this book, letters to the 7 churches.
 - ✓ Revelation has already started, and we are well into the church ages of which there is only 7, and by the best estimates we are in the 7 and final age now.
 - ✓ Laodicea is the self-help, self-love, self-esteem church.
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Now we are back to talking about our current situation:

Verse 11 – neither evil nor righteousness are static they are on the increase or decrease in our lives.

Verses 12-13 – Jesus will reward us or not and it will matter in heaven and there are many illustrations of this: **Luke 19:11-26**

Verses 14-15 – Where is Hell?

- ✓ Where is eternity going to spent for those who are righteous? Down here!!
- ✓ Where will the streets of gold be? Down here!!

Verse 16 – How can He be both the root and the offspring of David? Offspring in the physical sense but he eternal creator God in spiritual sense.

People are mostly described as a single facet or trait: happy, sad, angry, lazy, nosy, studious, etc.

- ✓ Being basically, one sided means, we attract certain people an repel others, but Jesus is not like us, not one-sided, even multidimensional doesn't describe Him fully.
 - ✓ **Stern yet gentle, Good Shepherd but also the lamb, High Priest but also the sacrifice, Son of Man but also the Son of God.**
 - ✓ Here in our text, He's called both the root and offspring of David: He is the One who produced David as the creator of all things and yet He was born in the line of David as a man.
 - ✓ But it doesn't stop there; it says He's also "the Bright and Morning Star."
 - ✓ What a contrast! A root is in the ground down below and a Star is in the heavens, way above.
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1. He is both local and He's Universal, a root is local, sinks itself deep into its locale.

- ✓ Jesus is very much local, He left the glories of Heaven to walk among us, died for us, lives through us.
 - ✓ Where 2 or more are gathered in His name, He's there with us.
 - ✓ He's not just local, He's also universal, that what a star is, its universal, we all can enjoy the same star no matter where we are.
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2. **He's Hidden and He's Revealed.**

- ✓ Roots are Hidden most of the time, can't really see all that they're doing or how they are doing it, but the evidence of a green tree is indication that they are at work

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- ✓ Jesus is like, part of Him and part of what He does that is a mystery; not sure how or what He's doing, but its good as evidenced by blessings, fact of peace in a storm, fact of joy in tribulation...how does He do it? I don't know!
- ✓ And there is a part of what He does that is revealed, like a star, in fact, now it is the bigger part.
- ✓ God was 90% mystery prior the coming of Jesus, but now we understand His heart of grace and forgiveness, the fact that He really loves us.
- ✓ He reveals Himself in us by changing who we are: "you should have seen me before Jesus" and "what a difference having Jesus makes".

Verse 17

Verse 18 – This is Mormonism and Joseph Smith (a true cult in that it comes very close to Christianity).

Verse 19 – This is Jehovah's witnesses again a true cult.

Verses 20-21

The End!