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Even So, Come, Lord Jesus!

REVELATION 22

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**And he showed me a pure
river of water of life, clear
as crystal, proceeding from
the throne of God and of
the Lamb.**




REVELATION 22:1



**“pure river of water of life...
throne of God... Lamb” (Rv.22:1)**



“throne of God”

-  This echoes the promise of Christ to the woman at the well (Jn.4)
-  The source of the living water is supernaturally provided and continual.
-  Both the Father and the Lamb (Son) have the same essence. Yet the Son is the only member of the trinity that localizes with humans physically. We will be aware of the presence of the Father but He is not in human form.

In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.




REVELATION 22:2



“street...tree of life... every month” (Rv.22:2)



“tree of life”

-  The “water of life” and “tree of life” are not sources of eternal life. Water and fruit contribute to the quality of life in the city.
-  Jesus's death on the cross is the only means of salvation from sin, so “tree of life” does not grant eternal life.
-  Since there is no sun, perhaps the different fruit each month indicates the months of the year.

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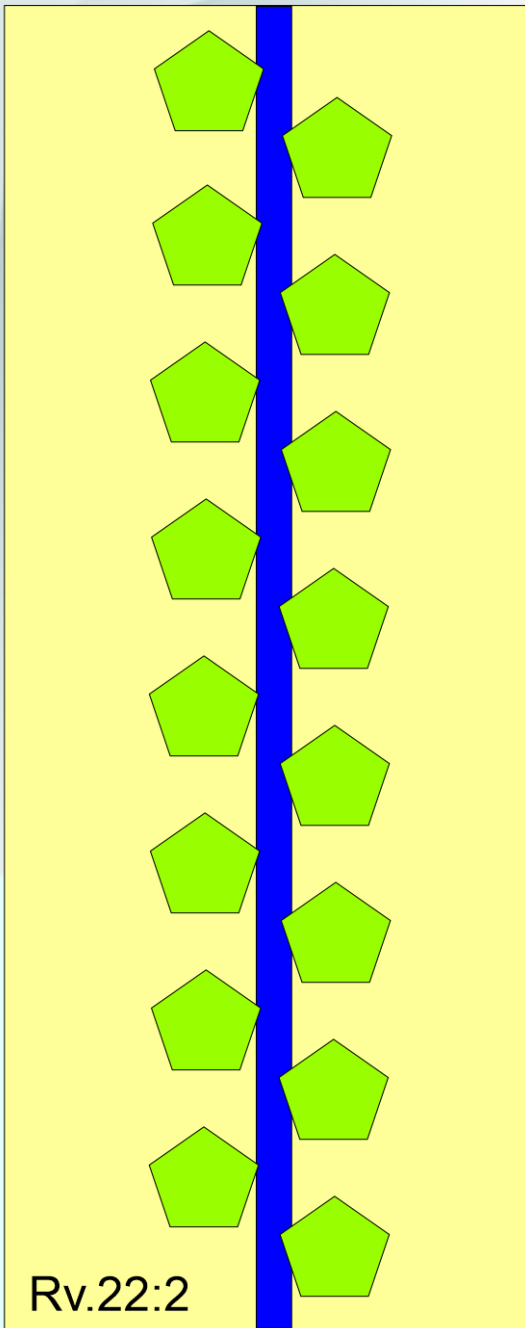


“healing of the nations”

- 🗨️ Our English word therapeutic comes from the Greek word translated “healing.” They enrich life.
- 🗨️ Why would the nations need to be healed if all evil is gone? He is not implying there will be illness. The emphasis is on the health and strength of the water.



“Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.” (Ek.47:12).



**In the middle of its street,
and on either side of the river,
was the tree of life,
which bore twelve fruits,
each tree yielding
its fruit every month.**

**The leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the
nations.**

**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.**

REVELATION 22:3



“no more curse... throne of God and of the Lamb” (Rv.22:3)



“throne of God”

- 🗨️ The curse of Genesis 3 is removed and nature has returned to full productivity and man is both spiritually and physically satisfied.
- 🗨️ The question is whether or not the Lamb is seated on a separate throne. Jesus Christ will be the eternal physical manifestation of God to man



“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ” (Rv.3:21).

**They shall see His
face, and His name
shall be on their
foreheads.**

REVELATION 22:4



“They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads” (Rv.22:4)



“see His face”

- ☞ Since God the Father does not manifest Himself in human form, Jesus Christ will be the eternal physical manifestation of God to man.
- ☞ His servants shall see the face of the Son.
- ☞ Another benefit of citizens in the New Jerusalem is that the Son's name will be on their foreheads.

**There shall be no night there:
They need no lamp nor light of
the sun, for the Lord God gives
them light. And they shall reign
forever and ever.**

REVELATION 22:5



“no night...lamp... sun... reign forever” (Rv.22:5)



“they shall reign forever and ever”

 The loss of night changes human timeframe in a significant way. God will be the light source for the New Jerusalem.

 That the servants reign for all eternity is referred to by Daniel 7:18,27. The kingdom flows into eternity.



“¹⁸But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ²⁷And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him” (Da.7:18,27).

Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.




REVELATION 22:6



“These words are faithful and true” (Rv.22:6)



“faithful and true”

-  The complete book of Revelation is faithful and true.
-  This begins the conclusion to the book with witnesses to the process.
-  As the book opened (Rv.1:1-2) angels brought this message, it concludes that it was sent directly from God.

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

REVELATION 22:7



“Behold, I am coming quickly!” (Rv.22:7)



“coming quickly”

- ☞ **When Jesus comes it will be quick.**
- ☞ **“Quickly” it not the same as imminent. Many events will occur before Jesus comes.**
- ☞ **John asserts that this Revelation is prophecy in the same sense as all other Old and New Testament prophecy.**

Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

REVELATION 22:8



Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

REVELATION 22:9



“I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets” (Rv.22:9)



Worship God



John's reaction here as earlier must tell us these angels are powerful and intimidating.



“And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”” (Rv.19:10).

And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.




REVELATION 22:10



“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book” (Rv.22:10)



“Do not seal”

-  To no longer seal the words is contrasted with Daniel who is told to seal the words till the time of the end (Da.12:4,9).
-  Daniel sealed his book, but the Revelation is to be unsealed.
-  “For the time is at hand” cannot refer to time since nearly 2,000 years have transpired.

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

REVELATION 22:11



“He who is unjust... who is holy” (Rv.22:11)



“unjust... holy”

- Two exhortations are given to the wicked and two exhortations are given to the righteous.
- Scripture is not indicating what sinners might do, but what they will do.
- They are free to do otherwise, however once set upon a course, even the wrath of God will not change them (Rv.9:20-21; 16:9, 11).



“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”
(Da.12:10).

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

REVELATION 22:12



“behold, I am coming quickly” (Rv.22:12)



“quickly”

- 🗨️ This cannot refer to an “imminent” (could happen at any time) coming rapture of the church.
- 🗨️ It has been 2,000 years since the Lord has returned to glory.
- 🗨️ The Lord emphasizes the quickness of His return because the level of suffering the believers will be experiencing during the persecution of Antichrist will be unparalleled (Mt.24:21).
- 🗨️ Once the Lord sets out to rescue the elect, it will happen very quickly, even in the twinkling of an eye! (1Co.15)

**I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the Beginning
and the End, the First
and the Last."**

REVELATION 22:13



“Alpha and the Omega” (Rv.22:13)



“First and the Last”

- ✉ Jesus described Himself in three ways that say the same idea.
- ✉ Christ is before all Creation and He will continue to exist after the present creation is destroyed. He is the Eternal One.

**Blessed are those who do His
commandments, that they
may have the right to the tree
of life, and may enter through
the gates into the city.**

REVELATION 22:14



“have the right to the tree of life” (Rv.22:14)



“tree of life”

- 🗨️ To do His commandments is the same as to believe on Jesus. These work at moral conformity to the will of God.
- 🗨️ We are not working to gain or keep salvation, but to enjoy it.
- 🗨️ The “tree of life” does not grant one eternal life.
- 🗨️ The “tree of life” references the quality of eternal life.

**But outside are dogs and
sorcerers and sexually
immoral and murderers
and idolaters, and whoever
loves and practices a lie.**

REVELATION 22:15



“But outside are dogs...” (Rv.22:15)



“dogs”

- 🗨️ Dogs here are unsaved people, not animals.
- 🗨️ It was common for some Jews to refer to Gentiles as dogs, which were considered unclean animals.
- 🗨️ Outside the New Jerusalem and during the Millennial Kingdom on the earth is the reference.



“Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!” (Ph.3:2).

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

REVELATION 22:16



“the Root and the Offspring of David” (Rv.22:16)



“Bright and Morning Star”

- ☞ Christ is the source (“Root”) of David's life and line of descendants, which establishes His DEITY.
- ☞ Christ is also a descendant of David (“Offspring”), which establishes His HUMANITY.
- ☞ The “Bright and Morning Star” is the brightest star announcing the arrival of Christ's coming.

**And the Spirit and the bride say,
"Come!" And let him who hears
say, "Come!" And let him who
thirsts come. Whoever desires,
let him take the water of life
freely.**





REVELATION 22:17



“the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”” (Rv.22:17)



“Spirit and the bride”

-  In Revelation 19 the wife of the Lamb consists of believers (Rv.19:7-8)
-  The New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven is prepared as a “bride” (Rv.21:2,9-10).
-  The “bride” is New Jerusalem occupied by both OT (Israel) and NT (Church) saints.
-  This is an invitation to those with a spiritual thirst to come to Jesus.



“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price” (Is.55:1).

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

REVELATION 22:18



“If anyone adds to these things” (Rv.22:18)



“words of the prophecy”



This warning is given to those who might purposefully distort the message in this book.



No human explanation or interpretation of God's Word should be elevated to the same authority as the text itself.



“¹Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (Du.4:1-2).

**and if anyone takes away from
the words of the book of this
prophecy, God shall take away
his part from the Book of Life,
from the holy city, and from the
things which are written in this
book.**

REVELATION 22:19



“if anyone takes away from the words” (Rv.22:19)



“book of this prophecy”



These warnings against altering the biblical text represent the close of the NT canon.



“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it” (Du.12:32).

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.**” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**




REVELATION 22:20



“Surely I am coming quickly” (Rv.22:20)



“Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

-  A true understanding of Bible prophecy should both motivate us to obey God’s Word and to share God’s invitation with a lost world.
-  If our study of the book of Revelation has been led by the Spirit, then our prayer will be, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”
-  He is coming! Live ready.

**The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with
you all. Amen.**

REVELATION 22:21



“grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rv.22:21)







“Amen”

- 🗨️ **The last word of the OT says,
“Lest I come and strike the earth
with a curse” (Ml.4:6)**
- 🗨️ **The last words of the NT speaks
of God's grace.**




REVELATION 22

Things NOT To Do

-  Do not “worship” anyone but God (Rv.22:9)
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-  **Keep the words of this prophecy (Rv.22:7)**
-  **Keep His commandments (Rv.22:14)**
-  **All who thirst “Come” (Rv.22:17)**

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3 God's Sifting is Permanent

4 God's Return is Soon

5 God's Grace is Sufficient

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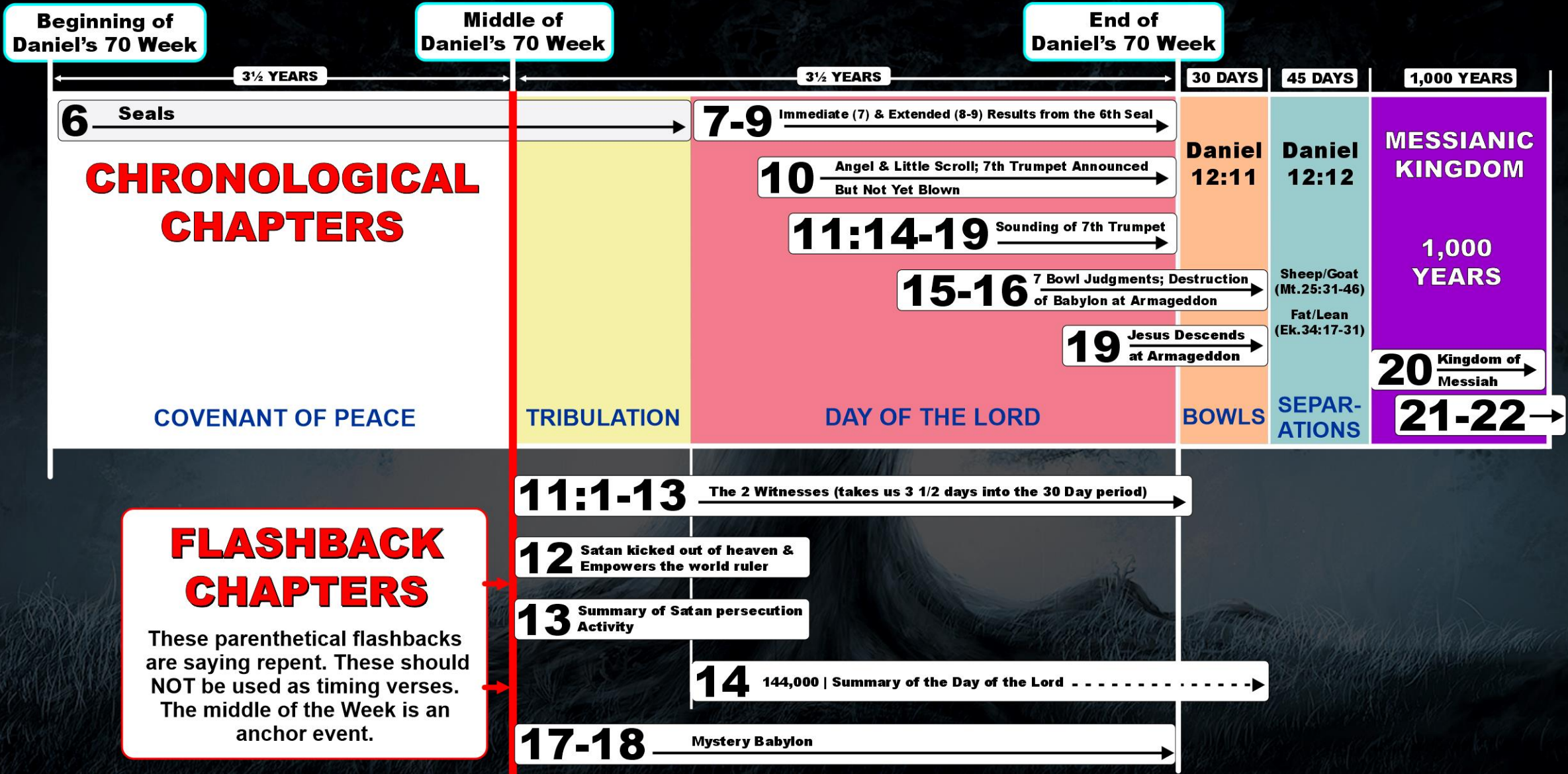
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FLASHBACK CHAPTERS

These parenthetical flashbacks are saying repent. These should NOT be used as timing verses. The middle of the Week is an anchor event.

ETERNITY FUTURE