

Revelation 22:20-21 – I AM COMING QUICKLY!

5/13/17 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente

Rev 22:20-21 *He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale–Hymn#132vs. 1, 2, 4

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.*

*Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen!*

Context/Biblical Background – Three times in this closing chapter John wrote, “I [Christ] come quickly” (**Rev 22:7, Rev 22:12, Rev 22:20**). Nearly two thousand years have occurred since this was written and Peter tells us why: God wants to give this sinful world opportunity to repent and be saved (**2Pe 3:1**). In the meantime, the Spirit of God, through the church (the bride), calls for Jesus to come; for the bride wants to meet her Bridegroom and enter into her home. ***“Even so, come, Lord Jesus”*** (**Rev 22:20**). But believers ought also to invite lost sinners to trust Christ and drink the water of life. Indeed, when the church lives in expectancy of Christ’s return, such an attitude provokes ministry and evangelism as well as purity of heart. **We want to tell others of the grace of God.** 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 we study the Book of Revelation, truly led by the Spirit, then we will join John in the Bible’s last prayer: ***“Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”*** Are you ready?

Rev 22:20 *He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly (rapidly - not shortly or immediately or even soon) ."*

1 - Christ's farewell to His church. He seems now, after He has been discovering these things to His people on earth, to take leave of them, and return to heaven; but He parts with them in great kindness, and assures them it shall not be long before He comes again to them: **Behold, I come quickly.** As when He ascended into heaven, after His resurrection, He parted with a promise of His gracious presence, so **here He parts with a promise of a speedy return.** If any say, “Where is the promise of His coming, when so many ages have passed since this was written?” let them know He is not slack to His people, but long-suffering to His enemies: His coming will be sooner than they are aware, sooner than they are prepared, sooner than they desire; and to His people it will be seasonable. The vision is for an appointed time, and will not tarry. *He will come quickly*; let this word be always sounding in our ear, and let us give all diligence that we may be found of Him in peace, *without spot and blameless*

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

2 - The church's hearty echo to Christ's promise.

- Declaring her firm belief of it: **Amen**, *so it is*, so it shall be.
- Expressing her earnest desire of it: **Even so, come, Lord Jesus;** *make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountain of spices.* Thus beats the pulse of the church, thus breathes that gracious Spirit which actuates and informs the mystical body of Christ; and we should never be satisfied till we find such a spirit breathing in us, and causing us to *look for the blessed hope, and glorious appearance of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ.* This is the language of the church of the first-born, and we should join with them,

often putting ourselves in mind of His promise. What comes from heaven in a promise should be sent back to heaven in a prayer, “*Come, Lord Jesus*, put an end to this state of sin, sorrow, and temptation; gather Your people out of this present evil world, and take them up to heaven, that state of perfect purity, peace, and joy, and so finish Your great design, and fulfil all that word in which You have caused Your people to hope.”

Rev 22:21 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

3 - The apostolical benediction, which closes the whole: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.*

- The Bible ends with a clear proof of the Godhead of Christ, since the Spirit of God teaches the apostle to bless His people in the name of Christ, and to beg from Christ a blessing for them, which is a proper act of adoration.
- Nothing should be more desired by us than that the grace of Christ may be with us in this world, to prepare us for the glory of Christ in the other world. It is by His grace that we must be kept in a joyful expectation of His glory, fitted for it, and preserved to it; and His glorious appearance will be welcome and joyful to those that are partakers of His grace and favor here; and therefore to this most comprehensive prayer we should all add our hearty *Amen*, most earnestly thirsting after greater measures of the gracious influences of the blessed Jesus in our souls, and His gracious presence with us, till glory has perfected all His grace towards us, for He is a sun and a shield, *He gives grace and glory, and no good thing will He withhold from those that walk uprightly.*

The Coming of the Kingdom - Mat 6:9-10; Luke 18:1; Tit 2:11-14; Rev 4:8-11; Rev 5:8-14; Rev 19:11-16. Church – Are we praying for His coming?

SUMMARY:

- The last verse of the Old Testament contains a curse: *Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse (Mal 4:6).* But the New Testament ends this way: “*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*” Grace is the final word of the New Testament.
- The Bible closes with emphasis on the fidelity of the Scriptures (Rev 22:6) on salvation by grace the free gift of the Lord Jesus (Rev 22:17) and on the doctrine of the pre-millennial return of Christ (Rev 22:7, Rev 22:12, Rev 22:20). The great “peace prayer” of the Bible, and the last prayer of the Bible, is “*Come, Lord Jesus,*” and Jesus’ last recorded words are, “*Surely, I come quickly. Amen.*” This is the thought He would leave with us. May God open the eyes of every reader to the “*blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*”—Tit 2:13.

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