

## THE EPILOGUE: A DIVINE POSTSCRIPT

### Studies in the Revelation

Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."  
Revelation 1:6

## THE TWO BRACKETS OF THE REVELATION:

### The Prologue:

The Revelation of (who) Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to (who) His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it (how) by His angel to (who) His bond-servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:1-3

### The Epilogue:

And he (the angel) said to me, "These words are (what) faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants (what) the things which must soon take place.

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

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

Revelation 22:6-8

## THE IMMINENT COMING OF JESUS CHRIST:

### From Jesus:

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."

Revelation 22:12

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

### From Paul:

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, (for what purpose) awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Corinthians 1:4-7

If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed. Maranatha (O Lord, come).

1 Corinthians 16:22

For our citizenship is (where) in heaven, from which also we (what) eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you (1) turned to God from idols to (2) serve a living and true God, and to (3) wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading (what) an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to (1) deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to (2) live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, (3) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 3:11-14

### From James:

Therefore be patient, brethren, until (what) the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, (why) for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; (why) behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

James 5:7-9

## From John:

Now, little children, abide in Him, (why) so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.  
1 John 2:28

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that (what) when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.  
1 John 3:2

## HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO HIS IMMINENT RETURN?

### One, Immediate Obedience:

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who (what) heeds (to keep, to hold fast, to guard, to obey) the words of the prophecy of this book."  
Revelation 22:7

"If you love Me, you will (what) keep My commandments."  
John 14:15

"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. (how) If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as (example) I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."  
John 15:9-11

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, (question) what sort of people ought you to be (answer) in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him (how) in (1) peace, (2) spotless and (3) blameless.  
2 Peter 3:11-14

### Two, Immediate Worship:

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I (what) fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."  
Revelation 22:8-9

## Three, Immediate Proclamation of the Word:

And he said to me, "Do not seal up (what) the words of the prophecy of this book, (why) for the time is near."  
Revelation 22:10

### And the response to the proclamation will seal their future:

"Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."  
Revelation 22:11

For the word of the cross is (what) foolishness to (who) those who are perishing, but to us who are (what) being saved it is the (what) power of God.  
1 Corinthians 1:18

### Finally, Immediate Service:

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."  
Revelation 22:12

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be (what) pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, (why) so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.  
2 Corinthians 5:9-10

"Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. Therefore, be on the alert - for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert!'"  
Mark 13:33-37