

## I. Interior of the New Jerusalem(22:1 - 5)

### Verse 1

Then the angel

showed (deiknyo = proof) me the [pure = katharos] river

1) of the water (hydor) of life, (zoe = source)

2) as clear (lampros = radiant) as crystal,

3) flowing from the throne of God  
and of the Lamb



### Verse 2

down the middle  
of the great street  
“street” = plateia = a broad way  
of the city.

On each side

of the river

stood the tree of life,

bearing twelve crops of fruit, (Korpos = 12 types)

yielding its fruit every month. (?)

And the leaves of the tree

are [were] for the healing (therapeian = health giving)  
of the nations. (ethnos = people)



### Verse 3

No longer

will there be any curse. (katathema = only use here)

Since the fall, man and creation have lived with the effect of the curse described in Gen. 3:16-19. Now the curse is gone!

[but] The throne of God

and of the Lamb

will be in the city,

and his servants (doulos = slave)

will serve him. (latreuo = to perform worship and other  
sacred services)

The curse caused all work for humanity to be difficult and arduous. Now the work of the saints is blessed and full of joy.

### Verse 4

They will see his face,

“see” here is the word optanomai which is the middle active form of the word to be seen = to allow oneself to be seen!

Now we understand the words of Jesus in Matt. 5:8 – Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall “see” God.

Paul said, “now we see dimly, but then face to face” (1 Cor. 13:12)  
and his name

will be on their foreheads. (metopon)

This idea of names on foreheads is used eight times in Revelation:

- 1) God seals the 144,000 evangelists. (Rev. 7:3, 9:4, 14:1)
- 2) The Beast seals his followers on the forehead. (Rev. 13:16)
- 3) Ultimately God puts his name upon the forehead of the saints.

### Verse 5

There will be no more night. (nyx = death and evil)

They will not need the light

of a lamp

or the light of the sun,

for the Lord God

will give them light. (photizo = reflected light)

And they will reign (basileou = serve as kings)

for ever and ever.

### We have returned to Eden:

No more curse – like prior to the sin of rebellion – no fear  
Perfect unity with God – like prior to the sin – walked together  
Perfect purpose – like prior to the sin – worked together  
Perfect relationship – like prior to the sin – looked into each others eyes.

## II. Importance of this Book (22:6)

### Verse 6

The angel said to me,

"These words (logos = the word of God/Picture)  
are trustworthy } The name of Christ on the  
and true. } White Horse – Rev. 19:11

The Lord,

the God of the spirits  
of the prophets,

sent (apostollos = apostles – one who is sent) his angel  
to show (deikyno = prove) his servants (doulos)  
the things that must

soon (en = quick not soon in time) take place."

The word of God was given to John to prove the things that will happen quickly.

## III. Jesus is Coming Soon! (22:7 - 17)

### Verse 7

"Behold,

I am coming soon! (tachy = quickly – urgency now)

Blessed is he [#6 of the Beatitudes in Revelation]

who keeps (tereo = guard/obey) the words  
of the prophecy  
in this book."

Ultimately we are not only to know the word but to keep it and obey it and honor it.

### Verse 8

I, John,

am the one  
who heard  
and saw these things.

And when I had heard

and seen them,

I fell down (pipto)

to worship (proskyneo)  
at the feet

of the angel

who had been showing them to me.

As John did back in Rev. 19:10.

### Verse 9

But he said to me,

"Do not do it! [lit. See to it that you do not do it!]

I am a fellow servant (syndoulos = working togethe)

with you

and with your brothers (adelphos = Christian brothers)

the prophets (prophetes)

and of all who keep (tereo = guard) the words  
of this book.

Worship God!" (proskyneo theos)

Nothing created is worthy of worship! Only God!!!

### Verse 10

Then he told me,

"Do not seal (sphragizo = close/protect) up the words  
of the prophecy  
of this book,

because the time (kairos = God's time)

is near. (eggys = is at hand/coming)

The simple point – if what you have read in this book as the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world has not changed your point of view – there is very little hope for you!

It is one thing NOT to know (ignorance) it is quite another thing TO KNOW and still not change (we call rebellion).

### Verse 11

Let him who does wrong

continue to do wrong;

let him who is vile

continue to be vile;

let him who does right

continue to do right;

and let him who is holy

continue to be holy."

This is likely a song or poetry with a simple point. Jesus is coming quickly so there will be no time for change later if you are not willing to change NOW.



Verse 12

"Behold,  
I am coming soon (tachy = quickly) !

My reward (misthos) is with me,  
and I will give to everyone  
according to what he has done.

We see that believers will be rewarded according to their works.

Verse 13

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



Verse 14

"Blessed are those [#7 of the Beatitudes in Revelation]  
who wash their robes,  
[that do his commandments (entole = the Mosaic law)]  
hoi plunontes tas stolas (Nestle Aland – niv)  
hoi poiountes tas entolas (Textus Receptus – kjv)  
that they may have  
the right (exousia) to the tree of life  
and may go through  
the gates into (eis) the city.



In the Garden of Eden, the tree of life was protected by a guardian cherubim (Gen. 3:24) – now it is accessible forever.

Verse 15

Outside (exo) are the dogs, (kyon = men of impure minds)  
those who practice magic arts, (pharmakos)  
the sexually immoral, ( pornos)  
the murderers, (phoneus)  
the idolaters (eidolatries)  
and everyone (pas)  
who loves (phileo)  
and practices falsehood. (psuedos = lies)

The point is simple there are some who "enter" (eis) the city  
those who are "without" (exo) the city.

Verse 16

"I, Jesus,  
have sent (pempo = temporary assignment) my angel  
to give you  
this testimony  
for the churches. [This letter is for us!]

Jesus places his authority upon these words for us. He personally authenticates this text for all the ages.

I am the Root (rhiza) [creator]  
and the Offspring (genos) [lineage]  
of David, (messianic reference Isa. 11:1)  
and the bright (lampros) Morning Star." (messianic title –  
Num. 24:17; Rev. 2:28)

Verse 17

The Spirit (pneuma = wind)  
and the bride say,  
"Come!" (erchomai = take the steps)  
And let him who hears say,  
"Come!" (erchomai = take the steps)  
Whoever is thirsty. (dispao = those who painfully and  
desperately need water)  
let him come; (erchomai = take the steps)  
and whoever wishes, (thelo = those who choose)  
let him take the free gift (dorean = without cause/  
overflowing)  
of the water of life.

A Picture of Evangelism:

We see the Spirit  
and the Church  
working together

Requirement #1

Requirement #2

Requirement #3

Requirement #4

## IV. The Warning (22:18 - 21)

### Verse 18

**I warn** (martyreo = to testify/witness) **everyone** (pas)  
**who hears the words** (logos = word of God)  
**of the prophecy** [from the voice of a prophet]  
**of this book:** (biblion = small book or scroll)

The last person speaking in the first person is Jesus.

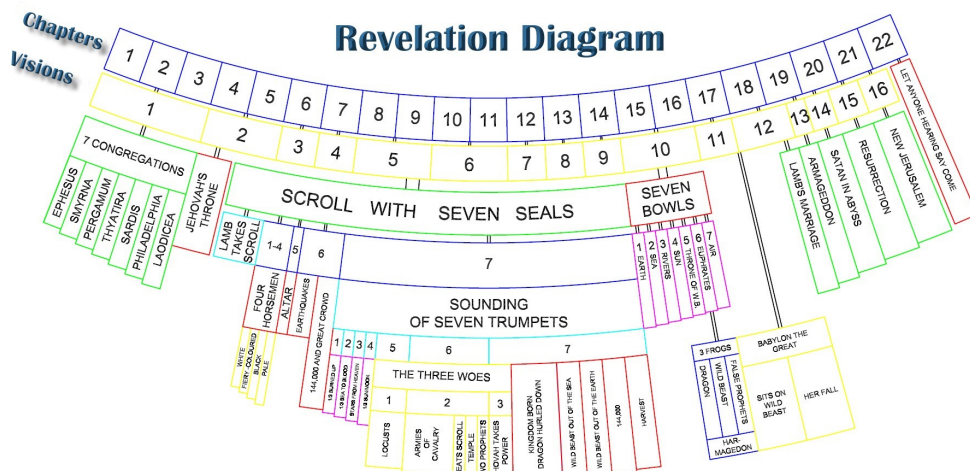
**If anyone adds** (epitithemi = to impose or lay upon)

**anything to them,**  
**God will add to him**  
**the plagues**  
**described in this book.**

Some may apply this warning to the entire scriptures, but the use of "this" is singular and "book" is a single small scroll leads me to this book of Revelation only.

### Verse 19

**And if anyone**  
**takes words** (logos) **away** (aphaireo = remove)  
**from this book** (biblion)  
**of prophecy,**  
**God will take away** (aphaireo = remove)  
**from him his share**  
**in the tree of life**  
**and in the holy city,**  
**which are described**  
**in this book.**



### Verse 20

**He who testifies** (martyreo)  
**to these things says,**

**"Yes, (nia = surely, truly, verily)**

**I am coming soon.** (tachy = quickly) "

Speaking in the first person – leads me to think Jesus is speaking here.

**Amen.**

**Come,**  
**Lord Jesus.**

John uses the ancient  
Aramaic saying  
**"Maranatha!"**

To the very end, the book of Revelation has emphasized  
**readiness and watchfulness.**

### Verse 21

**The grace** (charis = undeserved favor)  
**of the Lord Jesus**  
**be with God's people.**

**Amen.**

Both this book and the Bible as a whole end with a word of grace.  
Even despite the amount of destruction described in Revelation –  
it is at it's core a book of hope and grace with a heavy dose of  
**watchfulness!**

## Revelation made Simple

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11
Vision of Christ in Glory	Letters to the 7 Churches Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea	Seven Seals Seal 1: White Horseman Seal 2: Red Horseman Seal 3: Black Horseman Seal 4: Pale Horseman Seal 5: Slain Lamb Seal 6: Seals of the 144,000 Seal 7: Seals of the 144,000	Vision of God's Throne	Seven Seal Book opened by the Slain Lamb	6 Seals Opened 4 Horsemen White, Red, Black, Pale Souls under the altar	Sealing of the 144,000 Great multitude of Tribulation Saints	Tribulation Trumpets 7th Seal opened 4 Trumpets 1/3 Judgments Grass, Sea, Wood, Sun, Moon, Stars	2 Trumpets (2 Woes) Locusts 200 million man army 1/3 mankind killed	The Mighty Angel with the Little Book 7 Thunders	2 Tribulation Witnesses 42 Months 1260 Days (3rd Woe) 7th Trumpet
Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 19	Chapter 20	Chapter 21	Chapter 22
Woman with man child Red Dragon Woman in the Wilderness	7 42 Months Woe	3 Angels Christ reaps the harvest	7 Vials Given to 7 Angels Victorious Saints	7 Vials of Wrath Full Judgments Sores Seas Rivers	Mystery Babylon The Great	Babylon is Fallen!	Marriage Supper of the Lamb War Armageddon	Millennium Satan bound 1,000 yrs Battle of Gog & Magog Lake of Fire White Throne Judgment	The Tree of Life The Holy City	The New Jerusalem