

We will now begin the eighteenth lecture on the book of Revelation. /The main text is Revelation chapter 22. /The title is “Life in the New World.”

/First, the water of life and eating of the fruit of life. /Verses 1-2. /Second, living with the Lord. /Verses 3-4. /Third, forever reigning as kings. /Forever reigning as kings. /Verse 5-6. /Fourth, the seven requests. /Verses 7-20.

/Now we will look at the subtitles.

/(1) Keep the word of the prophecy. /Verse 7. /(2) Do not seal up the words of the prophecy. /Verses 8-10. /(3) Everyone will receive according to what he has done. /Verses 11-13. /(4) Wash your robes. /Verses 14-15. /(5) Yearn for the prophecy. /Verses 16-17.

/(6) Do not add or subtract to the prophecy. /Verses 18-19. /(7) The Lord will come soon. /Verse 20.

/The fifth overall title is /“Grace.” Verse 21.

/Read 22:1-2. /Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

/Revelation chapter 22 describes a new world. /It symbolizes life in the Millennial Kingdom. /It also symbolizes eternal heaven. /Here there is “the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal.”

/This means that there is an abundance of God’s works in the new life. /John 4:14. /Ezekiel 47:1, 2. /Believers must participate in the water of life as believers of Jesus. /We will partake in the water of life in the Millennial Kingdom and also in heaven.

/To “drink the water of life” today means that our spirits have received grace through the truth and through the Holy Spirit. /God’s works will take place through this life. /Our spirits will live.

/Then we will save other people. /This is the occurrence of the works of salvation. /There is not a single drop of water in hell. /There is no true peace, joy, or happiness. /There is only pain in hell.

/However, in heaven, life is plentiful. /There is happiness and joy and peace. /The water of life flows from God and from the blood of the Lamb. /The water of life flows from God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

/In order to drink the water of life, we must go before the throne of God. /Our God is the

source of life. /The tree of life symbolizes the bearing of fruit of life. /Genesis 3:24.

/Here it says that the tree of life would bear twelve crops of fruit. /This means that there will be many fruit of life. /There will be fruit every month. /The leaves of the tree would heal the nations. /Ezekiel 47:12.

/Its leaves will be medications. /This means that nations will be restored and healed. /There are leaves of trees. /There are leaves. /This symbolizes the actions of believers who kept their faith. /1 Thessalonians 1:8.

/The actions of keeping their faith remains in the kingdom of heaven. /There are works for restoration of nations. /Ill spirits will come to life. /Others will be given benefits. /Also, there are no ill people in heaven.

/There are no sick people there. /There is no sadness or sufferings. /There is life, peace, joy, and rest.

/Verse 3. /No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

/In heaven there will no longer be any curse. /There is no judgment. /It is not hell. /It is a place overflowing with God's mercy and love. /It overflows with God's glory and holiness.

/It is filled with God's righteousness and light. /It is a world of true happiness and grace in Christ. /It says, "his servants will serve him. /The "servants" are the believers. /The believers will serve God.

/Then they will see the face of God. /God will show his face to the believers. /Believers will meet God through Jesus Christ. /Believers will meet God through Christ.

/Then they will have relationships with God and walk with God. /They will walk with God and be delightful in God.

/Verse 4. /They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

/It says that believers will see God's face. /Then "his name will be on their foreheads." /The name of Jesus will be written on the foreheads of believers. /The "forehead" symbolizes thoughts.

/The Word of God will be inscribed in believers' spirits. /Jesus' appearance will be made complete in the spirits of believers. /We believers will become like Jesus. /Galatians 4:19.

/Verse 5. /There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

/There will be no more night in heaven. /There is no need for lamps or sunlight. /It will be filled with the glory of God. /God's glory shines brighter than the sun. /We believers will act as kings for ever and ever.

/We will go forward with crowns. /2 Timothy 2:11, 12. /Our Lord is the King of kings, /and we are all smaller kings.

/Verse 6. /The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

/It says, "These words are trustworthy and true." /God's Word of prophecy is the truth. /It will most certainly be fulfilled. /Though generations may be wicked and reject the Bible, /God's Word will be fulfilled.

/It says, "the things that must soon take place." /This is also mentioned in verse 20. /God said he would come soon to save the believers. /God will come soon to judge the world.

/Therefore, we must be awake. /We must prepare our faith. /The Lord said that He would come soon. /We do not know the day or time of the Lord's coming. /Therefore, we must prepare our faith like the five wise virgins did.

/Verse 7. /"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

/It says that those who keep the words of the prophecy in this book will be blessed. /Revelation 1:3 also says that there will be three types of blessings. /Those who read the Bible will be blessed, /those who hear the Bible will be blessed, /and those who keep what is written in the Bible will be blessed.

/Therefore, we must keep the Word of God. /We must not only receive the Word, but put it into action. /We must obey according to the Word. /James 1:22. /It means to be prepared for the Lord's coming.

/We must treasure what is written about heaven in the Scriptures. /We must remember what is written about heaven. /We must also remember that Jesus said He would come soon.

/This is to keep the Word. /Thus, those who wait for Jesus' coming are those who keep the Word.

/Verses 8-9. /I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

/The apostle John fell to the ground to worship the angel who was giving him the Word. /
The apostle John was about to bow down before the angel. /The angel said, "I am a
fellow servant."

/The angel was humble. /The angel kept his place. /Matthew 4:10. /"Worship the Lord
your God." /"Serve him only." /We must serve God only. /We must worship God only.

/When one leaves his position he will become the devil. /When one becomes arrogant, he
will become the devil. /Jude 1:6. /Our only subject of worship is God alone.

/We must not worship people. /When we worship people, they will become our idols.
/Also, people must not be treated like God. /We must be humble.

/Verse 10. /Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book,
because the time is near.

/It says, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book." /It said, do not seal this
book. /This means that we must testify correctly. /We must meditate on and carve the
words of prophecy in our hearts.

/It means to be made according to the Word. /Then we must testify the Word to other
people. /We must not keep the Word to ourselves. /We must let it be known to others.

/We must testify the Word of Life. /We must hold true to our calling. /2 Timothy 4:2. /1
Corinthians 9:16. /The time is near. /The Lord's Second Coming is near.

/The judgment of the world is near. /The salvation of believers is near. /Therefore, we
must be believers who testify God's Word.

/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."

/When the final days come, the wrong will continue to do wrong, /and the righteous will
continue to be righteous. /The wicked will become more and more wicked. /However,
those who have faith will grow in their faith. /Revelation 14:14-20.

/In the final days, the harvest will be ripe, and the grapes will be ripe. /Evilness will reach
its peak. /Therefore, our faith as believers must continue to grow. /We are the harvest.
/The grapes are the unbelievers.

/The wicked will grow ripe. /The believers will grow ripe. /We believers who are holy
must continue to be holy. /Evilness continues to grow in this world. /Therefore, our faith
must rise up to its highest peak.

/Verse 12. /"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to

everyone according to what he has done.

/Jesus is coming soon. /He said that He will give rewards. /We will be given rewards according to what we have done. /We will receive rewards according to what we have done. /Jesus will give rewards according to what one has done. /1 Peter 4:13. /1 Corinthians 15:58.

/When we make sacrifices, receive persecutions and sufferings for the Lord, there will be glorious rewards for us. /When we toil for the Lord, He will acknowledge us. /Therefore, we must continue to work hard in our faith, knowing that the Lord will come soon.

/Then we must keep our faith and receive the crown. /Life in this world is short. /It is the life of a nomad.

/Therefore, we must toil away in our faith in this world, then receive comfort in eternal heaven. /Our current sufferings cannot even begin to compare to the glory that we will receive in heaven.

/Verse 13. /I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

/The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega. /He is the First and the Last. /He is the beginning of salvation. /He is the completion of salvation. /God began his work of salvation and he will complete it. /The Trinity God is forever.

/Verse 14. /"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

/It says, "Blessed are those who wash their robes." /This means to be sanctified. /Revelation 19:8 says, "Fine linen." /When believers repent and obey the Word, they will become more and more clean.

/Sanctification will take place. /Therefore, we must repent every day. /We must become more and more like Jesus every day.

/Then it says, "they may have the right to the tree of life." /This means to participate in life. /This means to participate in the life of Jesus. /This means to participate in salvation. /This means to participate in eternal life.

/It also says, "go through the gates into the city." /This means to receive salvation and enter heaven. /It means to be saved. /It means to enter heaven.

/Verse 15. /Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

/Here it says, "Outside." /The "Outside" symbolizes hell. /Everyone will either go to

heaven or hell. /There is no middle.

/Roman Catholicism claims that there is Purgatory, but that is wrong. /One either goes to heaven or hell. /Those who do not believe and continue to commit sins will perish in hell.

/The “Outside” here does not signify “Outside the New Jerusalem City.” /The Millennial Kingdom is mentioned in chapter 21. /It is in Revelation 20:21. /The New Jerusalem in chapter 21 symbolizes the heaven where believers will live in.

/Also, there is a New Jerusalem City in the Millennial Kingdom. /There are common people who live outside the New Jerusalem City. /They are those who survived the Armageddon.

/In the Millennial Kingdom, we believers, in our resurrected bodies, will govern the people. /Therefore, the “Outside” of the New Jerusalem City in the Millennial Kingdom does not signify hell. /That is a place where common people will live in.

/Then where is the “Outside” that verse 15 talks about? /This “Outside” is hell. /Those who will go to hell are dogs and those who practice magic arts. /The “dogs” are those who fight and argue with others, /and those who tear others apart. /Matthew 7:6. /Philippians 3:2.

/Next are those who practice magic arts. /They are the fortune tellers. /Today, fortune tellers are people who do wrong. /We must not get our fortunes told. /It is wrong to hold shamanistic rituals. /The sexually immoral will go to hell.

/This refers to pull away from God and fall into the world. /This symbolizes secularism and hedonism. /Next are the murderers. /They are those who kill other people. /They are those who slander others. /They are those who hate others. /1 John 3:15.

/Next are the idolators. /They love other things more than God, and rely on other things more than God. /1 Samuel 15:22-23. /Ephesians 5:5. /Next are those who lie. /21:8. /1 Corinthians 6:9, 10.

/Certainly, if one truly repents if they committed see sins, they can enter heaven. /If they believe in Jesus and repent of their sins, they can be forgiven of their sins. /David committed a crime, yet, he repented and he went to heaven.

/We must not fall to such sins. /If we committed any of these sins, we must repent and receive salvation through faith.

/Verse 16. /"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

/Jesus Christ sent His angel and gave this testimony of the Word for the church. /Jesus sent His angel to testify for the church. /Jesus is the Root and the Offspring of David.

/Jesus came from the royal line of David. /Jesus is our Messiah, the Christ. /Jesus is the bright Morning Star. /Jesus is Light. /Jesus is the Light that leads us to heaven.

/Jesus taught us about heaven. /He introduced us to heaven. /Just as the morning star guides, Jesus leads us.

/Verse 17. /The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

/“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’” /The “bride” symbolizes the believers. /It also symbolizes the church. /Thus, it is the invitation of the Holy Spirit and the church. /It is the invitation of the Holy Spirit and the church.

/Whoever was thirsty was told to come. /This is an invitation to salvation. /This is the invitation to the water of life. /This is the invitation to the Word of God. /When those who are thirsty go to the Lord, they will find relief. /Psalm 42:1.

/We must be poor in spirit. /We must thirst for and seek the Lord. /We must long for the truth. /Then the Lord will give us abundant grace. /He will give us the water of life.

/We will never again be thirsty. /We will never again be in pain. /We will never be frustrated. /We will never be thirsty. /This is all because God freely give us the water of life.

/Verse 18. /I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

/The “words of the prophecy of this book” is the book of Revelation. /It also symbolizes the entire Bible. /It says that we must not add anything to the Bible. /We must not add a single thing to the Bible other than the sixty-six books of the Bible.

/Those who add to the Bible will receive additions to the plagues described in the Bible. /We must not add dreams or visions to the Bible. /There is no other Bible than the sixty-six books of the Bible.

/We must not add anything to the Bible. /There are those today who claim that they have “received revelations.” /There are those today who chase after dreams and visions.

/The Bible has already been made complete, and therefore, nothing else must be added to the Bible. /Whoever adds anything to the Bible will receive additional plagues before God.

/Verse 19. /And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this

book.

/We must not take away anything from the Bible. /We must not leave out a single word from the Bible. /If anyone takes away from the Bible, God will take away his or her share in the tree of life and take away the blessing of participating in the holy city. /It is great sin to take away from the Bible. /Deuteronomy 13:1-3.

/Adding to the Bible is the practice of false mysticism. /Taking away from the Bible is to become a new theologian. /Therefore, we must not add or take away anything from the Bible.

/Verse 20. /He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

/Jesus, who testified to these things, said that He would come soon. /The Lord Jesus' Second Coming will come soon. /We must believe that the Lord can even come today. / We must not think that the Lord's coming will be delay and we must not be unprepared. / Matthew 24:36.

/We do not know when the Lord will come. /Yet, there are many signs of the last days. /Therefore, we must be prepared in knowing that the Lord will come soon. /We do not know the exact day and time.

/Still, we know that we can ask, "Won't He come soon?" /Hebrews 10:37. /The Lord will come in just a very little while. /We must become faithful and wise servants.

/Then we must share our nourishments. /Matthew 24:45. /The apostle John spoke in the second half of verse 20. /"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." /The apostle John was ready for Jesus' Second Coming.

/He was fully prepared. /He was fully prepared to wait for Jesus' Second Coming. /He was waiting. /Thus, the apostle John thought, "I wish the Lord would come soon."

/Now, do you hope that Jesus' Second Coming will come soon? Or do you wish that it would come slowly? /We must think, "I wish Jesus' Second Coming will come soon." /Then we must be well prepared for the Lord's Second Coming.

/We must prepare lamps and oil just like the five wise virgins. /The "lamp" is faith in Jesus. /The "oil" is to be prepared with fullness of the Holy Spirit and faith.

/Verse 21. /The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

/“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.” /Here, “God's people” are the believers. /The grace of Jesus overflows in all believers. /We must live in the grace of Jesus.

/We have participated in salvation through faith. /We participated in the grace of the Lord through faith. /Therefore, we must continue to live in the grace of the Lord.

/All things will happen as is written in Revelation. /The Bible has been fulfilled. /It continues to be fulfilled even now. /Now the world will receive judgment.

/The Lord's Second Coming has come near. /There is eternal heaven and hell. /We have been saved through faith in Jesus, and we will go to heaven. /Therefore, we must eagerly wait for the Lord's Second Coming just like the apostle John did.

/We must be prepared to receive the Lord's Second Coming. /We must receive Jesus, who will come in His glory. /I pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus will always be with you.

/We will conclude the final lecture on the book of Revelation. /Thank you.