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God's Final Invitation

Revelation 22:6-21



INTRODUCTION

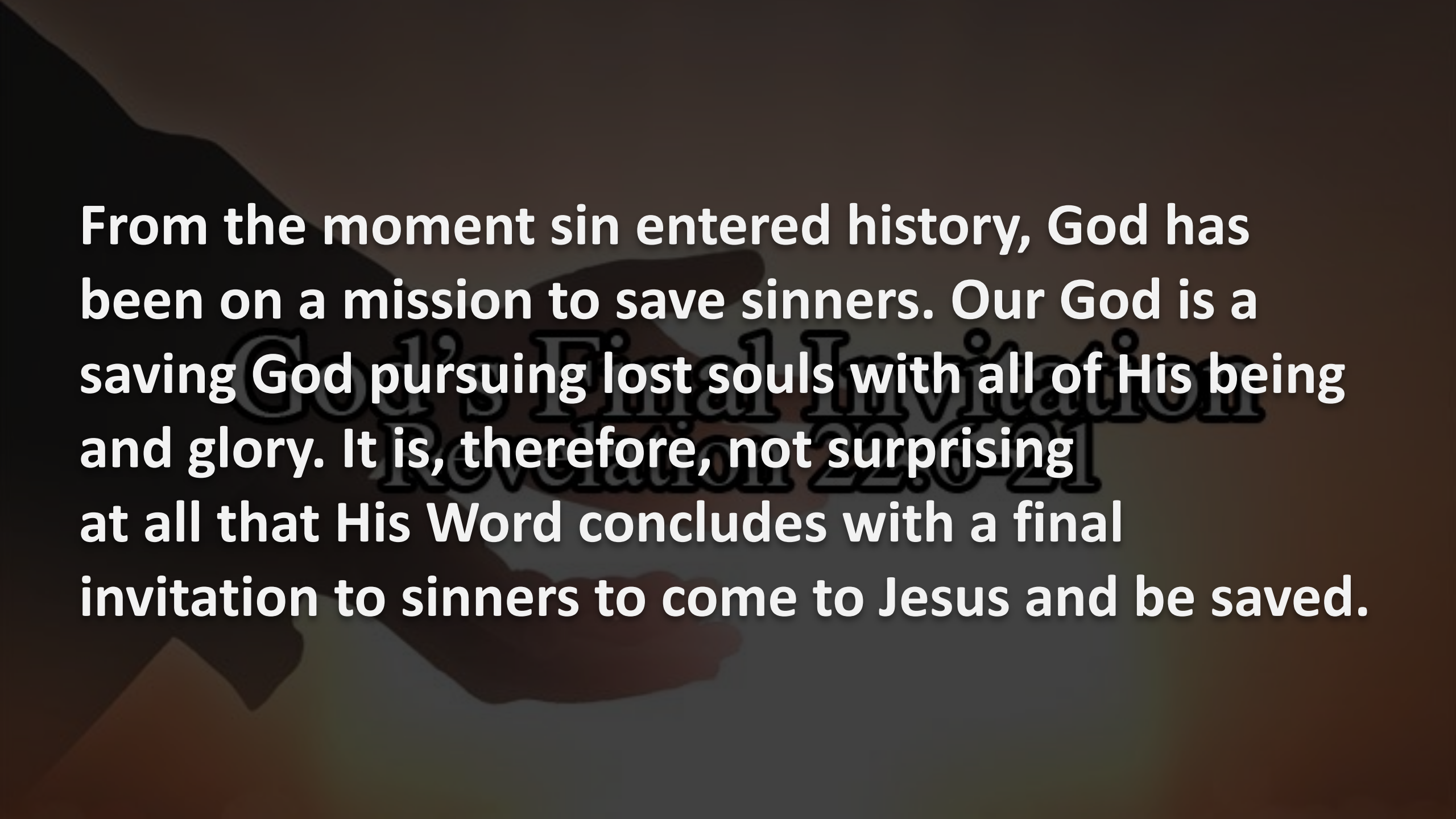
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Last words are important words. Indeed last words are intended to be lasting words, words that make an impression, words that will stay with the listener or the reader. In Revelation 22:6-21, we come to the last words in the book of Revelation, its epilogue, and the last words of the Bible.

God's written Word comes to an end, and so what we find here is of utmost importance to God and should be of utmost importance to us. Two themes are dominate:

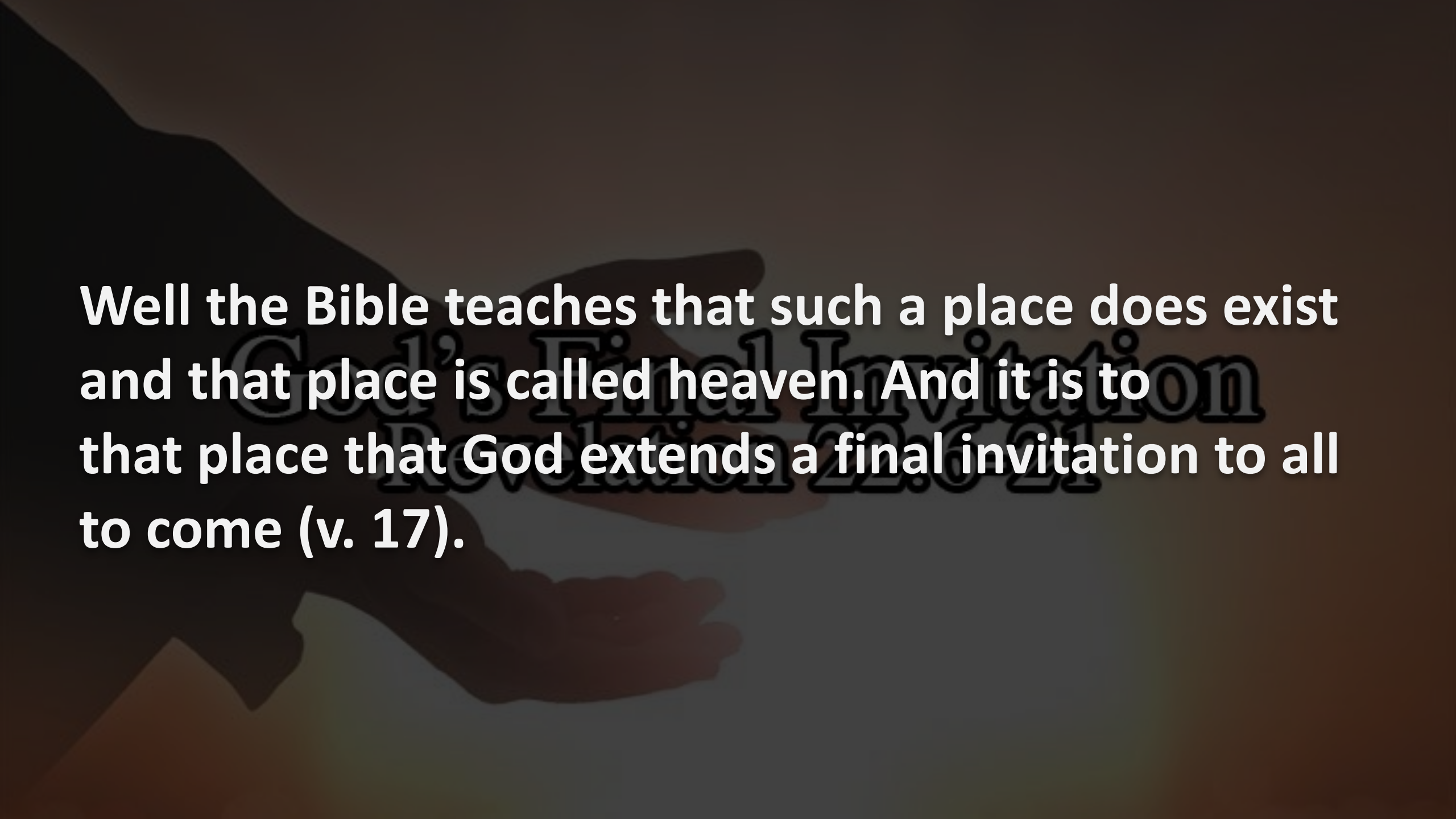
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- 1) the reliability and authenticity of the book and**
- 2) the imminency of the end.**



From the moment sin entered history, God has been on a mission to save sinners. Our God is a saving God pursuing lost souls with all of His being and glory. It is, therefore, not surprising at all that His Word concludes with a final invitation to sinners to come to Jesus and be saved.

There is a popular festival that runs every year in Mt. Airy NC called “Mayberry Day.” Every year thousands flock to celebrate a place that never was, a place they choose to believe once existed. Why the make-believe, why the continued nostalgia over a mythical television series? People want to know if there really was a place where people trusted each other, a place where there’s peace and serenity.



Well the Bible teaches that such a place does exist and that place is called heaven. And it is to that place that God extends a final invitation to all to come (v. 17).

CONTEXT



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The somewhat random organization of the conclusion results from the many things John is trying to accomplish in this closing section. There are various speakers (John, an angel, Jesus, the Spirit and the bride, the hearers), and important parallels with the prologue in 1:1–8.

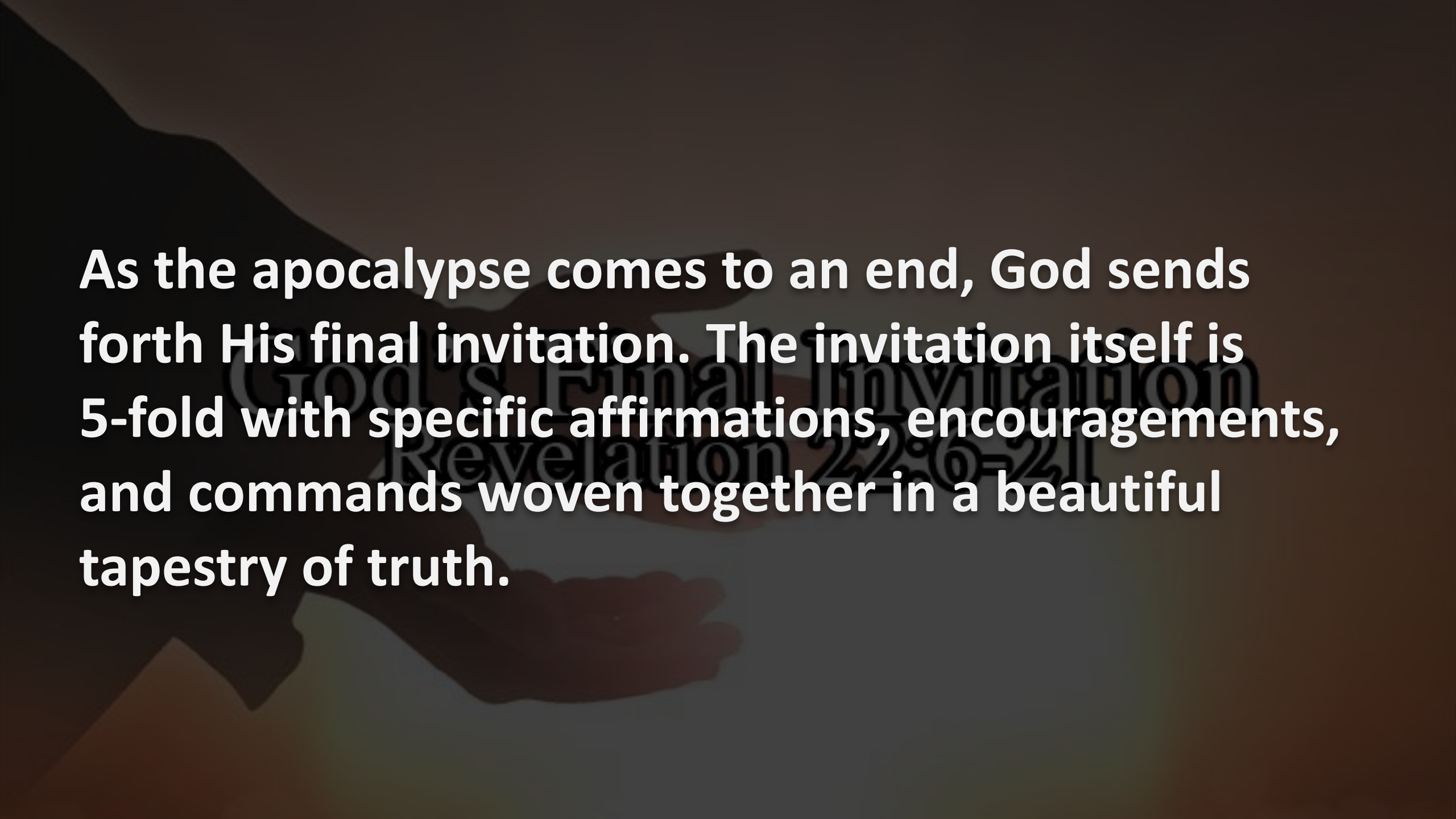
There are three central themes that reinforce the overall message of the book:

(1) the book is an authentic prophecy from God (22:6–8, 10, 16, 18–19),

(2) Jesus Christ's return is imminent (22:6–7, 10, 12, 20), and

(3) those who obey the prophecy will be blessed (22:7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18–19).

The first section of the book's conclusion (22:6–7) concludes the previous vision and introduces what follows by setting forth these three main themes. Next come the words of the angel (22:8–11) and the words of Christ (22:12–16), before the final assurance of Christ's return (22:20), and the concluding benediction (22:21).



As the apocalypse comes to an end, God sends forth His final invitation. The invitation itself is 5-fold with specific affirmations, encouragements, and commands woven together in a beautiful tapestry of truth.



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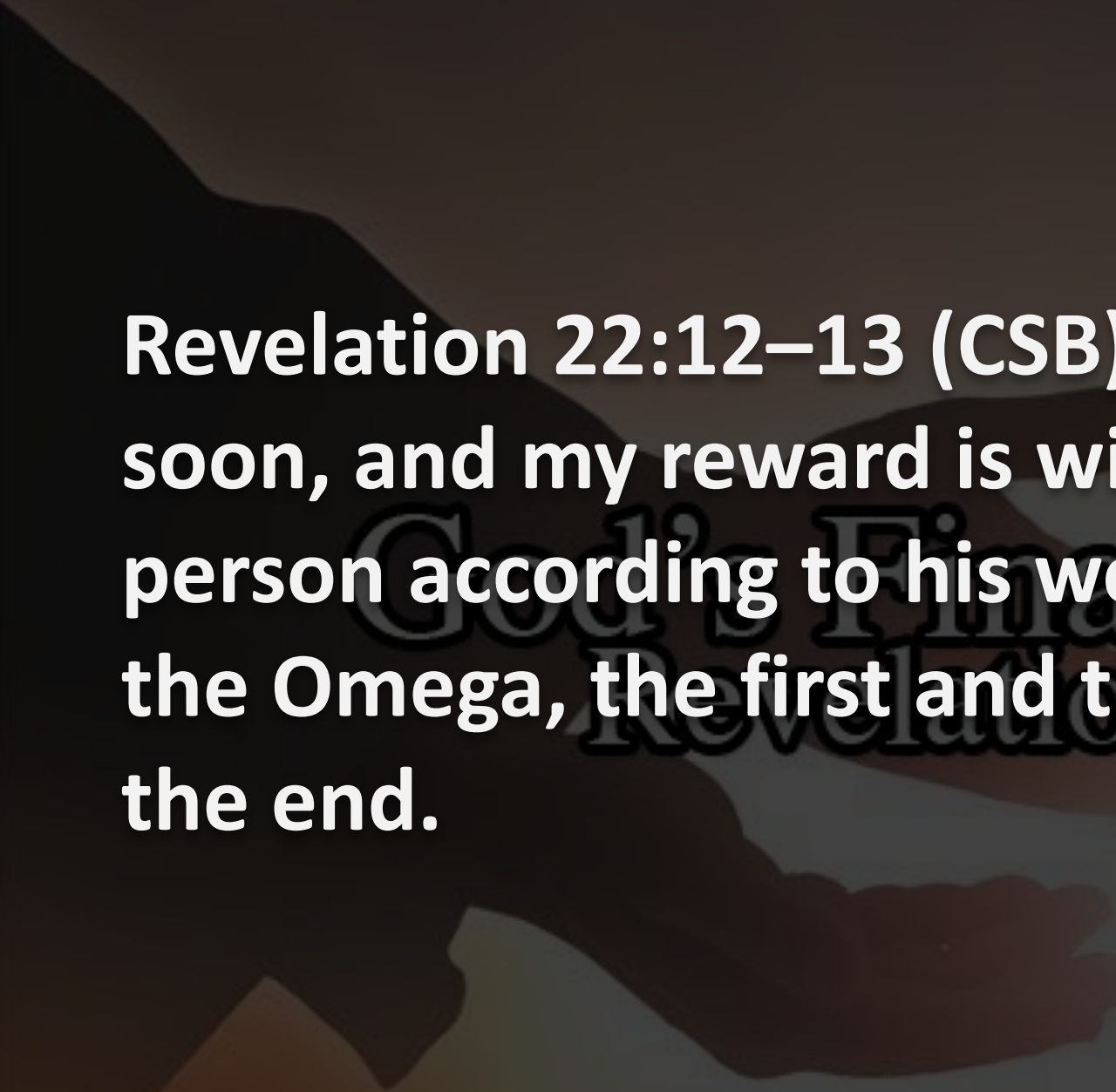
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Revelation 22:10–11 (CSB) Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.”



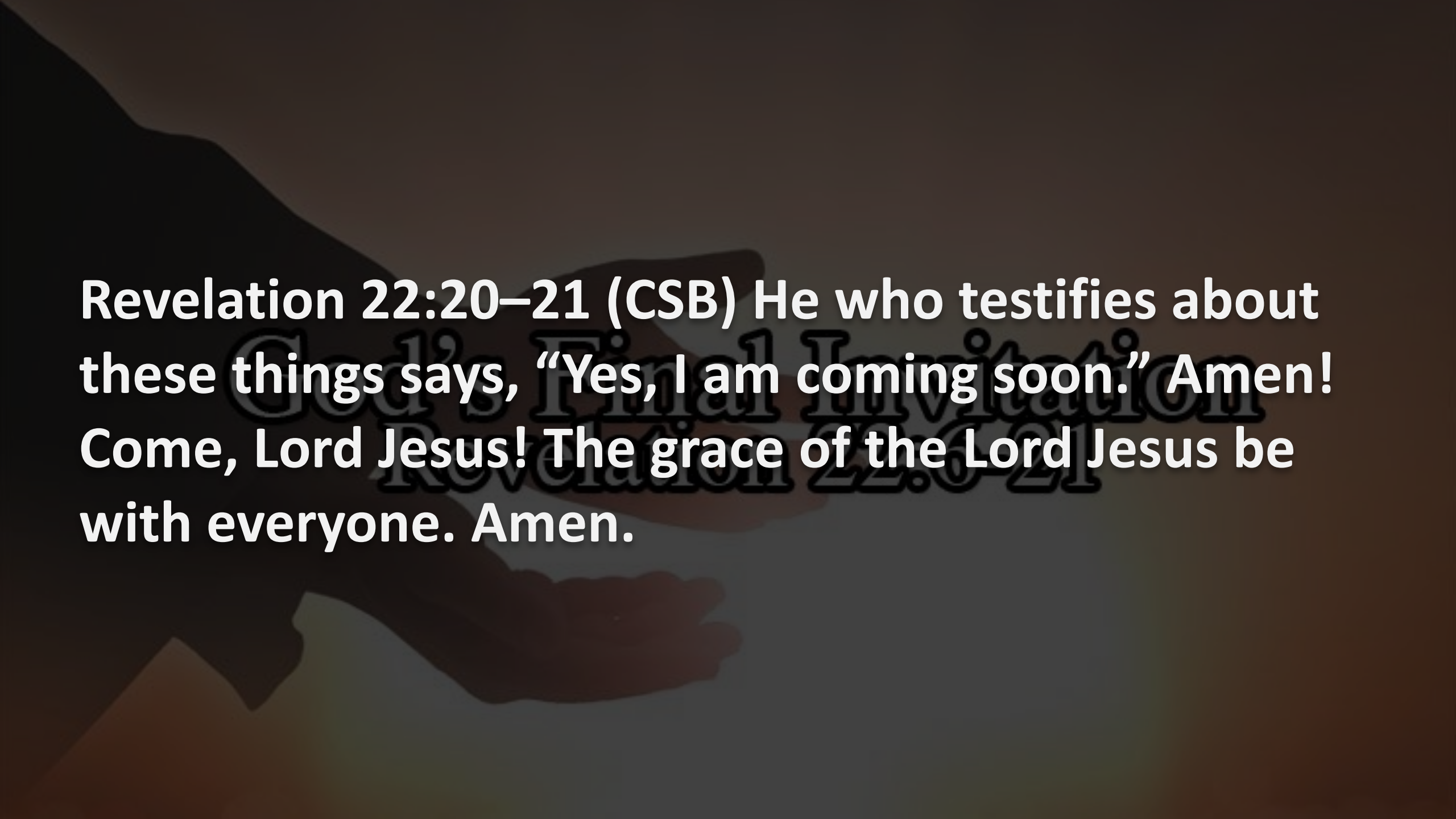
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Revelation 22:14–15 (CSB) “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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Revelation 22:20–21 (CSB) He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.



COMMENTARY

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1. The invitation to believe the word of God.

Revelation 22:6 (CSB) **Then he** said to me, “These words are **faithful and true**.”

1. God’s Word is dependable. 22:6

- **Then he** (an angel apparently) these words (Rev. 1-22)

- **Faithful and true** – reliable and trustworthy, dependable and accurate. What has been predicted and prophesied will come to pass.

Revelation 22:6 (CSB) The Lord, the God of the spirits of the **prophets**, has sent his angel to show his servants what must **soon** take place.”

A focus on **prophecy** appears 6 times (vs 6,7,9, 10, 18,19).

- **Soon** (quickly, rapidly, shortly, at any moment) take place.

The imminency of Christ coming is noted no less than 5 times (vs. 6,7,10,12,20).

Revelation 22:7 (CSB) “**Look**, I am **coming soon**!
Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the
prophecy of this book.”

2. God's Word is desirable. 22:7

- **Look** – “take note,” “behold,” “hey!”

- **Coming soon** – some form of the word “come”
occurs 7 times in chapter 22.

Again the emphasis is on the imminency of Christ
coming. It could happen at any time.

Revelation 22:7 (CSB) ...**Blessed** is the one who **keeps** the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Blessed – 6th of the 7 Apocalyptic beatitudes (cf. 1:3; 22:14).

Keeps (cont.) the words ... this book (lit. “scroll,” occurring 7 times in ch. 22). God promises to bless those who keep (obey) His Word. He began the book with such a promise (1:3) and He closes the book in the same way.

Revelation 22:12 (CSB) “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work”

3. God’s Word is discerning. 22:12-13

- He is coming at any time.

- His reward is with Him to give...

Jeremiah 17:10, “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

Romans 2:6, “who will render to each one according to his deeds.”

1 Peter 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.”

Revelation 22:13 (CSB) I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the **first and the last**, the **beginning and the end**.

The one who will judge has seen our lives from beginning to end. No act, thought or emotion has escaped those eyes that are like a flame of fire (19:12) because:

- 1) He is **Alpha and Omega**, the A and Z.
- 2) The **First and the Last** (emp. eternity).
- 3) The **Beginning and the End** (emp. sovereignty).

Revelation 1:8 (CSB) “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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***In 1:8, 21:6 God was identified as the Alpha and Omega. Now Jesus applies these words to Himself. All 3 titles are ascriptions that can only be applied to God. Appropriately they are applied to Jesus.**

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4. God’s Word is divisive. 22:14-15

- Verse 14 is a positive word for those who love and obey Jesus (2-fold).**
- Verse 15 is a negative word for those who hate and disobey Jesus (5 of 6 descriptions are in 21:8).**

Revelation 22:15 (CSB) Outside are the **dogs**...

dogs – speaks of street scavengers not household pets. Morally it speaks of impure and depraved behavior. The word is used in Deut. 23:17-18 of a male (homosexual) religious prostitute, in Matt. 15:22ff to the heathen in general and in Phil. 3:2 of the Judiazers.

Revelation 22:15 (CSB) ... the **sorcerers**, the **sexually immoral**, the **murderers**...

- **Sorcerers** – witchcraft mingled with drug use.
- **Sexually immoral** – all sexual conduct contrary to God's Word (premarital, extra-marital, unnatural sexual activity).
- **Murderers** – premeditated life slayers.

Revelation 22:15 (CSB) ...the **idolaters**, and everyone who **loves and practices falsehood**.

Idolaters – those who substitute false gods for the one true God.

Lovers and doers of falsehood (pseudos) cf. John 8:44; eg. Lovers of Satan!

Revelation 22:15 (CSB) **Outside** are the dogs...

- **Outside** is a symbolic way of affirming what is pointedly stated in 21:8.

Outside means no access to New Jerusalem.

Outside means no access to God.

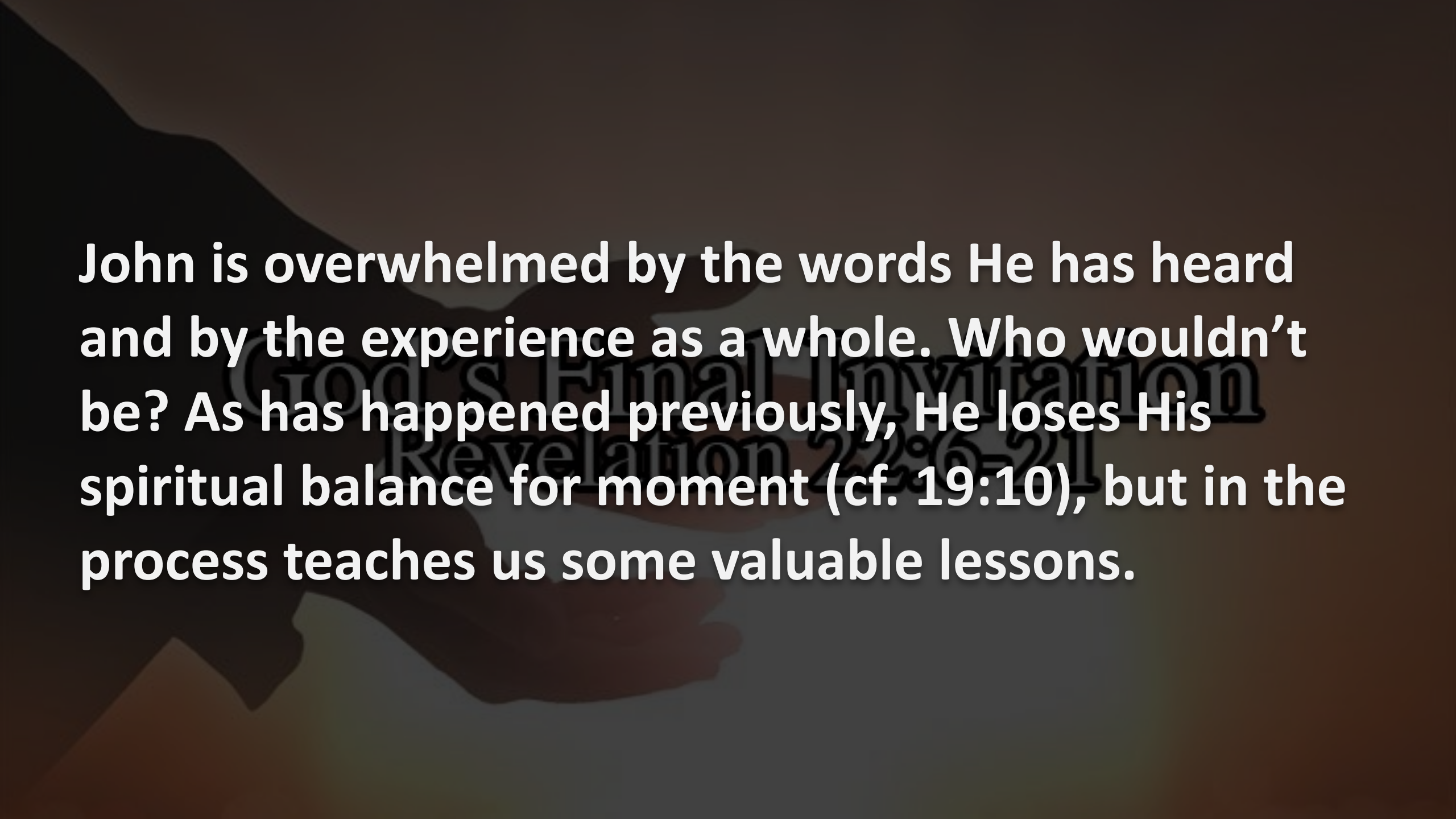
Outside means permanent exclusion to a place called the Lake of Fire.



God's Final Invitation:

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- 2. The invitation to worship the one true God.**

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John is overwhelmed by the words He has heard and by the experience as a whole. Who wouldn't be? As has happened previously, He loses His spiritual balance for moment (cf. 19:10), but in the process teaches us some valuable lessons.

Revelation 22:8 (CSB) **I, John**, am the one who heard and saw these things. When **I heard and saw** them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me.

- **I, John** (cf. 1:4, 9) is a direct claim by this John of authorship. The simplicity of the designation points to the apostle John.

- **I saw (eyes) and heard (ears)** – empirical, eyewitness testimony

Revelation 22:8–9 (CSB) ...I **fell down to worship** at the feet of the **angel** who had shown them to me. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God!**”

- **Fell to worship an angel** – We are to worship God alone. That Jesus would receive the worship of His disciples (Matt. 14:23) is evidence that Jesus is God.

When confronted and impacted with great spiritual experiences, beware! Ask:

- Is this true to the Word of God?**
- Does this exalt and magnify Jesus?**
- Would I want others doing this?**
- Will my actions help or hinder the true gospel?**

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Revelation 22:9 (CSB) But he said to me, “**Don’t do that!** I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

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Don't do that! - John is quickly and sternly rebuked!

Why?

- **An angel is a fellow-servant (sundoulos) not the Savior.**
- **An angel is a messenger (brethren the prophets) not the Master.**
- **An angel is a contributor not the Creator (Heb. 1:4ff).**

Worship God (aor. imp.) – He and He only is worthy. “King of Kings, Lord of Lord’s you are worthy!” We do not worship Allah, Buddha, Mother-Earth, Creation, an angel, or ourselves.

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“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, let angels,(let us), prostrate fall.”

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Truth matters to God therefore truth should matter to us. If people are to get the truth we must proclaim it, far and wide, day by day, today, tomorrow and on until Jesus comes. Few sins could be greater than that we would keep God's truth to ourselves.

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Revelation 22:10 (CSB) Then he said to me, “**Don’t seal** up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Don’t seal (force of an imperative) this book (Revelation, but by application all of Holy Scripture).

Why? Time is running out! Daniel was told to hold his revelation “until the time of the end (Dan. 12:4, 9) but that time has come and so the Word is not being sealed but sent. Eternity is at stake and it is drawing near, it is just around the corner. We dare not silence the Word of God by laziness, disobedience or indifference.

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Make sure you share the Word of God. These verses contain a strong invitation to be saved.

Revelation 22:16–17 (CSB) “I, **Jesus**, have sent my **angel** to attest these things to **you** for the **churches**. I am the root and **descendant of David**, the **bright morning star**.”

Jesus - angel - John - churches

- **Root and offspring of David** (Is. 11:1, 10); Root – source (deity), descendant (humanity).

- **Bright and morning star** (Num 24:17) – the earliest and brightest announcing the arrival of the new day (of God’s eternal kingdom!)

Revelation 22:17 (CSB) Both the **Spirit** and the **bride** say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

Spirit – come

Bride (Church) – come

Revelation 22:17 (CSB) ...Let the one who is **thirsty** come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

The **thirsty** – come (pre. imp.) having found eternal life giving water they echo the invitation. *It is free, free, free! Romans 6:23b Jesus said in John 7:37-38, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

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- 4. The invitation to warn of the Judgment of God.**

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These words have been the cause of fear and confusion. This is not surprising given the severity of the warning. Therefore, they call for our most careful study, analysis and understanding. The warning takes a 2-fold nature.

Revelation 22:18 (CSB) ...If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.

1. Do not add to the Word of God.

John (or is it Jesus? The solemn nature of the words point to Christ.) testifies or bears witness to everyone (all) who hears the words of the prophecy OF THIS BOOK!

The immediate context of this is clearly the book of Revelation, though broadening the application to the whole of Scripture is not inappropriate. To add to this book is to have all the plagues of the book added to you. Here the language of hyperbole or exaggeration is used, in part, to warn everyone from tampering with this book.

It is certainly possible that during the Tribulation those who pervert the Word of God through deception and manipulation will experience the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments in all their fullness.

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Deuteronomy 4:2, “You 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.”

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

Galatians 1:6-7, “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.”

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To distort, damage or deny the Word of God is a dangerous thing and it invites God's most severe response of judgment.

Revelation 22:19 (CSB) And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.

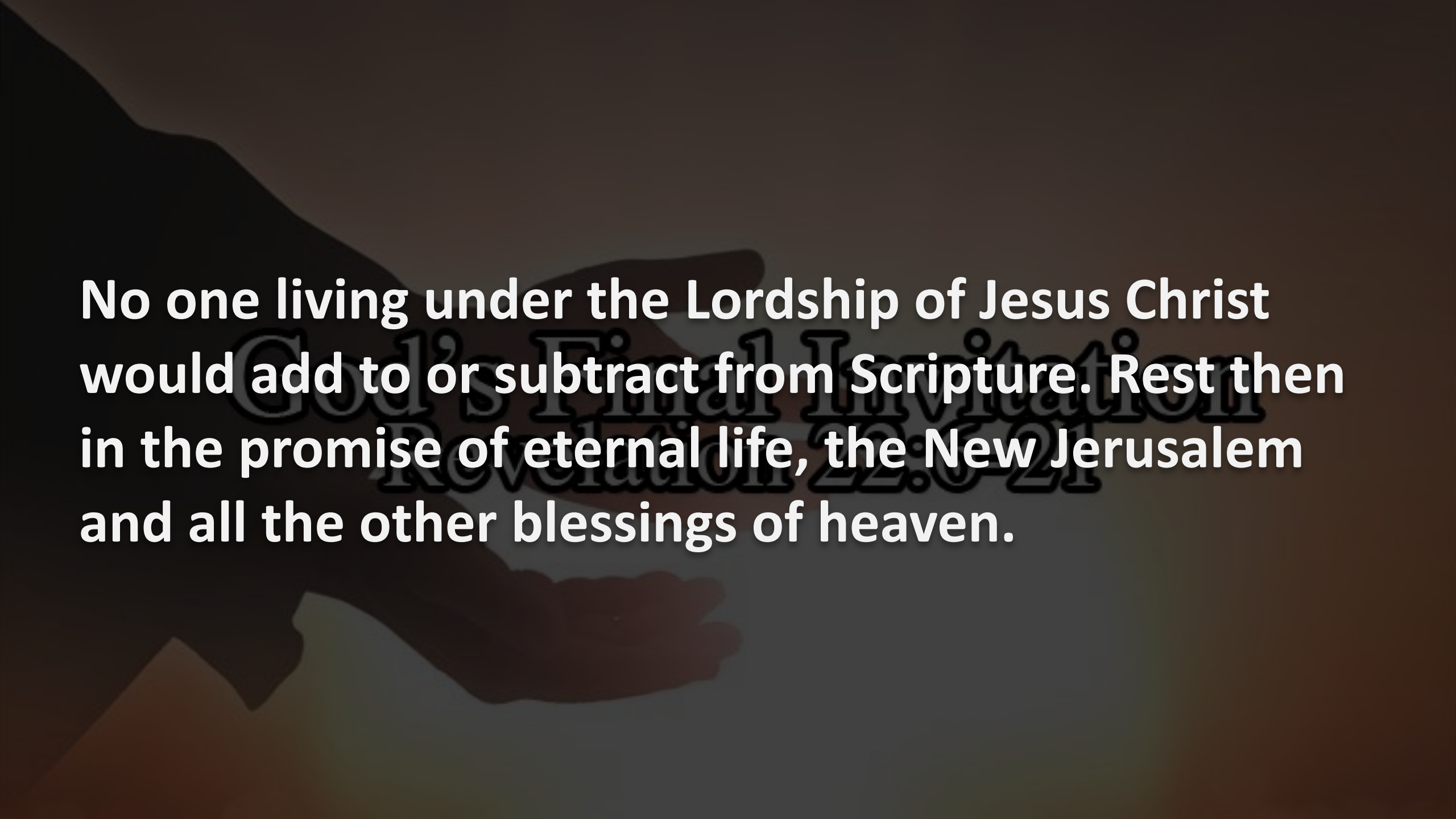
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2. Do not subtract from the Word of God.

- There is something of a wordplay in verses 18-19. Add to the Word and plagues are added to you (v. 18). Subtract from the Word and blessings are subtracted from you (v. 19).

3 in particular are noted: 1) one's part in the Book of Life; 2) access to the New Jerusalem; and 3) the things [such as in chapters 21-22] written in the Book. These words are rightly understood both as a word of warning and a word of encouragement.

How?



No one living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ would add to or subtract from Scripture. Rest then in the promise of eternal life, the New Jerusalem and all the other blessings of heaven.

Lost persons and only lost persons would assault the Bible in such a ruthless and rebellious manner, inviting even greater judgment upon themselves when they stand before God. Here are sins of knowledge, sins of the will, sins of absolute rebellion against God.

- Believers love the Word, unbelievers hate the Word.
- Believers obey the Word, unbelievers disobey the Word.
- Believers receive the Word, unbelievers reject the Word.
- Shall take away conveys the truth of having no part in the Book of Life, better the tree of life

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Revelation ends with repeated or multiple invitations to look and be ready for the coming again of Jesus. Paul called it the blessed hope and glorious appearing (Titus 2:13). John simply adds, “let Him come and let Him come quickly.” Jesus says, “count on it.” If we are ready and waiting, what can we expect?

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1. You will be **blessed**. 22:7

- Jesus says I am coming quickly!
- Jesus says you will be blessed if you obey me
while you wait

Revelation 22:12 (CSB) “Look, I am coming soon, and my **reward** is with me to repay each person according to his work.

2. You will be **rewarded**. 22:12

- Jesus says, behold I am coming quickly!

- Jesus says you will be rewarded fairly for how you have served Me.

(e.g. The Judgment Seat of Christ for the believer).

Revelation 22:21 (CSB) The **grace** of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

3. You will be prepared. 22:20-21

- Jesus says, surely I am coming quickly!

- John says, I'm ready. Come Lord Jesus and ... until you do may your **grace** be with all who wait for that day.

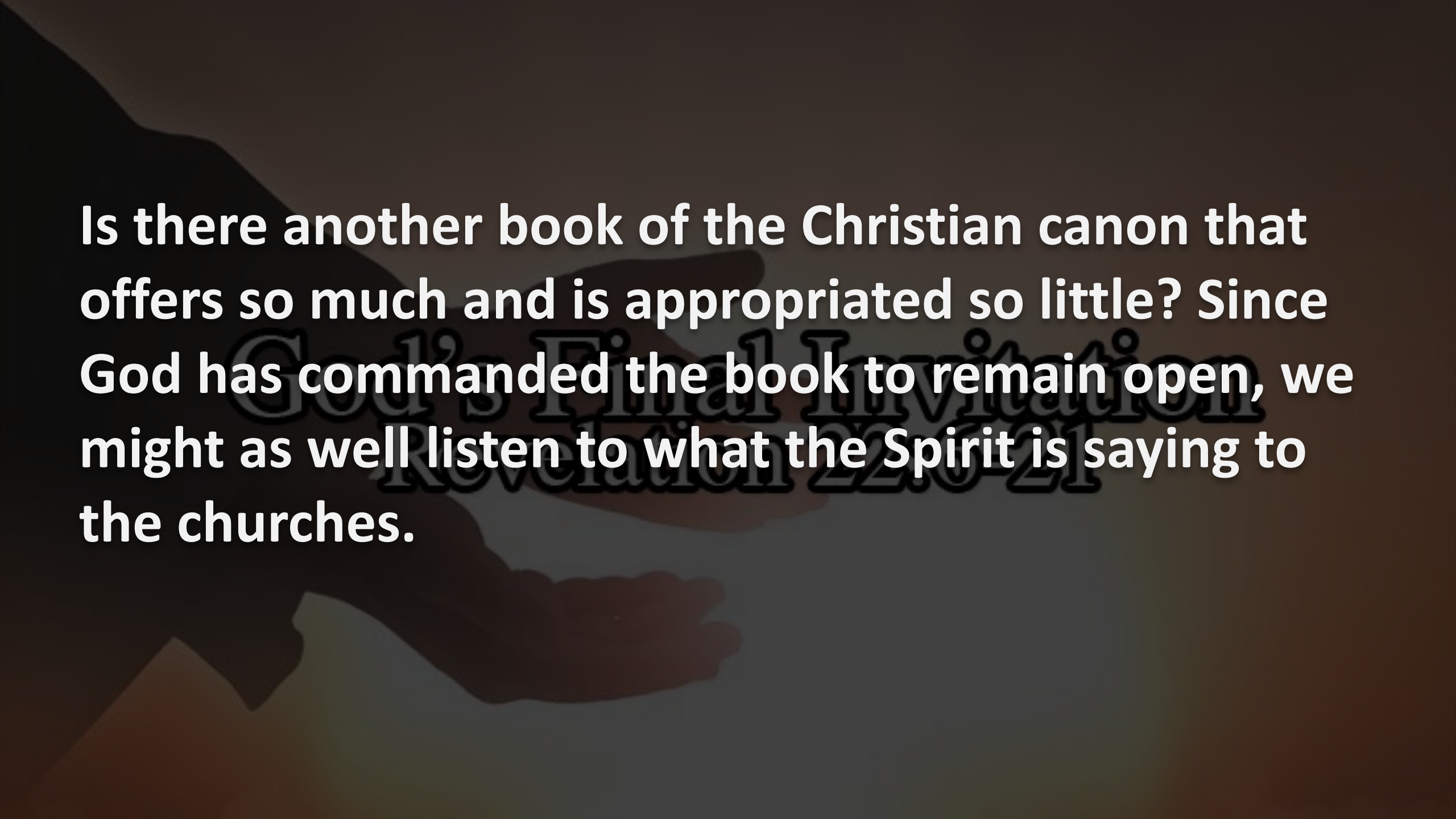


MODERN APPLICATIONS

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1. This authentic prophecy from God is an open book and should be accessible to Christians today. It's sad that the book of Revelation has been distorted and misrepresented to such a degree that many Christians today are either afraid of it or ignore it completely.

Whether it's a verse-by-verse study of the book or a more thematic approach, church leaders should consider teaching through this book so that the body of Christ can receive its message. Revelation deals with God, worship, the people of God, the Holy Spirit, spiritual warfare, God's mission, perseverance, judgment, and most of all Jesus Christ and the new creation.

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Is there another book of the Christian canon that offers so much and is appropriated so little? Since God has commanded the book to remain open, we might as well listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

2. Revelation calls us to persevering obedience. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands” (John 14:15). There never has been and never will be an acceptable substitute for simple obedience to our Lord. Revelation does not call us to make a new eschatological chart or sponsor an apocalyptic conference or pen a series of end-times novels.

These may, on occasion, be worthwhile spin-offs of the main thing. But our focus should be on obeying this prophecy (1:3; 22:7), and obedience usually does not come quickly or easily. When we understand Revelation in its historical and literary contexts, obedience will come more naturally. With its message in mind, we will see more clearly what is at stake in all our decisions.

3. We must never forget that Jesus Christ is coming back! Revelation is certainly about more than the return of Christ, but it is never about less. In the final paragraph, Christ reminds his people that he hasn't forgotten about them (22:6–7, 10, 12, 20).

This world is broken and can be fixed only by Christ's final intervention. While crying out "Come, Lord Jesus" could foster an escapist mind-set, it doesn't have to. Living in anticipation of his return should motivate us to become intensely involved in God's mission in this world. Crying out for Christ's return is also crying with the Spirit for people to "come" and experience the free gift of life while there is still time.



OLD TESTAMENT CONNECTIONS

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Revelation 22:6 Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

Daniel 2:28–29 But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has let King Nebuchadnezzar know what will happen in the last days. Your dream and the visions that came into your mind as you lay in bed were these: 29Your Majesty, while you were in your bed, thoughts came to your mind about what will happen in the future. The revealer of mysteries has let you know what will happen.

Daniel 2:45 You saw a stone break off from the mountain without a hand touching it, and it crushed the iron, bronze, fired clay, silver, and gold. The great God has told the king what will happen in the future. The dream is certain, and its interpretation reliable.”

Revelation 22:10 Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Daniel 12:4 “But you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will roam about, and knowledge will increase.”

Revelation 22:12 “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work.

Psalm 28:4 Repay them according to what they have done—according to the evil of their deeds. Repay them according to the work of their hands; give them back what they deserve.

Psalm 62:12 and faithful love belongs to you, Lord. For you repay each according to his works.

Proverbs 24:12 If you say, “But we didn’t know about this,” won’t he who weighs hearts consider it? Won’t he who protects your life know? Won’t he repay a person according to his work?

Isaiah 40:10 See, the Lord God comes with strength, and his power establishes his rule. His wages are with him, and his reward accompanies him.

Isaiah 59:18 So he will repay according to their deeds: fury to his enemies, retribution to his foes, and he will repay the coasts and islands.

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Isaiah 62:11 Look, the Lord has proclaimed to the ends of the earth, "Say to Daughter Zion: Look, your salvation is coming, his wages are with him, and his reward accompanies him."



Jeremiah 17:10

10I, the Lord, examine the mind, I test the heart to give to each according to his way, according to what his actions deserve.

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Isaiah 44:6 This is what the Lord, the King of Israel and its Redeemer, the Lord of Armies, says: I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.

Isaiah 48:12 “Listen to me, Jacob, and Israel, the one called by me: I am he; I am the first, I am also the last.

Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

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Ezekiel 47:12 All kinds of trees providing food will grow along both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. Each month they will bear fresh fruit because the water comes from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be used for eating and their leaves for healing.”

Revelation 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

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Isaiah 11:1 Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Isaiah 11:10 On that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples. The nations will look to him for guidance, and his resting place will be glorious.

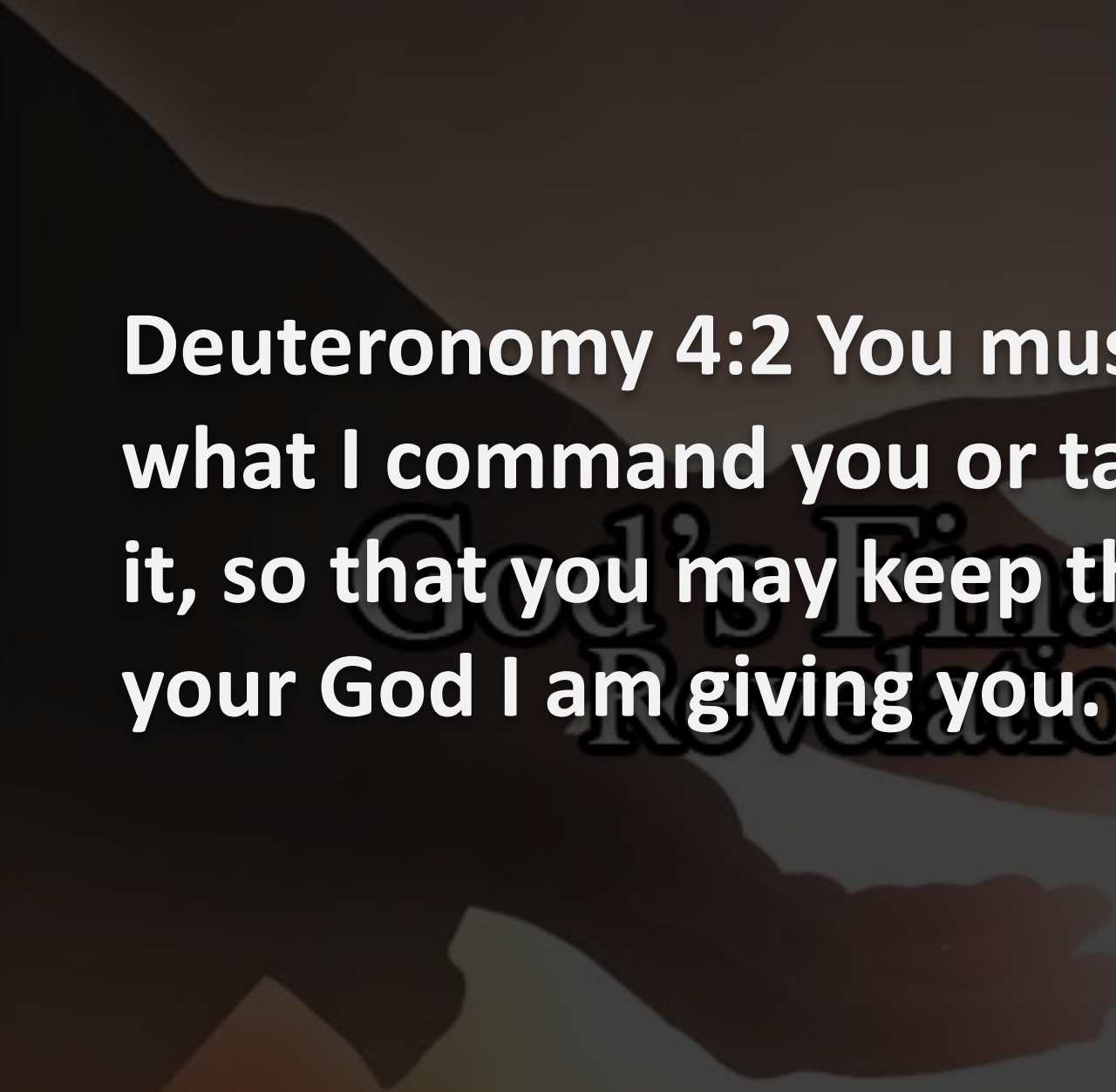
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Numbers 24:17 I see him, but not now; I perceive him, but not near. A star will come from Jacob, and a scepter will arise from Israel. He will smash the forehead of Moab and strike down all the Shethites.

Revelation 22:17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without silver and without cost!"

Revelation 22:18–19 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. 19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.



Deuteronomy 4:2 You must not add anything to what I command you or take anything away from it, so that you may keep the commands of the Lord your God I am giving you.

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Key Themes of Revelation 22:6–21

- The book of Revelation is an authentic prophecy from God.
- Jesus Christ's return is imminent.
- Those who obey the prophecy will be eternally blessed.



CONCLUSION

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A contemporary Christian music group called “Mercy Me” has a song about heaven. It is called “I Can Only Imagine.” The words are a fitting finale to our study of Revelation. They also provide a compelling invitation to come to Jesus.

1) I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side. I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me. I can only imagine ... I can only imagine.

2) I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son. I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You. I can only imagine ... I can only imagine

(Chorus) Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for You, Jesus or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence, to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine ... I can only imagine.

A silhouette of a hand reaching out from the left side of the frame. The background is a warm, glowing gradient of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The hand is positioned as if offering something or making an invitation.

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