

The Epilogue – Part I

Revelation 22:6-15

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I. Introduction

- A. This section contains several different topics
- B. It's hard to know if God or an angel is speaking
- C. It's a final warning

II. Words of Comfort and Warning – vs. 6-15

- A. The certainty of Christ's return – vs. 6, 7
 - 1. From an angel to John to us
 - 2. "soon" = shortly, or suddenly
 - 3. "soon" v. 6, and "quickly" v. 7 = same word
 - 4. You are blessed/happy if you obey God's Word
- B. John's attempt to worship an angel – vs. 8, 9
 - 1. "Worship is my personal response to God as seen first in the Word of God."
 - 2. Worship starts with obedience to God's Word & leads to confession, adoration, and service.
 - a. See: Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:4-10
 - 3. See also: I Samuel 15:22-23; Psalm 29:2; 95:6; Revelation 5:11-14
- C. The final command – vs. 10, 11
 - 1. Do not seal up the words, versus, do seal up the words as to Daniel. See Revelation 12:9
 - 2. Verse 11a does not condone evil. It says if you do not heed the words of this book, you will continue in your evil ways. ("This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." DL Moody)
- D. The promise of rewards – vs. 12, 13
 - 1. "I am coming quickly." (Same word as 6 and 7)
 - 2. He comes bearing gifts!
 - 3. We must answer to God
 - a. Romans 14:10-12

- b. I Corinthians 3:10-15
 - c. II Corinthians 5:10
 - 4. We will be rewarded
 - a. Matthew 25:21 is my goal.
 - b. See also: John 12:26 and I Peter 1:7
- E. The promise of future blessings and judgment vs. 14, 15
 - 1. Verse 14 must be seen through the lens of verse 12
 - 2. Render = Matthew 16:27
 - 3. Because He is the Alpha and Omega, He has the right to do this
 - 4. Alternate translation: "*do His commandments*"
 - 5. Dogs = Deuteronomy 23:18; Philippians 3:2