

The Epilogue – Part III

Revelation 22:18-21

August 27, 2023

I. Introduction

- A. When did we start Revelation?
 1. June 26, 2022
 2. August 14, 2022
 3. September 5, 2022
 4. October 3, 2022
- B. We have studied together Galatians, Mark, The Bible, Acts, Malachi, Genesis, and Revelation
- C. Our next book will be Jude

II. The Final Warning of the Bible – vs. 18, 19

- A. To whom the warning is given
 1. To the ones who hear the words of this prophecy. That would have been the 7 churches of Chapters 2 and 3, thus believers!
 2. Believers add to and take from this book, not non-believers; they simply deny it.
 3. A problem with the above interpretation is that all the reference to “plagues” in Revelation are upon the unsaved.
- B. The warning
 1. Do not add to or take from this book. This particular warning is for Revelation only because the New Testament Canon was not finalized until 325 (Nicene Council).
 2. Similar warnings in the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; Jeremiah 26:2
 3. Plagues = wounds, or blows
 4. “Take away his part from the tree of life.” NASB
“Take away from him his share in the tree of life.” NIV

- “Take away his part out of the book of life.” KJV
 - a. Most, but not all the Greek manuscripts read “tree of life”, not book of life.
 - b. This chapter starts verse 2 with the tree of life and ends with it.
 - c. It is a warning like verse 14. The earned right via faithfulness, versus the grace-given right.

III. The Final Promise and Prayer of the Bible – vs. 20, 21

- A. The Promise
 1. I (Jesus) am coming quickly (soon and/or sudden)
 2. See also verses 7 and 12
- B. The response – prayer
 1. Amen (so be it) come Lord Jesus!
 2. What is now required of believers awaiting His coming? See II Peter 3:11-18
 3. The Old Testament (Malachi 4:6) ends with the word “curse”. The New Testament ends with “grace”!