The Revelation of

Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 22 PT. 1: The River and the Tree of Life

Revelation 22:1-9 (NASB) – "¹And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴ they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, 'These words are faithful and true'; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place. ⁷ 'And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.' ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw *them*, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ And he said to me, 'Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!'"

Review:

- New Heaven and New Earth are now in place of the former Heavens and Earth. There is no more need for the 1st heaven: our atmosphere for the purpose of breathing, nor the 2nd heaven: where Satan and his fallen angels resided.
- The new home for every Believer in Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach is now called "The New Jerusalem", living as One New Man. This is NOT Heaven.
- G-d shows us He keeps His covenant to His people.

Verses 1-2

Revelation 22:1-2 (NASB) – "¹And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street…"



- On either side of the river was the tree of life
- The tree bears twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.
- The leaves of the tree *were* for the **healing of the nations**.

Understanding: In **Verse 2** there is a mistranslation.

Healing-(Greek)-θεραπεία (therapeia)-which primarily means "care, attention, service". This translation should be "the Health" and not "the Healing".

Example: Eating healthy brings about good health. We will be in perfect bodies; we will have no need for healing. Sickness and disease are no more.

Key: Pay attention to words: "On either side" of the river & "the tree of life". The river is lined with the trees of life, however only one tree of life is mentioned in this verse. This is a mystery as it is not specified, meaning "it's not one tree, but it could be". We won't know until we get there!

Verses 3-4

- There will **no longer be any curse**.
- The throne of G-d and of the Lamb will be in it. They will rule as One.
- His bond-servants will serve Him.

- They will see His face.
- His name will be on their foreheads.



Note: This is the first time in all of humanity's existence that man will be able to look at the face of G-d.

Adam and Eve: The First Humans to Encounter G-d

Genesis 3:8 (NASB) – "Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

Understanding: They did not SEE G-d, but heard and encountered Him.

The Apostle John: The Last Human to Encounter G-d (In the Spirit)

Revelation 1:12-13 (NASB) – "¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one <u>like a man</u>..."

Revelation 1:16 (NASB) – "In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was <u>like the sun shining</u> in its strength."

Understanding: John is not describing what G-d truly looks like, but simply what he was shown.

Also...

In Revelation Chapter 19



Revelation 19:12-15 (NASB) – "¹² His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many crowns; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword,"

Understanding: John was given a prophetic interpretation of what he saw. This is how Jesus presented Himself, for no human could truly look at Him.

Key: The one who came closest to seeing G-d was Moses. He cried out to G-d and He revealed His back to him.



Exodus 33:20-23 (NASB) – "²⁰ He further said, 'You cannot see My face, <u>for</u> mankind shall not see Me and live!' ²¹ Then the LORD said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; ²² and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Verse 5

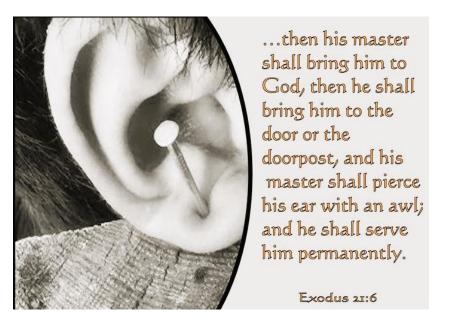
Note: Remember last class when it said in **Revelation 21:23 (NASB)** - "...the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb."; it gets repeated here!

Key: Yeshua **IS** the light of the world that shines THROUGH us! How is YOUR light shining?

Verse 6

Revelation 22:6 (NASB) – "And he said to me, 'These words are faithful and true'; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place."

Understanding: The Angel is telling John things that he can count on happening, exactly as it was shown and spoken to him. But it's not just him, but what He has even spoken through His prophets! John again refers to himself as "a bond-servant."



Key: Holy Spirit used this term **not** to magnify "servant", but to magnify "faithfulness". If you're here, you **CHOSE** to stay close!

Verse 7

Revelation 22:7 (NASB) – "And behold, I am coming **quickly**. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Quickly-(Greek)-tachy-takh-oo-speedily, soon, suddenly, without delay.

1 Corinthians 15:52 (NASB) – "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

Question:

How fast is the twinkling of an eye?

Answer:

This phrase is used to describe something that happens almost instantly; and while a blink itself takes about 0.1 to 0.4 seconds, the time it takes for the eye to process information is much faster, potentially as little as 13 milliseconds.



Key: Make the decision for Christ TODAY, for you will NOT have time when He comes!

Verses 8-9

Revelation 22:8-9 (NASB) – "⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw *them*, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ And he said to me, 'Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!""

Saw-(Greek)-blepo-blep'-o-to see, discern, of the bodily eye (eyewitness)
"Do Not Do That"

Note: Even the Angels know that G-d does not share His Glory with another! He **ALONE** is LORD!

Choose you this day whom you will serve! Will it be G-D, or will it be YOU?

The End