

Affirmation of God's Word

Revelation 22:6-10

The End Times

In my last post, we examined **Revelation 22:1-5 ~ Renewal of the World**. In this post, we explore **Revelation 22:6-10 ~ Affirmation of God's Word**.

⁶ Then he [the angel] said to me, 'These words are true and trustworthy: Adonai, God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His servants the things that must happen soon.'⁷ Look! I am coming very soon. Blessed is the person who obeys the words of the prophecy written in this book!⁸ Then I, Yochanan, the one hearing and seeing these things, when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, 'Don't do that! I am only a fellow-servant with you and your brothers, the prophets and the people who obey the words in this book. Worship God!'" Then he said to me, 'Don't seal up the words of the prophecy in this book because the time of their fulfillment is near.'" ~ Revelation 22:6-10 (C3B)

The Certainty of Yeshua's Return

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There is no doubt about our **Lord's** coming. He is coming! Therefore, the question is not will He come, but are we prepared for His arrival? Some might ask if He is coming, why the delay? We find that answer in 2 Kefa: ***"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, he is patient with you; for it is not his purpose that anyone should be destroyed, but that everyone should turn from his sins."*** ~2 Kefa 3:9 (CJB) Have you repented of your sins and placed your faith and trust in **the Lord Yeshua HaMashiach**? If **Yeshua** were to appear today, would you go to be with Him?

The Worship of Angels Forbidden

"I, Yochanan, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." It would seem that this revelation so overcame **Yochanan** that he does what might seem to be a natural reaction, to worship the angels, whom the Lord created, rather than the **Creator Himself**. This is the second time (Revelation 19:9-10) **Yochanan** has been guilty of such a response. William Newell adds these words: ¹

*The fidelity and humility of the angel abase and shame us. Though higher than man, he is a **fellow-servant** (sundoulos) - a word that wholly excludes independence, in which man glories. Note also how the angel remembers "the prophets," those faithful servants of God, and also that the angels themselves are "keepers of the words" of this book of The Revelation. Doubtless, Michael and his angels derive their very courage for the terrific conflict of chapter 12 from the revelation of certain victory given through Yochanan the beloved. How wonderful are the ways of God! Let us lay dose to our hearts the angel's words: **Worship God**. These words will search us*

¹ A Layman's Commentary on Revelation by Don Jones.

out. Unless we are walking with God, other gods are holding our affections. The very glory of divine revelations may tend to turn our weak hearts away from adoration of the divine, Person, Himself

Then he said to me, 'Don't seal up the words of the prophecy in this book because the time of their fulfillment is near. Dani'el who lived over two thousand five hundred years ago was given a number of prophecies concerning the **End Times**. After receiving the prophecies he was then told to **seal up the book. "But you, Dani'el, keep these words secret and seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will rush here and there as knowledge increases."**~ Daniel 12:4 (CJB)

The question arises, how long will it be sealed? The answer is, **even to the time of the end**. How will we know when the end is near at hand? Again, the explanation is, **many will rush here and there as knowledge increases**. In light of these two signs involving travel and knowledge, it is easy to conclude that the time for **Yeshua** to appear is drawing near. **Dani'el** was commanded to seal his book, but now **Yochanan** is being given an opposite command as he is told not to seal the prophecy of this book **because the time of their, fulfillment is near**. Jerry Falwell adds these thoughts: ²

In verse 10 Yochanan is commanded not to seal the words of the prophecy of this book. The reason is dear. There is a blessing for anyone who keeps the sayings of the prophecies given in Revelation (22:7). Besides, the time is near when the Lord will come quickly, and people will need to understand what God is doing for them (cf. Dan. 12:4). The period which will usher in the eternal state is very near, and in Yochanan 's day, as in ours, the end is always impending, because Christ may return at any moment and the time piece of Revelation will start ticking away. Therefore, this book is to be opened, read, and heeded as a source of blessing.

In my next post, well examine **Revelation 22:11-15 ~ God's Completed Work**.

² Ibid.