

God's Completed Work Revelation 22:11-15 The End Times

In my last post, we examined **Revelation 22:6-10 ~ Affirmation of God's Word**. In this post, we explore **Revelation 22:11-15 ~ God's Completed Work**.

¹¹ "Whoever keeps acting wickedly, let him go on acting wickedly; whoever is filthy, let him go on being made filthy. "Also, whoever is righteous, let him go on doing what is righteous; and whoever is holy, let him go on being made holy." ¹² "Pay attention!" [says Yeshua,] "I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the 'A' and the 'Z,' the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." ¹⁴ How blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city! ¹⁵ Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood." ~ Revelation 22:11-15 (CJB)

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I am the "A" and the "Z" (the Alpha and the Omega), ***the Beginning and the End*** is a repeat from Revelation 21:6. ***The First and the Last*** is a paraphrase from Isaiah 44:6, where **Adonai** says: ***Thus says Adonai, the King of Israel, and its redeemer Adonai of Hosts [heavenly armies]: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God.*** By applying this text to Himself, **Yeshua** once again identifies Himself as **Adonai**.

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Outside in the lake of fire (20:12b, 21:8, 21:27) ***are*** unrepentant sinners. They are out not only in the future but out even now, to the extent that the **Kingdom of God** has broken through into this world in the hearts and lives of the saved.

Homosexuals, Greek ***kunes*** ("dogs"). One can imagine real wild dogs slaving over the wicked excluded from the city (compare Matthew 15:26, Luke 16:21). But Deuteronomy 23:18-19 illustrates the figurative use of

the word "dog" in the Bible to mean "male (homosexual) prostitute": ***"No daughter of Israel is to be a female prostitute (k'deshah), nor is a son of Israel to be a male prostitute (kadesh). You are to bring neither the wages of a female prostitute (zonah) nor the wages of a dog (kelev) into the house of Adonai your God in payment of any vow; both of them are an abomination to Adonai your God."***

In my next post, we'll examine **Revelation 22:16-21 ~ Final Blessing & Curse and Conclusion.**