

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Context



Revelation Backgrounds 30

Maranatha!

Revelation 22



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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

These (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Unless otherwise noted, all biblical passages referenced are from the Complete Jewish Bible by David H. Stern. (Clarksville, MD: Messianic Jewish Publishers, 1998).



2

Revelation 22

Next, the angel showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Between the main street and the river was the Tree of Life producing twelve kinds of fruit, a different kind every month; and the leaves of the tree were for healing the nations— no longer will there be any curses. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will no longer exist, so they will need neither the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because Adonai, God, will shine upon them. And they will reign as kings forever and ever. Then he 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.” “Look! I am coming very soon. Blessed is the person who obeys the words of the prophecy written in this book!”



3

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. 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. “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.” “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. I am the ‘A’ and the ‘Z,’ the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”



4

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! 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. "I, Yeshua, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the Messianic communities. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty come—let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge."



5

I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book. And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and the holy city, as described in this book. "The one who is testifying to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!' " Amen! Come, Lord Yeshua! May the grace of the Lord Yeshua be with all!



6

Restored Eden

Revelation 22:1-2a

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city;

References

Gen 2:10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.



7

Eze 47:1-8 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.

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[6] And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. [7] As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. [8] And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the (Dead) sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh.



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Joe 3:18 “And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Shittim.

Zec 14:8 On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Psa 36:8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.



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Joh 7:38 **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**



10

Etz Chayim – Tree of Life

Revelation 22:2b

also, on either side of the river, the **tree of life** with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its **fruit** each month. The **leaves** of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

References

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Eze 47:12 And on the banks, on both sides of the **river**, there will grow all kinds of **trees** for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh **fruit every month**, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their **fruit will be for food**, and their **leaves for healing.**"



11

Psa 1:1-3 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the Torah of the LORD, and on his Torah his thoughts are fixed. He will be like a **tree** planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Jeremiah 31:33 "I will put my law in their hearts, and I will write them on the inside of their arms." **be**

Joh 6:68-69 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, [69] and we have believed that you are the Holy One of God."



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No more curse

Revelation 22:3

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

References

Gen 3:14-19 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly, you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. [15] I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." [16] To the woman, he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain, you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." [17] And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain, you shall eat of it all the days of your life; [18] thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. [19] By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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No more curse – pure worship

Revelation 22:3	References
No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.	Zech 14:11 And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.



15

We see Him face to face

Revelation 22:4	References
They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.	<p>Exo 33:20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."</p> <p>1Co 13:12-13 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. [13] So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.</p> <p>Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.</p>



16

No need for the Sun

Revelation 22:5

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

References

Isa 60:19 The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.



17

Concluding words

Revelation 22:6

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, **has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.**"

References

Rev 1:1-2 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to **show to his servants** the things **that must soon take place**. He made it known by **sending his angel** to his servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Inclusio in Matthew

Mat 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name **Immanuel**" (which means, **God with us**).
 Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you** always, to the end of the age."



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Ashrei is the one

Revelation 22:7

"And behold, I am coming **soon**. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

References

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.



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Worship God

Revelation 22:8-9

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 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 with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

References

Rev 1:17 When I saw him, I **fell at his feet** as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,



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Do not Seal; let the evildoer do evil

Revelation 22:10-11

And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

References

Dan 8:26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”
 Dan 12:4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
 Mat 24:15 “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)



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Matthew 25:34-41,46

[34] Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ [37] Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ [40] And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ [41] “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...[46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”




22

Recompense

Revelation 22:12	References
<p>“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.</p>	<p><small>Isa 40:10-11</small> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11] He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.</p> <p><small>Isa 62:11-12</small> Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” [12] And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.</p> <p><small>Mat 25:29</small> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.</p> 

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I AM the α and the ω

Revelation 22:13	References
<p>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."</p>	<p><small>Rev 1:17-18</small> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.</p> <p><small>Isa 44:6</small> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.</p> 

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Washed in the blood of the Lamb

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

References

Rev 7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



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Outside

Revelation 22:15

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

References



26

Root and Descendant of David

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

References

Root of David - *Isa 11:1* There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Descendant of David - *Jer 23:5* "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.



27

Living Water without price

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

References

Isa 55:1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."



28

A final encouragement

Revelation 22:18-19

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

References

Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that **you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.**

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who **keep what is written in it**, for the time is near.



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Rev 22:20-21

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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