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Seeing His Return

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Revelation 22:6-21 ⁶Then the angel said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place." ⁷"Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of prophecy in this book." ⁸And I am John, who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown me these things. ⁹But he said to me, "Do 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!" ¹⁰Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of prophecy in this book, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the unrighteous continue to be unrighteous, and the vile continue to be vile; let the righteous continue to practice righteousness, and the holy continue to be holy." ¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by its gates. ¹⁵But outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let the one who hears say, "Come!" And let the one who is thirsty come, and the one who desires the water of life drink freely. ¹⁸I testify to everyone who hears the words of prophecy in this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. (BSB)

- I. Here are some important points in this passage.
 - A. There are some **figurative** truths in this passage. V.13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
 - B. The word **Soon** plays a key role in this text. V.6, 7, 12, 20.
 - C. The role of an **Angel** is important in this passage. V. 8-9
 - D. The concept of **Adding** and **Taking Away** is key in this passage. V.18, 19
 - E. It is important to contrast imminent return vision versus **rapture** vision.
- II. How can we apply these important truths to our life.
 - A. Jesus Christ has got to be our **Lord**. It all starts with Him and it all ends with Him.
 - B. **Imminent Return** thinking keeps us accountable and helps us to stay on task.
 - C. We must realize that we are in a **spiritual war** and our actions play a big role in it.
 - D. Be wary of **teachers** who add or take away from the book of Revelation.
 - E. The **goal** of the book of Revelation is to find Jesus Christ not the devil.