

One More Day, One More Night...Guaranteed! Rev 21-22

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I'm nearly complete in my memorization of Revelation 21-22. What a tremendous panorama of everlasting inheritance is displayed in these two final chapters of God's word. As I've been memorizing and meditating on these things, I have been struck again and again by this reality... *We're all guaranteed either one more day or one more night!*

Let me guess, you're already thinking about James 4 and the reminder that life is brief and there is no guarantee of another day or night... "for thou knowest not what a day may bring... we ought to say if the Lord wills we'll be alive and do this or that."

But the day and night that is guaranteed is an endless day for the believer and an endless night for the unbeliever. *The believer inherits a day that will never see twilight. The unbeliever inherits a night that will never see dawn. You've got just one more day or one more night, guaranteed.*

Revelation 22 – All that Lucifer introduced, the Lamb reverses, forever!

LIFE – RIVER OF LIFE – TREE OF LIFE

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, (source) flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (availability) down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life (restored), bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Not "fig leaves" to hide, but "life leaves" to heal!) (Restored tree of life – Eden restored and glorified)

CURSE REMOVED – THRONE PRESENT – GOD'S FACE SEEN – SERVANTS SERVING, NOT REBELLING

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

NIGHT REMOVED – ORIGINAL LIGHT RESTORED – REIGNING NOT ENSLAVED

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.

BLESSING PRONOUNCED – CURSE REMOVED

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place." "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

ANGELS...FELLOW SERVANT, NOT TEMPTING SERPENT – THIS ANGEL KNOWS HIS PLACE!!!

I, John, am the one 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 been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

URGENCY TO DECIDE – NOW OR NEVER – CONSEQUENCE IS CERTAIN.

Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

THE ASSURANCE OF SOVEREIGNTY – HIS PROPHECY WILL BE REALITY
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

THE BLESSED ARE WASHED, ROBED, IN
THE CURSED ARE FILTHY, NAKED, OUT

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

For further study:

Make a list that contrasts the inheritance of the saved and the lost. The Bible has much to say about eternal punishment and eternal glory. Compare Revelation 21-22 with the following passages on Hell and the Lake of Fire

Isaiah 66:22-24 Daniel 12:1-2

Hell is Real Matt 5:21-22, 27-30; 23:15, 33 Hell is Ruled by God Matt 10:28; 25:41, 46

Hell Involves Rejection Matt 7:23; 8:11-12; 22:13; 25:30 Hell Involves Pain Matt 13:30, 40-43, 49-50; 18:6-9

Hell and Demons Mark 1:24; 3:11; 5:7 Hell and Eternity Mark 9:42-48

Hell and Scripture Luke 16:19-31 Hell and the Present John 3:16-21; 3:36

Hell and the Future John 5:28-29; 8:21, 24

Paul Romans 2:5 2 Thess 1:5-10

General Letters Hebrews 6:1-3 Jude 7, 13

Revelation 14:9-11 20:10-15 21:8 22:15

Think about it:

You only get one day in heaven. You only get one night in hell.

Self Check:

Jesus is not just the way to heaven; He is the glory and preciousness of heaven. He is not just the means for our getting to heaven, He is the longed for delight of our soul and the substance of our desire and reason to be there.

1. Do you really believe the Bible's teaching on the conscious, eternal afterlife?
2. Do you really believe that apart from personal faith in Christ, no one is saved?
3. Who have you shared Christ with recently?
4. Is the urgency of the message of Revelation 22 reflected in your conduct, goals and desires?

"Lord, deliver me from a sterile doctrinal affirmation of heaven and hell that leaves no desperation or urgency in my soul. Grip my soul with the reality of the certainty and urgency of everlasting life and everlasting punishment. Awaken my soul, O Alpha and Omega, with the glory of heaven and the horrors of hell, that I may live this life with fervency and leave it with joy. In Thy Name, O Saving Lamb I pray, Amen."

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.

Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4 Ron & Val

Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.