EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS

REVELATION 22:1

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

REVELATION 22:2

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

REVELATION 22:3

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

REVELATION 22:4

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

REVELATION 22:5

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

REVELATION 22:14

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, (The texts read "wash their robes", in the original MSS) that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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RIGHT: exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah}

power, authority, jurisdiction, the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises

EPHESIANS 2:18

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

EPHESIANS 2:19

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but *FELLOWCITIZENS with the saints, and of the *HOUSEHOLD of God;

FELLOWCITIZENS: sumpolites {soom-pol-ee'-tace} possessing the same citizenship with others, a fellow citizen:

HOUSEHOLD: oikeios {oy-ki'-os}

of (one's) own house, belonging to a house or family, domestic, intimate: belonging to one's household, related by blood, kindred;

EPHESIANS 2:20

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

EPHESIANS 2:21

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

EPHESIANS 2:22

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

15 For without are *DOGS, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

DOGS: kuon {koo'-ohn}

a man of impure mind, an impudent man, The figurative use of the word "dog" in the Bible means "male (homosexual) prostitute":

PHILIPPIANS 3:2

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

II PETER 2:22

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

REVELATION 22:15

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and *WHOREMONGERS, and murderers, and *IDOLATERS, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

WHOREMONGERS: pornos {por'-nos}

a man who prostitutes his body to another's lust for hire, a male prostitute; a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator

IDOLATERS: eidololatres {i-do-lol-at'-race}

a worshipper of false gods, a idolater; used of any one even Christian, participant in any way in the worship of the heathen, especially one who attends their sacrificial feasts and eats of the remains of offered victims; a covetous man as a worshipper of Mammon

And whosoever loveth and maketh a lie; who loves both to invent and tell lies, and loves to hear them told by others.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

To testify unto you these things in the Churches, the sense is, that the angel was sent to show to John, and by him to others, even to all the saints in all ages, the things relating to the church of Christ, in the several periods of time, represented in succession by the seven churches of Asia. (Gill)

REVELATION 22:16

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ISAIAH 11:1

1 And there shall come forth a *ROD out of the *STEM of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

ROD: choter {kho'-ter} branch, twig, rod

STEM: geza' {geh'-zah} stem, trunk, stock (of trees)

ISAIAH 11:10

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

LET'S LOOK AT SOME CONTRASTS

Here is the contrast between the near and the far. A root is near, but a star's distance is measured in light years! Is it not so with Christ? Where two or three are gathered together in his name, there is he; and yet he is at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

Here is the contrast between the visible and the invisible. The root is hidden beneath our feet, but the star blazes forth in the sky. That is the way it is with Christ. His influence is hidden and works secretly like leaven in the three measures of meal; but it also blazes forth in all creation. The influence of Christ is so universal and extensive that a fool can see it.

Here is a contrast between the earthly and the heavenly. Jesus Christ is both perfect man and perfect God. The New Testament has many examples of the humanity of Christ. He was hungry, tired, sorrowful, etc., like all men; but his miracles proclaim him as God of every God.

Here is the contrast between the local and the universal. A root is fixed. It cannot move, except to creep a short distance from its humble beginning; but a star sweeps through the outer reaches of the universe in an orbit of incomprehensible distances.

Its light travels 186,200 miles per second, and that for one million years at a time! A root may be localized and contained in an earthen jar; but a star rises for the whole world to see and hangs a blazing lantern in the sky where none can miss it.

Is not also Christ like this? To individuals, Christ is "my Saviour," "my shepherd," etc. ; but to the world he is the Christ of the Ages, the Christ of the first century and of the last; he is the Christ of Damascus Road, and the Christ of Every Road.

He is the Christ of a little child's bedside and the Christ of all races and conditions of man. He is here; he is also everywhere.

Here is the contrast with that which is small and that which is big. A root may be so small that an eye can hardly see it; but a star may be so large that a million worlds cannot be compared with it.

Jesus Christ is so great that time and space cannot contain him; but he was also wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Mary clutched him to her breast" and little children sing of the "Little Lord Jesus"; but multitudes of the heavenly host fall down in his presence.

Here is the contrast between the high and the low.

A star is high; a root is low. Christ is both:

Here is the contrast between that which needs man's care and that which needs nothing. A root must be watered and cultivated; a star needs absolutely nothing from man. Just so, Christ is above and beyond all people.

Nothing that men can do can either cause or prevent the everlasting glory that pertains to him; and yet Christ needs people. There are certain phases of his work that cannot get on without men.

Christ works through his human children, and their labors are important to the Eternal. "For it is God who worketh in you both and to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13).

REVELATION 22:16

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the *BRIGHT and morning star.

BRIGHT: lampros {lam-pros'} shining, brilliant, clear, transparent, splendid, magnificent;

REVELATION 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The bride — those who are married to Jesus Christ in every generation and who will go to live in the New Jerusalem, which is the bride, the Lamb's wife

The Spirit and the bride signify one and the same; namely, the spiritual bride of Christ, who is sanctified by the Spirit of God; even all the elect of God, whom Christ loved from all eternity,

and who are espoused to him as a chaste virgin; the new Jerusalem, who is as a bride adorned for her husband, and is the bride, the Lamb's wife: these wait for the bridegroom's coming.

REVELATION 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

REVELATION 22:18

18 For I testify unto every man that *HEARETH the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

HEARETH: akouo {ak-oo'-o}

to be endowed with the faculty of hearing, not deaf, to attend to, consider what is or has been said, to understand, perceive the sense of what is said, to comprehend, to understand

REVELATION 22:19

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

REVELATION 22:20

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

REVELATION 22:21

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.