A BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOK

Revelation 21 & 22

All Things New

Surely, I Come Quickly

A guided walk into eternity — the new heavens and new earth, the New Jerusalem, the river and tree of life, and the promise of Christ's soon return — with insights from David Guzik and Amir Tsarfati.

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WORKBOOK ONE

Revelation 21

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SECTION ONE

Answering the Workbook Questions

Capture the Scene *What do I see?*

1 What are the benefits of God's dwelling with His people (Revelation 21:3-4)?

> **REVELATION 21:3-4 (NASB1995)**
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> *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.'"*

ANSWER God Himself lives with His people. He wipes away every tear. There is no more death, no more sadness, no more crying, and no more pain. All the hurtful things from the old world are gone for good.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is the final answer to everything the curse of sin broke. God is with His people forever and the suffering is over.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is the eternal state after the Millennium. God's glory dwells directly with us – no temple needed.

2 How does the Lord describe Himself in this chapter?

REVELATION 21:6 (NASB1995)

"Then He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.'"

ANSWER He is "the Alpha and the Omega" – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. It means He is the beginning and the end of everything. And He offers the water of life free of charge to anyone who is thirsty.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this shows God is in control of all history. He started it, and He finishes it.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is proof of Christ's deity – the same words are used of God in Revelation 1:8.

3 What is the "second death" (20:6; 21:8)?

REVELATION 20:6 (NASB1995)

"Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years."

REVELATION 21:8 (NASB1995)

"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

ANSWER The second death is being thrown into the lake of fire forever. The first death is when your body dies. The second death is being separated from God for eternity. Believers never experience it – only those who rejected Christ.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says it's eternal spiritual death that comes after the final judgment.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's the final doom for unbelievers – the opposite of eternal life.

4 Name the various stones that comprise the foundations of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:19-20). Look up three or four online to learn what they look like.

REVELATION 21:19-20 (NASB1995)

"The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst."

ANSWER The twelve stones are: jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, and amethyst. Examples: jasper is red or green speckled; sapphire is deep blue; emerald is bright green; topaz is golden yellow; amethyst is purple. The foundations flash with every color of the rainbow.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the twelve stones show the beauty and variety of what the apostles built on.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says these stones are similar to the ones on the high priest's breastplate in Exodus 28, which represented the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 What names are on the gates of the city?

REVELATION 21:12 (NASB1995)

"It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel."

ANSWER The names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Every time someone walks through a gate, they pass under a name of one of Jacob's sons.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this honors Israel's role in God's plan of salvation.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it shows God kept every promise He made to Abraham.

6 What names are on the foundations of the city?

REVELATION 21:14 (NASB1995)

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

ANSWER The names of the twelve apostles of Jesus. The city is literally built on them.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this shows the church is built on the apostles’ teaching.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the gates (Israel) and the foundations (apostles) together show both Old and New Testament believers are one family in God.

7 Of what material are the gates made?

REVELATION 21:21 (NASB1995)

“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”

ANSWER Each gate is one giant single pearl. Twelve huge pearls, one per gate.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says pearls are beautiful because they’re made through suffering – a reminder that Christ’s suffering is what brings us into the city.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it shows the heavenly, perfect nature of the city.

8 What is the source of light within the city?

> **REVELATION 21:23 (NASB1995)**
> *"And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb."*

ANSWER God Himself. His glory lights up the whole city, and Jesus the Lamb is the lamp. No sun, no moon – just pure light from God.

Insights from David Guzik
Guzik says God's presence replaces every natural light source.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati
Tsarfati says it's the shekinah glory of God shining forever.

Analyze the Message *What does it mean?*

1 What is new in the new heavens and earth?

a. Revelation 21:3

ANSWER God lives directly with His people. No more distance between God and us.

b. Revelation 21:4 (five things)

ANSWER No more tears, no more death, no more mourning, no more crying, and no more pain.

c. Revelation 21:6

ANSWER God is the Alpha and Omega – He completes everything and gives the water of life freely.

d. Revelation 21:7

> **REVELATION 21:7 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son."*

ANSWER Those who overcome inherit everything, and God becomes their Father in the fullest way.

e. Revelation 21:8, 27

> **REVELATION 21:27 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

ANSWER No wicked person can ever enter. Only those whose names are in the Book of Life get in.

f. Revelation 21:22

> **REVELATION 21:22 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."*

ANSWER There is no temple building. God and the Lamb ARE the temple – you can approach them directly.

g. Revelation 21:23-25; 22:5

> **REVELATION 22:5 (NASB1995)**
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> *"And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever."*

ANSWER No sun, no moon, no night. God's glory is the only light. The gates never close because there's no more darkness.

h. Revelation 22:3

> **REVELATION 22:3 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him."*

ANSWER No more curse. Everything God placed on the world because of Adam's sin is removed. It's a brand-new start.

> **Insights from David Guzik**
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> Guzik says everything is made new – every effect of sin is wiped away.

> **Insights from Amir Tsarfati**
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> Tsarfati says this is the eternal state that comes after the Millennium.

2 The idea of a new heaven and earth was first revealed through the prophet Isaiah.

a. How does Isaiah describe the new heavens and earth (Isaiah 65:17)?

> **ISAIAH 65:17 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind."*

ANSWER God makes everything brand new. The old, broken world will be gone and forgotten – we won't even think about it anymore.

b. What does God say about His relationship with Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:22-23)?

> **ISAIAH 66:22-23 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me, declares the Lord, So your offspring and your name will endure. And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me, says the Lord."*

ANSWER The new heavens and earth will last forever. All people will come and worship God regularly.

c. What does the apostle Peter tell us about the new heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:13)?

> **2 PETER 3:13 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."*

ANSWER In the new heavens and earth, righteousness will live there. Everyone there will be right with God.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the new creation continues from the old, but it's purified and perfect.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's a real, literal new creation – not just a symbol.

3 Who do you believe is represented by the twelve gates? Why?

ANSWER The twelve tribes of Israel. Their names are written right on the gates. This shows that Israel is the foundation of God's plan of salvation in the Old Testament.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says it shows Israel's covenant role in God's plan.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it shows God's faithfulness to the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

4 Who do you believe is represented by the twelve foundations? Why?

ANSWER The twelve apostles of Jesus. Their names are on the foundation stones. This shows the church is built on what they taught about Jesus.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the apostles' teaching is the base of the church.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the gates and foundations together show the unity of Israel and the church – all one people of God.

5 The New Jerusalem measures 1,380 miles wide by 1,380 miles long and 1,380 miles high. How does that length and width compare to the United States? To Europe? To today's Israel?

ANSWER It's huge. That's about the distance from Florida to Maine – it would cover most of the eastern United States. It's about half the size of Europe. And compared to modern Israel, it's around 150 times bigger. Plus, it's 1,380 miles tall too – the shape is a giant cube.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik notes the cube shape matches the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament – the city is one big holy place.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the dimensions are literal and there's plenty of room for every believer from every age.

6 Why do you think there will be no need for a temple in the New Jerusalem?

ANSWER Because God and the Lamb are right there with us. A temple was a building where you went to meet with God. We won't need one because God will be everywhere – we can go straight to Him, face to face.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says there's no longer any separation between us and God.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this fulfills the name "Immanuel" – God with us.

7 Compare Revelation 21:26 with Isaiah 60:5 and Isaiah 61:6.

REVELATION 21:26 (NASB1995)

"and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it."

ISAIAH 60:5 (NASB1995)

"Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you."

ISAIAH 61:6 (NASB1995)

"But you will be called the priests of the Lord; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast."

ANSWER All three passages say the same thing: the nations will bring their best treasures and honor into God's city. Israel becomes the priestly people, and the wealth of the world flows to God's people forever.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is eternal tribute coming in to the city.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says what starts in the Millennium continues into eternity.

Compare with the Rest of Scripture *Is this supported elsewhere?*

1 The phrase "water of life" is found in three passages in Revelation (21:6; 22:1, 17). How would you describe the water of life from these passages?

REVELATION 22:1 (NASB1995)

"Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb."

REVELATION 22:17 (NASB1995)

"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 wishes take the water of life without cost."

ANSWER It's a crystal-clear river that flows from God's throne. It's free – you just have to come and drink. It pictures eternal life and total spiritual satisfaction. Nobody ever runs out, and nobody ever thirsts again.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the water of life is a picture of the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it pictures deep spiritual refreshment that only God can give.

2 How do Revelation 22:7 and 22:12 complement one another?

REVELATION 22:7 (NASB1995)

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

REVELATION 22:12 (NASB1995)

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."

ANSWER Both say Jesus is coming soon. Verse 7 promises a blessing for those who obey God's Word. Verse 12 promises rewards based on what you've done. Together they say: obey God now, because Jesus is coming soon and He's bringing rewards.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says they teach urgency and accountability together.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says they motivate us to stay faithful.

3 Three times, Jesus states that He is coming quickly and four times, there is a response of "Come!" or "come." According to the following verses, who asks Jesus to come?

a. Revelation 22:17 (quoted above)

ANSWER The Holy Spirit and the bride (the church) say "Come!" Together they long for Jesus to return.

b. Revelation 22:20

REVELATION 22:20 (NASB1995)

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

ANSWER John himself says "Come, Lord Jesus." It's the prayer of every believer.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is the collective cry of creation longing for Jesus.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's the longing of every true believer.

4 **The Lord says He is "the Alpha and the Omega" (Revelation 21:6 – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), identifying Himself with the God of the Old Testament. What similar statements appear in the Old Testament?**

a. **Isaiah 41:4**

ISAIAH 41:4 (NASB1995)

"Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'"

ANSWER God says He is the first and the last. He is the one who started everything and is still there at the end.

b. **Isaiah 44:6**

ISAIAH 44:6 (NASB1995)

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.'"

ANSWER God is the first and last, and there is no other God at all.

c. **Isaiah 48:12**

ISAIAH 48:12 (NASB1995)

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last."

ANSWER God is the first and the last – He repeats it again. When Jesus says the same thing in Revelation, He's claiming to be God.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this shows Jesus is God – He uses the exact phrase God uses in the Old Testament.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this shows the continuity of God from Genesis to Revelation.

5 Compare Isaiah 54:11-14 with Revelation 21:18-21.

ISAIAH 54:11-14 (NASB1995)

"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And your foundations I will lay in sapphires. Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of crystal, And your entire wall of precious stones. All your sons will be taught of the Lord; And the well-being of your sons will be great. In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you."

REVELATION 21:18-21 (NASB1995)

"The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone... And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass."

ANSWER Both passages describe a city made of jewels. Isaiah saw foundations of sapphires, gates of crystal, and walls of precious stones. John saw the same thing – jeweled foundations, pearl gates, gold streets. Isaiah saw the New Jerusalem hundreds of years before John did. Both show beauty, safety, and righteousness.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says Isaiah saw a preview of the New Jerusalem.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this shows Israel's eternal glory.

Execute *So what? How does this affect my life?*

PRINCIPLE

God always provides a new beginning for those willing to commit to Him.

1 **As you draw near to the end of this workbook, what new insights have you gained along the way that stand out to you most?**

ANSWER God is making everything new. No matter how broken this world looks right now, He has already planned the renewal of heaven and earth. There is real hope – not just survival, but a beautiful future where God lives with us.

2 **What new attitudes do you plan to develop?**

ANSWER An eternal perspective – remembering that this life is short compared to eternity. More gratitude for what God has promised. Less worry about what the world thinks is important.

3 **Now that you have become more familiar with God's plan for the future, how do you think this new knowledge should influence your life?**

ANSWER Live with purpose. Don't waste time on things that don't last. Share the hope of Jesus with people who need it. Hold loosely to the things of this world.

4 **What are some of the thoughts and life lessons you would like to share with your friends that you've learned from this workbook?**

ANSWER God is faithful – every promise He ever made is coming true. Salvation is urgent, because Jesus is coming soon. And the future for believers is unbelievably good.

5 **In what ways would you like to grow more in your relationship with the Lord?**

ANSWER Spend more time in prayer. Study the Bible more deeply. Obey what I already know. Worship more. Love people better.

> **Insights from David Guzik & Amir Tsarfati**
> Both teachers say: take what you've learned and live it out. Pursue holiness every day and stay close to Jesus.

SECTION TWO

Integration with the Club of Rome Discussion

Purpose of the Club of Rome (1974)

A global governance model to coordinate resources in the Middle East and North Africa (Region 7).

Region 7 Countries

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen.

Current Fracturing & How It Connects to Revelation 21

Today this region is torn apart by war and division. Borders are unstable, alliances break, and peace seems impossible. But Revelation 21 shows a completely different future. In the new heavens and new earth, there is no sea – no separation, no division. The nations bring their glory into the holy city. The chaos we see now stands in sharp contrast to the eternal unity coming under God's rule. That should give us hope that goes beyond the headlines.

WORKBOOK TWO

Revelation 22

Surely, I Come Quickly

SECTION ONE

Answering the Workbook Questions

Capture the Scene *What do I see?*

1 **List at least five significant differences between life in the New Jerusalem and life today.**

ANSWER (1) No more curse – everything broken by sin is fixed. (2) The tree of life grows there, and its leaves heal the nations. (3) God's glory is the only light – no more darkness. (4) No night at all, ever. (5) The gates never close. (6) Nothing unclean or sinful can enter. Life today is full of pain, sickness, darkness, and danger. None of that will be there.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is creation made perfect – no lingering effects of sin.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is the eternal state where everything God promised is fulfilled.

2 What mistake did the apostle John make when he heard and saw the coming events from the angel (verses 8-9)?

REVELATION 22:8-9 (NASB1995)

"I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, 'Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.'"

ANSWER John tried to worship the angel. The angel stopped him right away and said, "Don't do that! I'm just a fellow servant like you. Worship God." Only God should be worshiped – not angels, not saints, not anyone else.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is a common mistake, and angels always point worship back to God.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's a strong warning against any kind of idolatry.

3 Compare the location of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden with the location of the one in the New Jerusalem (Genesis 2:9 with Revelation 22:2).

GENESIS 2:9 (NASB1995)

"Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

REVELATION 22:2 (NASB1995)

"in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

ANSWER In Eden, the tree of life was in the middle of the garden. In the New Jerusalem, it's right in the middle of the main street, on both sides of the river of life. In Eden, Adam and Eve were kicked out and couldn't reach it. In the New Jerusalem, it's totally open – everyone can come and eat. What sin took away, Jesus gives back and more.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is the full restoration of what was lost in Eden, plus open access.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the leaves bring healing to the nations – total restoration.

4 List the five ways Jesus describes Himself in this chapter.

REVELATION 22:13 (NASB1995)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

REVELATION 22:16 (NASB1995)

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

ANSWER Jesus describes Himself as: (1) the Alpha and the Omega, (2) the first and the last, (3) the beginning and the end, (4) the root and descendant of David (both David's Creator AND David's descendant), and (5) the bright morning star. He also calls Himself the one who gives the water of life freely.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says these names cover every part of His identity – eternal God, Messiah, and bringer of a new day.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says these titles prove both His deity and His role as the promised Messiah.

5 **Write out the warning at the end of this chapter.**

> **REVELATION 22:18-19 (NASB1995)**
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> *"I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book."*

ANSWER Don't add anything to this book, and don't take anything away. If you add, God will add the plagues from Revelation to you. If you take away, God will take away your part in the tree of life and the holy city. Scripture is sacred – don't mess with it.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this shows how serious it is to keep Scripture pure and whole.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the principle applies to the whole Bible, not just Revelation.

Analyze the Message *What does it mean?*

1 **The phrase "water of life" is found in three passages in Revelation (21:6; 22:1, 17). How would you describe the water of life from these passages?**

ANSWER It's freely given – no cost. It flows as a crystal-clear river from the throne of God and the Lamb. The invitation goes out to anyone who is thirsty: "Come and drink." It pictures the eternal life and deep satisfaction that only God can give.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says it's the source of eternal life.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's spiritual refreshment that never runs dry.

2 How do Revelation 22:7 and 22:12 complement one another?

ANSWER Verse 7 says Jesus is coming soon, and there's a blessing for those who obey His Word. Verse 12 says He's coming soon, and He's bringing rewards for what each person has done. Obedience now, reward later – both tied to His soon return.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says it's about obedience and what we get back for it.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it motivates believers to stay faithful.

3 Three times, Jesus states that He is coming quickly and four times, there is a response of "Come!" or "come." According to the following verses, who asks Jesus to come?

a. Revelation 22:17

ANSWER The Holy Spirit, the bride (the church), anyone who hears, and anyone who is thirsty. It's a huge invitation – everyone joins the call.

b. Revelation 22:20

ANSWER John himself – "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is a universal invitation.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it expresses every believer's longing for Christ's return.

4 The Lord says He is "the Alpha and the Omega" (Revelation 22:13 – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), identifying Himself with the God of the Old Testament. What similar statements appear in the Old Testament?

a. Isaiah 41:4

ANSWER God says, "I am the first, and with the last." Same claim Jesus makes.

b. Isaiah 44:6

ANSWER “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.”

c. Isaiah 48:12

ANSWER “I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.” When Jesus uses this same language, He’s saying He is God.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this shows Jesus’ eternal nature.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it shows the same God runs from Genesis through Revelation.

5 Compare Isaiah 54:11-14 with Revelation 21:18-21.

ANSWER Both describe a beautiful jeweled city – foundations of precious stones, gates of pearl or crystal, walls of gems. Both also focus on righteousness and safety – no fear, no oppression. Isaiah saw it ahead of time; John saw it revealed in full.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says Isaiah had a prophetic vision of the New Jerusalem.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it shows the eternal future of God’s people, centered on Israel.

Compare with the Rest of Scripture *Is this supported elsewhere?*

1 **List the various activities that take place around the One who is seated on the throne.**

a. **Revelation 4:3-6**

> **REVELATION 4:3-6 (NASB1995)**
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> *"And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads. Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind."*

ANSWER Four living creatures worship. Twenty-four elders sit on their own thrones and cast their crowns before God. Lightning and thunder come from the throne. There's constant worship.

b. **Revelation 5:13**

> **REVELATION 5:13 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.'"*

ANSWER Every creature everywhere – in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea – joins together praising God and the Lamb.

c. **Revelation 7:11**

> **REVELATION 7:11 (NASB1995)**
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> *"And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God."*

ANSWER All the angels fall face down before the throne and worship God.

d. Isaiah 6:1-4

ISAIAH 6:1-4 (NASB1995)

"In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.' And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke."

ANSWER The seraphim cry out "Holy, Holy, Holy" – three times for maximum emphasis. The building shakes, and the temple fills with smoke from God's glory.

e. Daniel 7:9-14

DANIEL 7:9-14 (NASB1995)

"I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened... And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed."

ANSWER The Ancient of Days sits on a flaming throne. Millions upon millions of angels serve Him. A court of judgment is set up. Then the Son of Man (Jesus) is given an everlasting kingdom over all peoples.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the throne scene is always about constant, eternal worship.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says God's throne is the center of everything in heaven and on earth.

Execute *So what? How does this affect my life?*

PRINCIPLE

Our response to God's Word is more important than our knowledge of God's Word.

1 **How has your understanding of God changed as a result of studying Revelation?**

ANSWER God is bigger, holier, and more in control than I realized. He has a real plan for history, and nothing surprises Him. He's also incredibly loving – He went to great lengths to save us from the judgment that's coming.

2 **What are the three most important insights you have gained through this study?**

ANSWER (1) God is making everything new – there is real hope. (2) Time is short – Jesus is coming soon. (3) Every person's eternity depends on whether their name is in the Book of Life.

3 **Has this study given you a greater knowledge of Scripture and more courage to share your faith with others?**

ANSWER Yes. Knowing what's coming gives me a clearer message to share and more urgency to share it. I feel better equipped to talk about the gospel and answer questions.

4 **In what ways do you think your priorities should change in light of what you now know about the future?**

ANSWER Focus on eternal things more than temporary things. Invest in people, not stuff. Pray more. Love more. Worry less about things that won't last.

5 **List some unbelievers you know who are in need of the gospel message before Christ returns.**

ANSWER Family members, close friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Write down their actual names and keep the list somewhere you'll see it.

6 **Are you willing to share with those people what you've learned through this study?**

ANSWER Yes. It may be uncomfortable, but their eternity matters more than my comfort.

7 **In what ways will the knowledge you've gained from this study change how you talk with God?**

ANSWER More worship – He deserves it. More expectation – He's really coming back. More prayer for the lost. More thanks for His promises.

8 **Do you expect the events of Revelation to happen literally or figuratively? What evidence do you give for your answer?**

ANSWER Literally. The prophecies about Jesus' first coming were fulfilled literally – His birth, His death, His resurrection. It makes sense that the prophecies about His second coming will be fulfilled the same way. Also, the repeated details (like the 1,000 years in Revelation 20 mentioned six times) show the Bible means what it says.

9 **Would you recommend both the Revealing Revelation book and workbook to others? Why or why not?**

ANSWER Yes. They take a confusing book of the Bible and make it clear, with strong scriptural backing. They also connect Old and New Testament prophecies together so you see the full picture.

Insights from David Guzik & Amir Tsarfati

Both teachers say: take what you've learned and live it out. Share the gospel with those around you. Jesus is coming soon.

SECTION TWO

Integration with the Club of Rome Discussion

Purpose of the Club of Rome (1974)

A governance model for managing resources in the Middle East and North Africa (Region 7).

Region 7 Countries

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen.

Current Fracturing & How It Connects to Revelation 21-22

The current wars and conflicts keep tearing this region apart. Borders shift, alliances collapse, and peace feels out of reach. But Revelation 21-22 shows the real ending of the story. There will be a new heavens and new earth, with no sea (no more separation between peoples), the nations bringing their glory into the holy city, and eternal peace under God’s rule. All the strife we see today pushes us to lift our eyes to that eternal future. The peace this region truly needs will only come when the King arrives.