

the book of

REVELATION

sermon series



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“After These Things”

(Rev. 4–22)

A. Before the Tribulation (4–5)

B. During the Tribulation (6–19)

C. After the Tribulation (20–22)

1. Kingdom (20:1-10)

2. Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)

3. Destruction of the Earth (21:1)

4. New Heaven and New Earth (21–22)



The Eternal State

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- I. The New Heavens & Earth (21:1-8)
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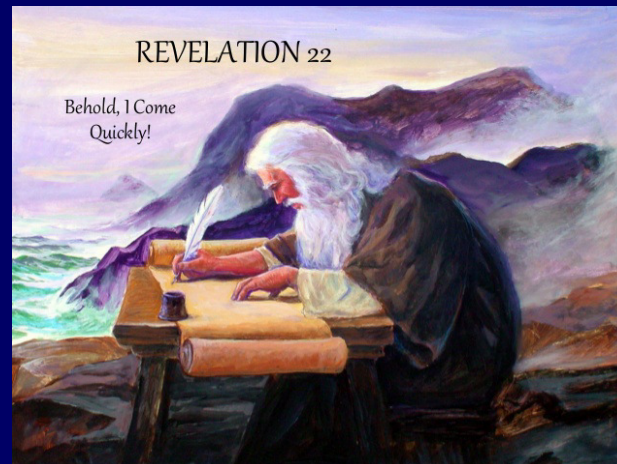
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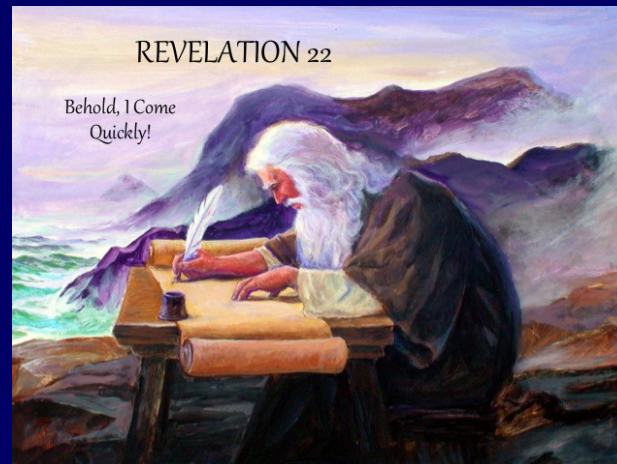
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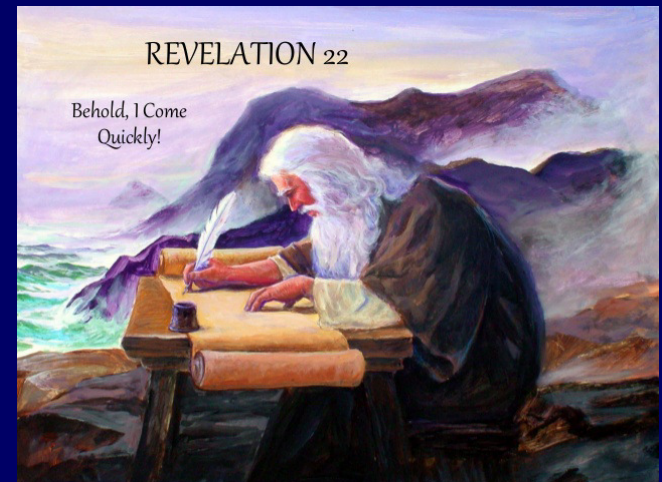
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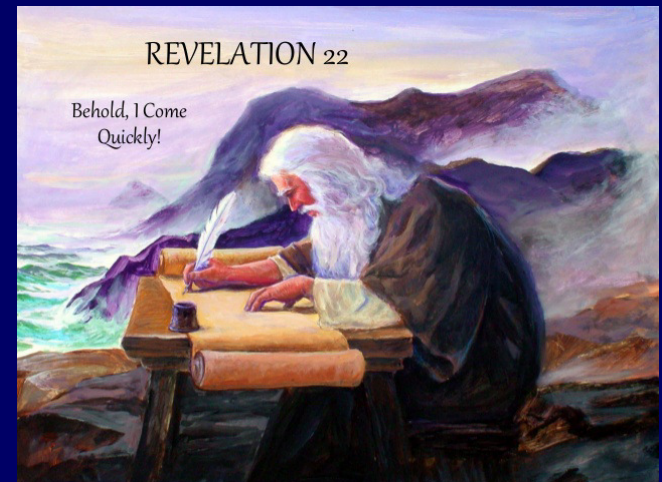
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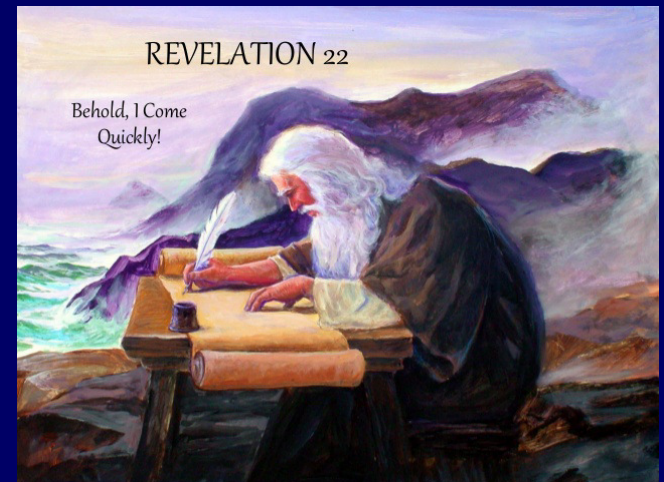
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"TIME-TEXTS" IN REVELATION

R.C. Sproul, The Last Days According to Jesus, p.139

SHORTLY, QUICKLY "TACOS"

1:1	...Things which must shortly take place
2:16	Repent, or else I will come to you quickly.
3:11	Behold, I come quickly!
22:6	...Which must shortly take place.
22:7	Behold, I come quickly!
22:12	Behold, I am coming quickly!
22:20	Surely, I am coming quickly!

NEAR, AT HAND "ENGYS"

1:3	The time is near.
22:10	The time is at hand.

ABOUT TO, ON THE POINT OF "MELLŌ"

1:19	Write...the things that are about to take place.
3:10	...the hour of trial...is about to come upon the whole world.

Revelation 1:1

“The Revelation [*apokalypsis*] of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John.”



Revelation 1:3

“Blessed [*makarios*] is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”



“Time Texts”

- Preterist = chronological
- Futurist = adverbial, qualitative, imminent



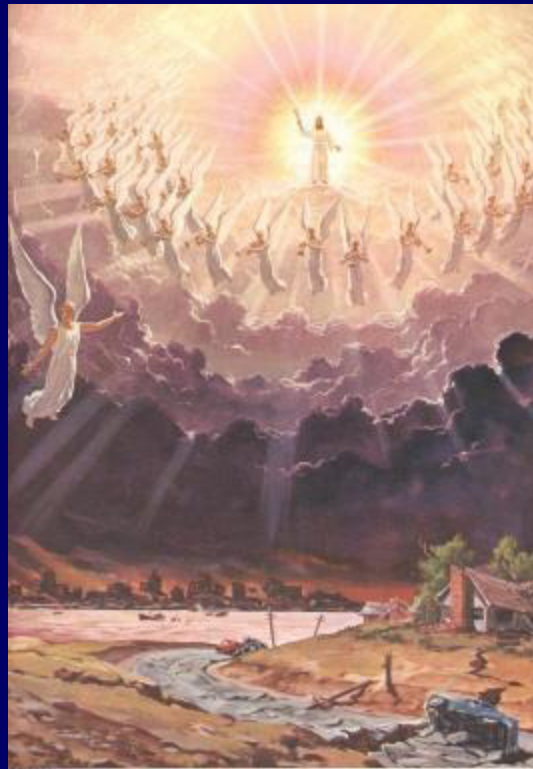
Chronological vs. Adverbial Use of *Tacos*

- “I hope to come to you *soon*” (1 Tim 3:14) vs. “Leave Jerusalem *quickly*” (Acts 22:18)
- LXX
 - ◆ Isaiah 13:22: “Her fateful time also will *soon* come”
 - ◆ Isaiah 51:5: “My righteous is *near*, My salvation has gone forth, And my arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon me, And on My arms they will trust.”



Imminency

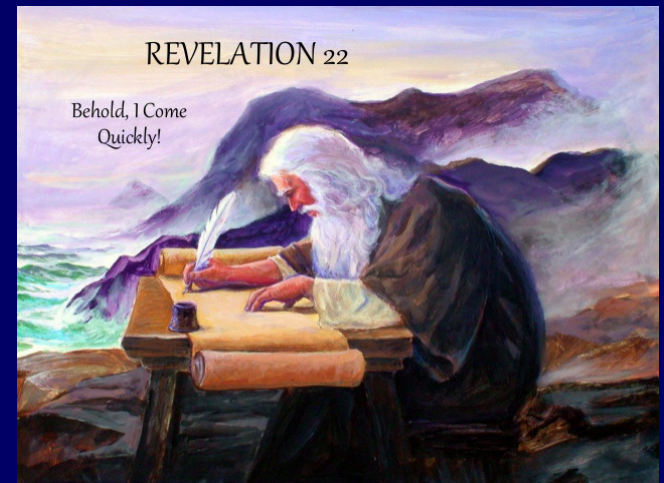
- Engys: “The Lord is *near*” (Phil 4:5)
- Mellō: “and one who will share in the glory to be revealed” (1 Pet 5:1)



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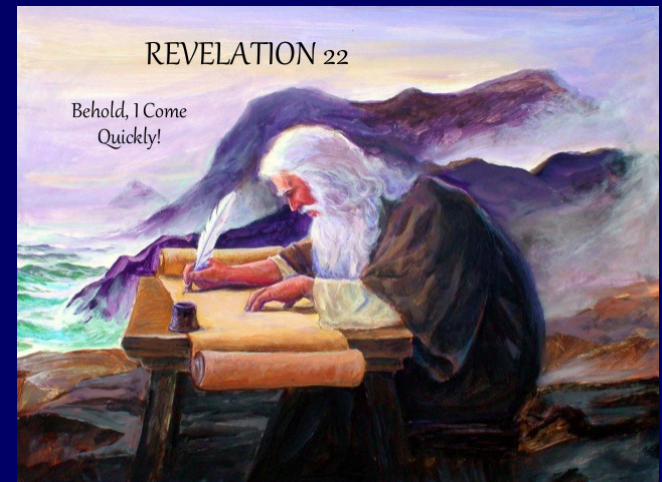
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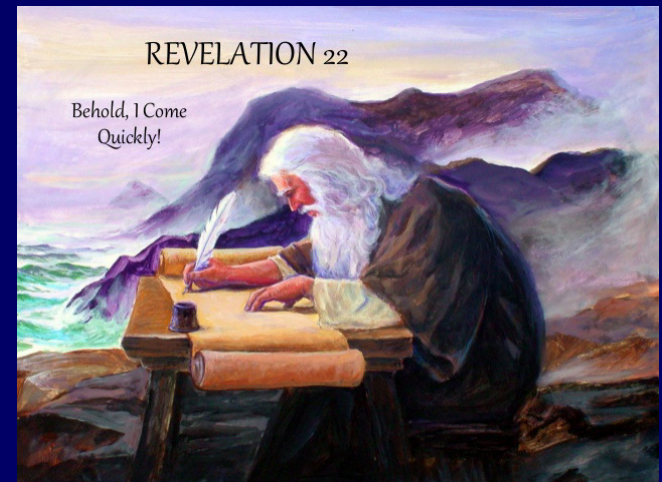
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Purpose Driven Life, 285-86.

“When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He wanted them to concentrate on their mission in the world. He said in essence, “The details of my return are none of your business. What is your business is the mission I have given you. Focus on that!” If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy. Speculating on the exact timing of Christ’s return is futile, because Jesus said, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Since Jesus said He didn’t know the day or hour, why should you try to figure it out? What we do know for sure is this: Jesus will not return until everyone God wants to hear the Good News has heard it.”



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Jesus said, “The Good News about God’s kingdom will be preached in all the world, to every nation. Then the end will come.” If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy. It is easy to get **distracted** and sidetracked from your mission because **Satan** would rather have you do anything besides sharing your faith. He will let you do all kinds of good things as long as you don’t take anyone to heaven with you. But the moment you become **serious about your mission**, expect the Devil to throw all kinds of diversions at you. When that happens, remember the words of Jesus: “Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is **not fit for the Kingdom of God**.”

Eschatology A Sin?

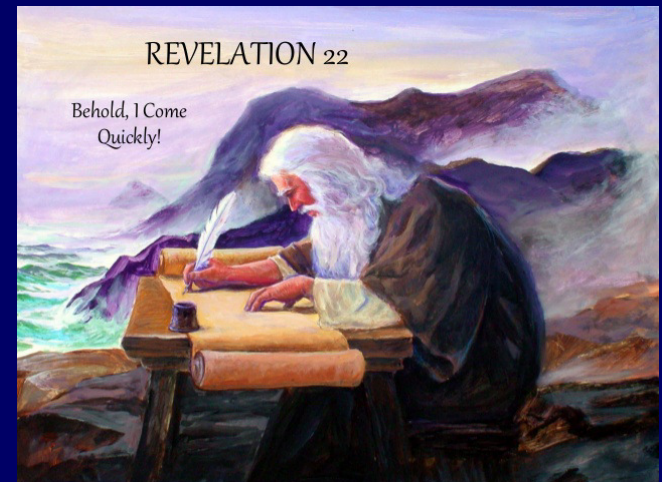


“Therefore, I conclude that it is sin to divide the body of Christ—to divide the body that he prayed would be united. Therefore for us to conclude that we must agree upon a certain view of alcohol, or a certain view of schooling, or a certain view of meat sacrificed to idols, or a certain view of the millennium in order to have fellowship together is, I think, not only unnecessary for the body of Christ, but it is therefore both unwarranted and therefore condemned by scripture. So if you’re a pastor and you’re listening to me, you understand me correctly if you think I’m saying you are in sin if you lead your congregation to have a statement of faith that requires a particular millennial view. I do not understand why that has to be a matter of uniformity in order₂₈ to have Christian unity in a local congregation.”

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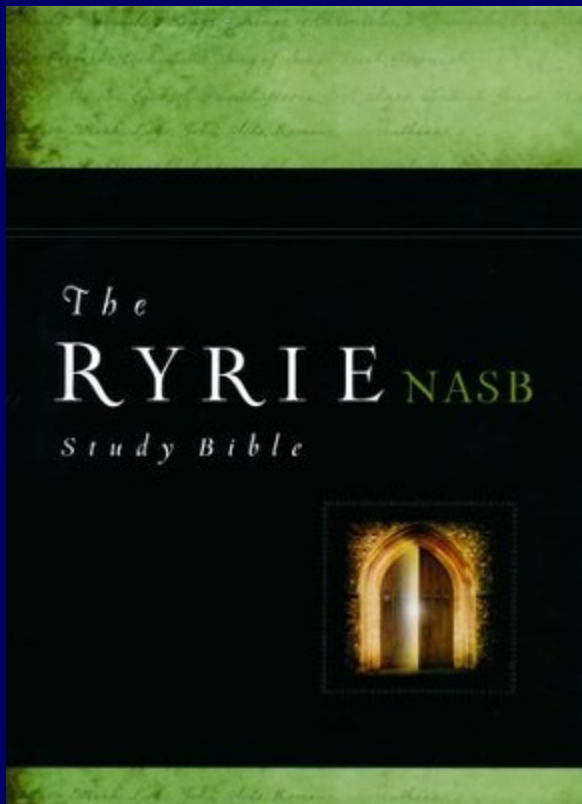
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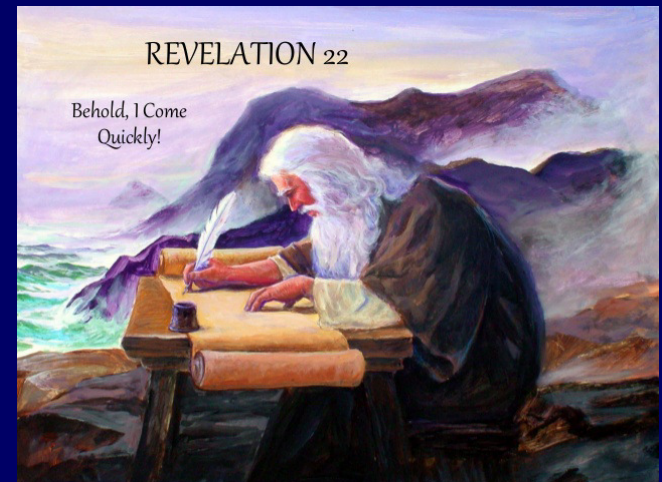


Revelation 22:11. “When Christ comes there will be no more opportunity for a man to change his destiny. What he is then he will be forever.”

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2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”



Why?

- Not to judge sin
(John 19:30)
- Not to determine
salvation (John 5:24)
- But rather to give or
not give rewards



Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

SCRIPTURE

CROWN

PURPOSE

1 Cor. 9:24-27

Incorruptible

Gaining mastery over the flesh

1 Thess. 2:19-20

Rejoicing

Soul winning

**Jas. 1:12;
Rev. 2:10**

Life

Enduring trials

1 Pet. 5:2-4

Glory

Shepherding God's people

2 Tim. 4:8

Righteousness

Longing for His appearing

2 Peter 1:8-11

⁸ For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.



1 Corinthians 3:15

“If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Work That Burns Is Not Rewarded

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However, he will be saved, though it will be like going through a fire.”

1 Corinthians 3:15 GWT



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



2 John 8

“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”



Revelation 3:11

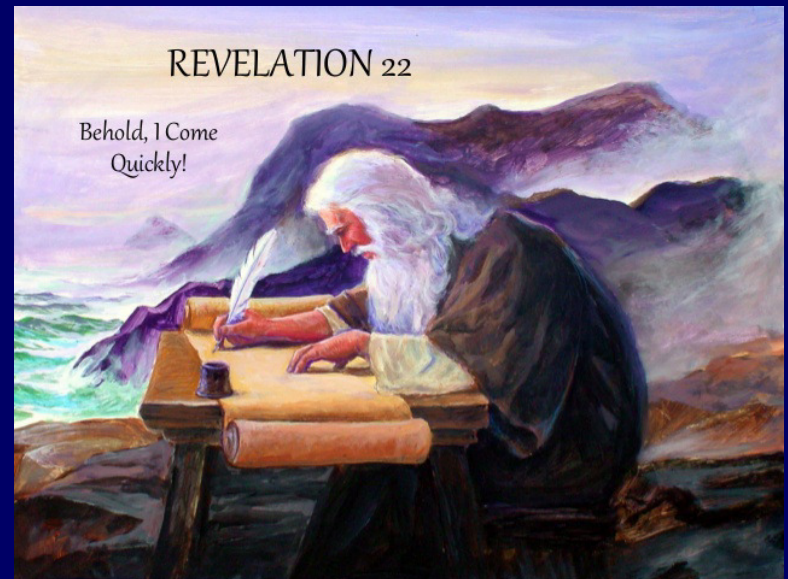
“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”



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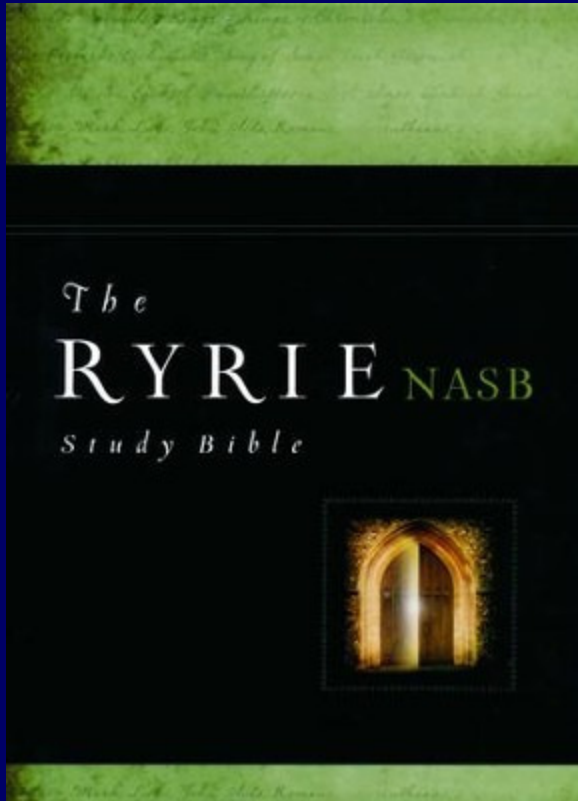
“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”





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Revelation 22:15. “dogs. Not animals, but people of low character (cf. Phil. 3:2).”

Revelation 9:20-21

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries (pharmakeia) nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”



Genesis 2:24

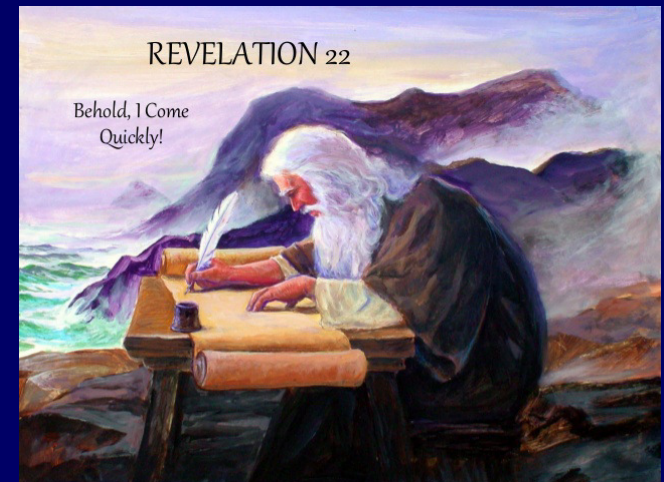
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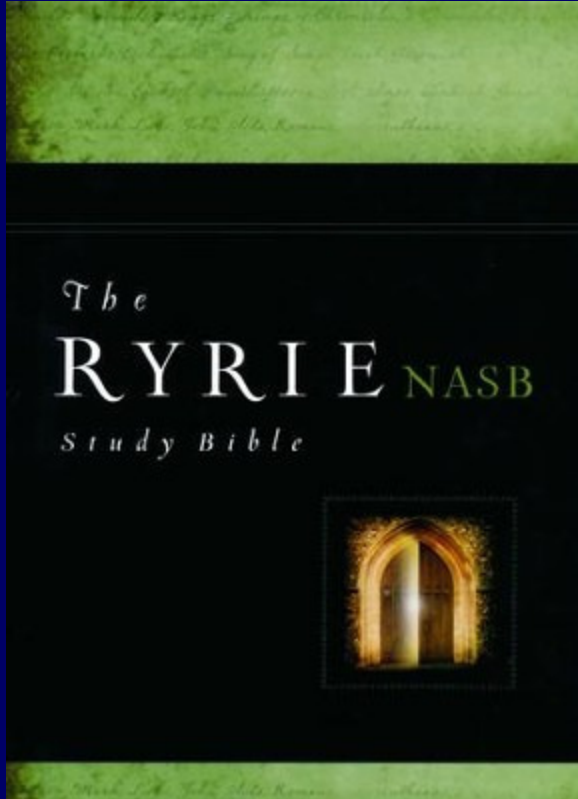
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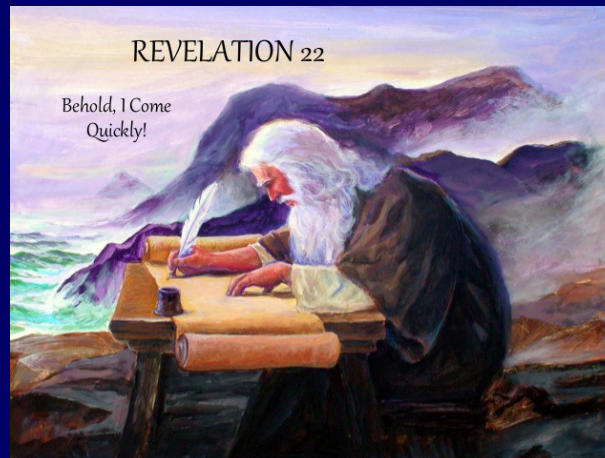


Revelation 22:16–17. “Jesus is gracious because (1) He gave the book of Revelation to the churches, (2) as the son of David He will fulfill Israel’s promises, (3) He is the morning star, the precursor of the new day, and (4) He offers the water of life freely.”

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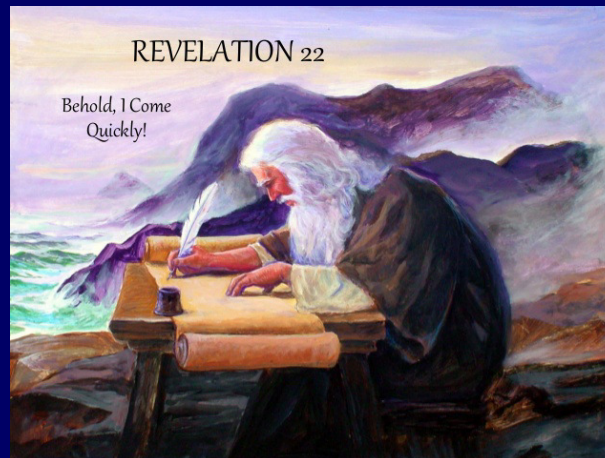
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Henry Morris

The Revelation Record, 323

“At the very least, it would be confusing to John’s first century readers, as well as to later generations, for him to write so much about Babylon when he really meant Rome (Paul was not afraid to speak directly against Rome in his writings, so why should John be?) or ‘the false church’ (all the apostles , including John, wrote plainly and scathingly about false teachers and false doctrines in the church and would not hide their teachings by symbols). **It must be stressed that Revelation means “unveiling,” not “veiling.”** In the absence of any statement in the text to the contrary, therefore, we must assume that the term Babylon applies to the real city of Babylon...”

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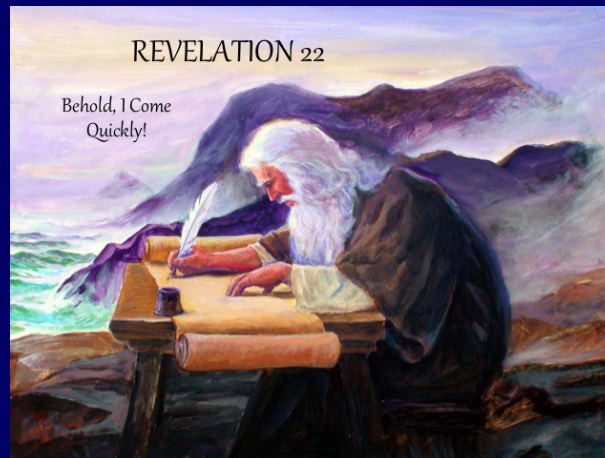
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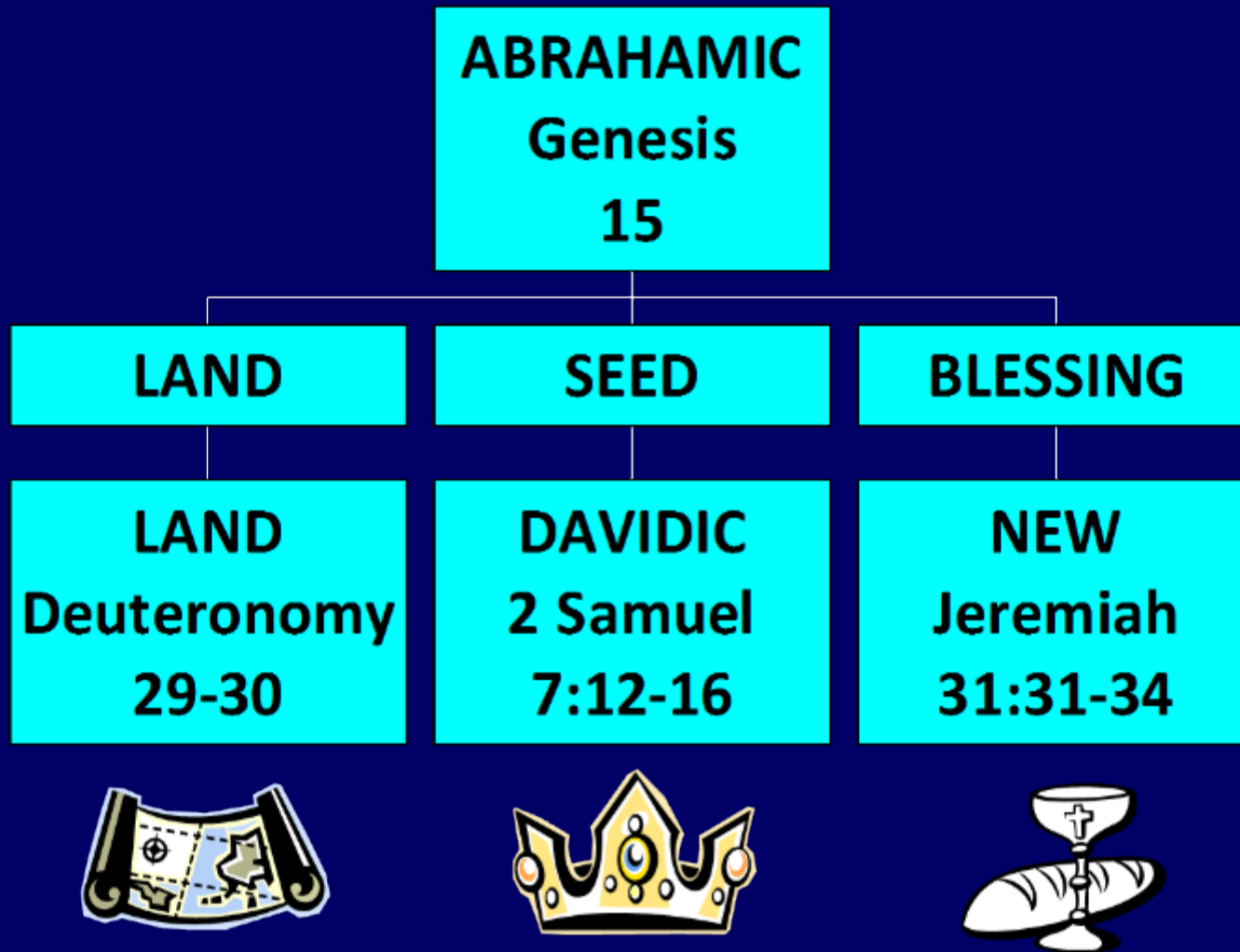
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Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

2 Samuel 7:12-16

¹²“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your **descendant** after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish **the throne of his kingdom forever**. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the . . .



2 Samuel 7:12-16

. . . sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.”





John F. Walvoord

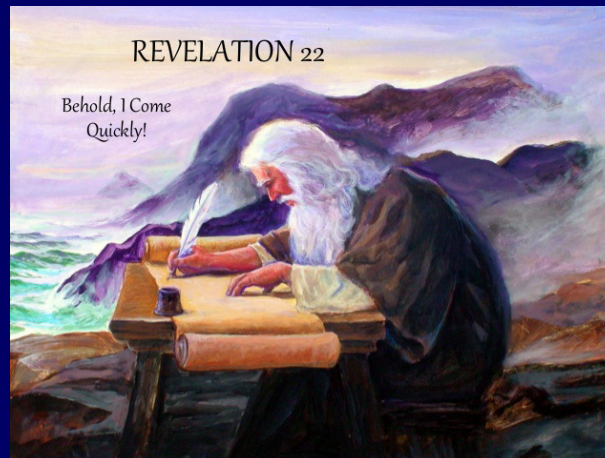
Israel in Prophecy (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1962), 84-85, 87.

“The covenant with David is not only given twice in its major content—namely, II Samuel 7 and I Chronicles 17—but it is also confirmed in Psalms 89. In this and other Old Testament references there is no allusion anywhere to the idea that these promises are to be understood in a spiritualized sense as referring to the church or to a reign of God in heaven. Rather, it is linked to the earth and to the seed of Israel, and to the land...There is no indication that this kingdom extended to a spiritual entity such as the church nor that the throne in view is the throne of God in heaven rather than the throne of David on earth...Such a situation does not prevail in this present age and is not related here or elsewhere to the reign of Christ from the throne of His Father in heaven.”

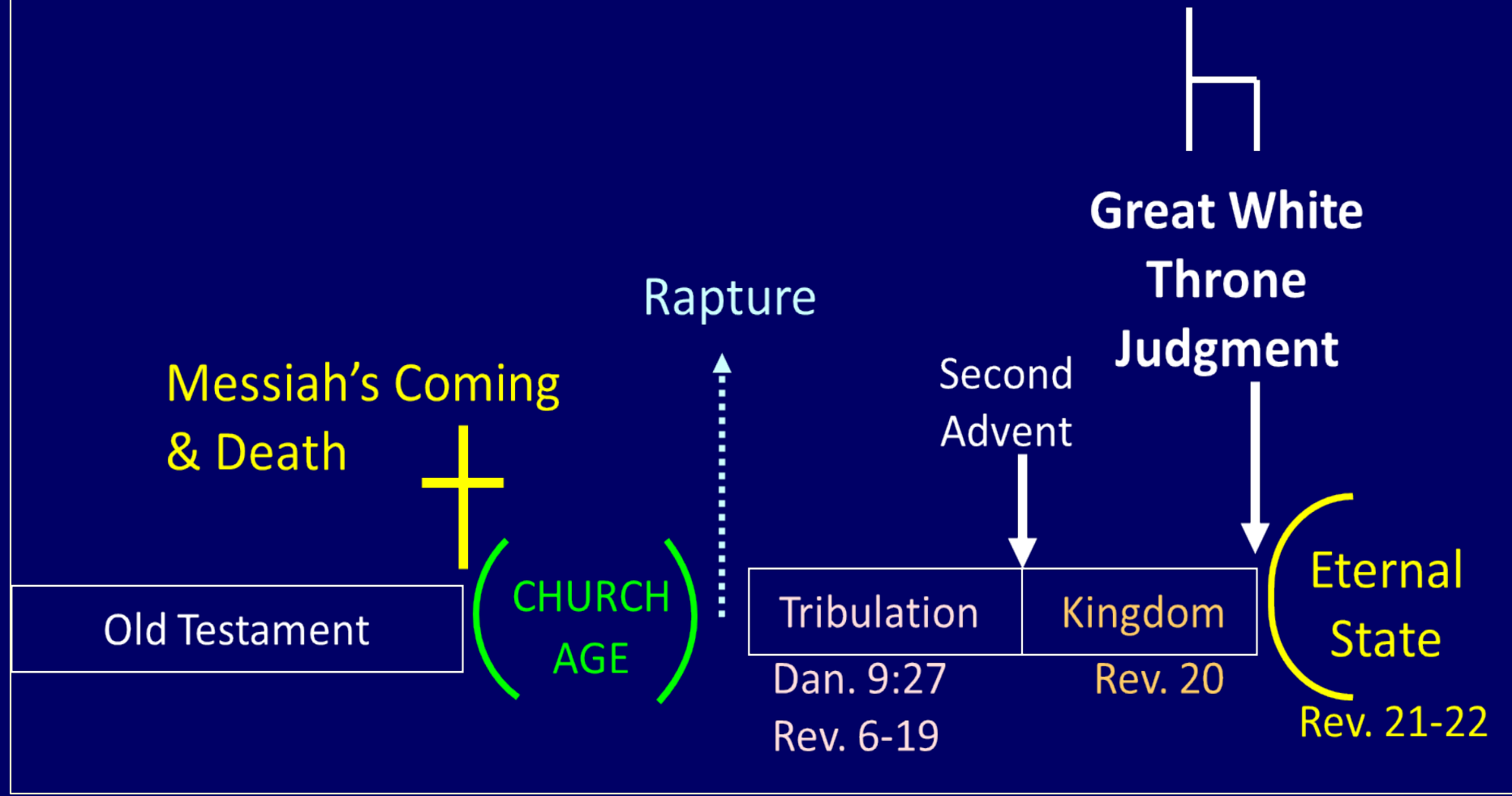
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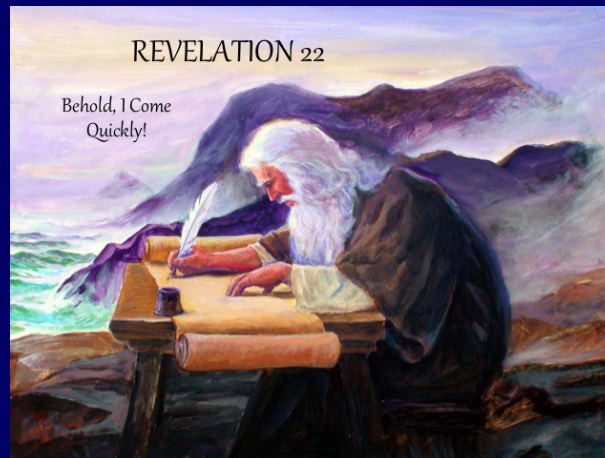
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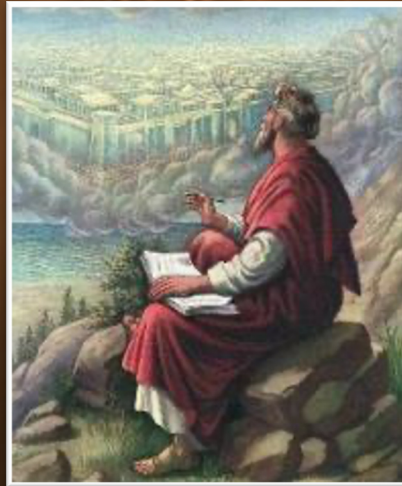
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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”



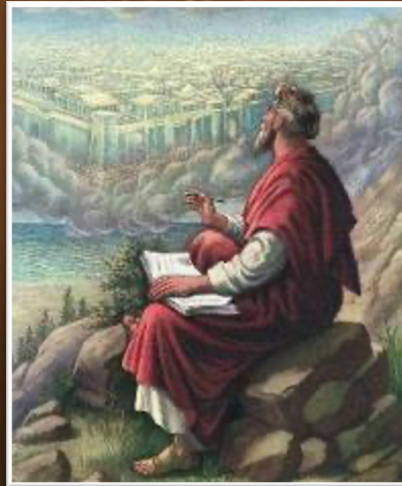
Romans 4:4-5

“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”



John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”



Belief – God's One Condition for Justification

Gen 15:6

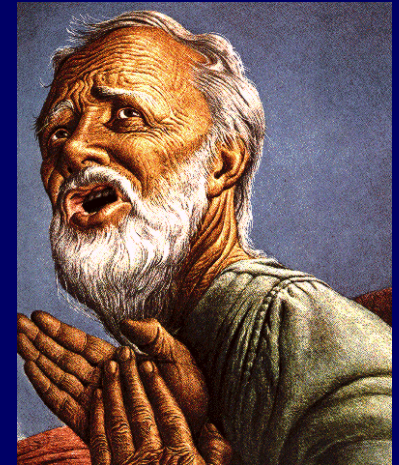
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



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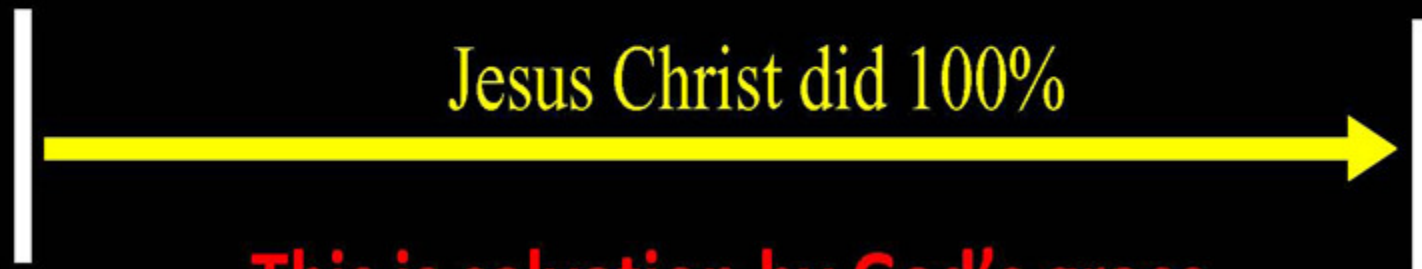
“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

Religion says...



This is salvation by works.

God says...



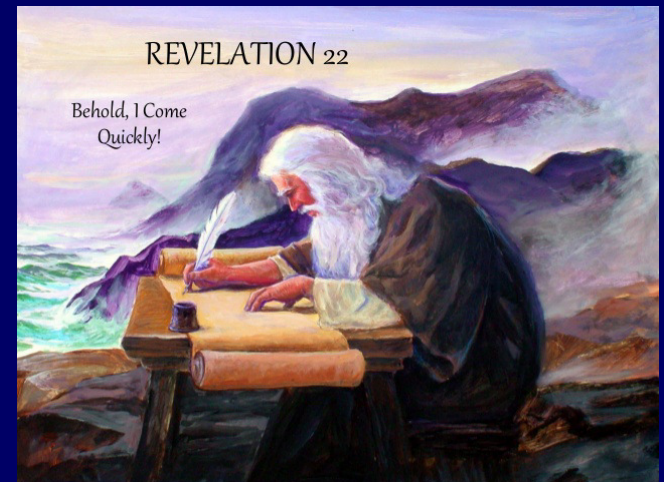
This is salvation by God's grace.

Conclusion

I. Words of Comfort

Revelation 22:6-17

- A. Faithful Words (6a)
- B. Christ's Soon Coming (6b-7a)
- C. Blessing for Obedience (7b)
- D. God Deserves Worship (8-9)
- E. Prophecy Unsealed (10)
- F. Destinies Fixed (11)
- G. Rewards Given (12-13)
- H. Redeemed Blessed (14-15)
- I. God is Gracious (16-17)





“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)