

Beginning

Part 3

Seeing Jesus in Revelation (and Hearing His Voice)



Questions and Scripture

1. What warning does John give in this passage?
Why is this important?
2. Jesus' last recorded statement in Scripture was made
over 2,000 years ago (Revelation 22:20). Why do you still take it seriously?

Revelation 22:6-21 (CSB): *Then he [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 *"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."*

⁸ *I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me.*

⁹ *But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"*

¹⁰ *Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy."*

¹² *"Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

¹⁴ *"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ 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 attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star."*

¹⁷ Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

¹⁸ 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 that are written in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen. (**Revelation 22:6-21**, CSB)

Acts 2:16-17 (NLT): ... What you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people ...'" (**Acts 2:16-17**, NLT)

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT): These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. (**1 Corinthians 10:11**, NLT)

2 Timothy 3:1-2, 14 (NLT): You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money ...

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. (**2 Timothy 3:1-2, 14**, NLT)

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NLT): Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. (**Hebrews 1:1-2**, NLT)

1 Peter 1:20 (NLT): God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. (**1 Peter 1:20**, NLT)

1 Peter 4:7 (NLT): The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. (**1 Peter 4:7**, NLT)

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NLT): I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created." (**2 Peter 3:3-4**, NLT)

2 Peter 3:8-10 (NLT): But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief ... (**2 Peter 3:8-10**, NLT)

2 Peter 3:11-15 (NLT): *Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along ... And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight ... And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved ...* (2 Peter 3:11-15, NLT)

Revelation 3:20 (CSB): *"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* (Revelation 3:20, CSB)

Assignment

Next Sabbath we will continue our series on the book of Revelation titled *Finding Jesus in Revelation (and Hearing His Voice)* with a message titled *Thrones*.

We have looked at the beginning and the ending of Revelation – the easier parts to understand. We will now jump into some of the stuff in the middle, much of it a bit more confusing. Just as we have been doing, our focus will not be on unlocking all the mysteries, but on seeing Jesus.

Next week we will focus on **Revelation 4**, along with a handful of other passages from the Old Testament helping to complete the picture – **Isaiah 6**, **Ezekiel 1**; and **Daniel 7:9-27**.

- This week spend some time with **Revelation 4**. Read it through several times, maybe even in a couple different translations.
- What do you find comforting in this passage?
- Is there anything about this passage that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- Read **Isaiah 6** and **Ezekiel 1**. These prophets also saw God's throne room and the creatures with the multiple faces.
 - In what ways were their experiences different from John's?
 - In what ways were they similar?
- What was the effect of God's physical presence on the beings there in the throne room?
- What were the reasons given for worshiping God by the beings in the throne room? Why is this important?
- What is the most important message you see in this passage?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?