

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – December 31st, 2023

Theme: The Urgency of the Last Days **Topic:** Come, Lord Jesus

Main Text: Revelation 22:1-21

Key verse: Revelation 22:20 – ‘He who testifies to these things says, “Surely, I am coming quickly.”’ (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: Maranatha is the word Apostle Paul used to close his first letter to the Corinthian churches (1 Corinthians 16:22). The word is an Aramaic word which is a combination of two words “marana - tha” which mean “Come, Lord!” Other Bible scholars have interpreted the word Maranatha to mean ‘the Lord is coming.’ Whichever way one looks at it, the fact is that Jesus is coming. And that coming of the Lord has implications for mankind. One of those implications is what the Apostle John recorded in Revelation 11:15, that the kingdom of the world has now become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah. And He will rule forever and ever. This is something believers are eagerly anticipating because when that happens, our pain and suffering will finally end for good. (Revelation 21:4). But there are even better implications for the believer, which is why every believer should join Apostle Paul and John in saying, ‘Come, Lord Jesus!’

1. Read Revelation 22:1-5; 21:23. (a) How does Jesus’ words in Revelation 22:20 make you feel? (b) Read Revelation 22:3-5 and identify at least four things that will happen when Jesus returns. Which of these excites you the most? Why? (c) The passage says there will be no need for the sun and the moon. Why is that and what use is that to us?

What Jesus’ second coming will usher for the believer - the perfection flowing from the Lord, the end of all curses, suffering and satanic activity, the prospect seeing God face to face and having His name engraved on our foreheads – should get each one of us to daily join the chorus – “Come, Lord Jesus”. The message “Behold, I am coming quickly!” – (Revelation 22:7 NKJV) should be one of great hope - that the return of the Lord will bring our age-long battle against temptation to a victorious end. How awesome is our God! He does not leave us lost and wondering what the future holds but sends His angel to remind us that HE is coming soon!

2. (a) In Revelation 3:11; 22:7,12,20 Jesus repeatedly tells us that HE is coming. What does this tell you about the matter of His coming? See also Revelation 22:6 (b) What impact should this have on the way that we live our lives? (c) According to Revelations 22:7, 9, 11, 14, what is the main response Jesus expects of those who are genuinely looking forward to His return? Why is that important for us who live in the world today?

Jesus’ coming is so important that God ended His inspired written word with several reminders concerning it. Jesus himself specifically told us that He sent His angel to announce this very message, “I am coming soon!”- Revelation 22:6-7, 16. And apart from urging us who await His coming to continue on the path of obedience, He also urges us to deploy every opportunity to continue in holy service and in worship. We must always be conscious of the brevity of life. We must be alert and ready for Christ’s return, being mindful that all will be judged for the things that we have done. Above all, we must love the Lord and be eager for His return; “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

3. Read Revelation 22:17, 20. (a) What are two tangible ways in which we demonstrate eagerness for the Lord’s return? (b) How does Revelation 22 help us to keep an eternal perspective and to keep God first in our lives?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we join all those who have gone before us and all the heavenly host in saying, ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’ And please grant us grace to invite others to come to YOU so that they can partake in the joyous blessing of seeing YOU face to face. Amen.