

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The image features a central composition with a sunset background of orange and red clouds. On the left, a brass hourglass with a wooden frame is shown, with sand falling from the top bulb to the bottom bulb. On the right, a scroll of parchment with Hebrew text is unrolled, resting on a wooden surface. The text on the scroll is partially legible, appearing to be from the Book of Revelation. The title 'The Revelation of Jesus Christ' is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline.

Introduction

- What is the mystery of God's will?
- *“Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him” (Eph 1:9-10).*

Introduction

- We have been saved from God's wrath
 - John 3:36 / Romans 5:9
- We have been redeemed (purchased back)
 - Ephesians 1:7 / Ruth 4:6 / Galatians 4:5
- We have been adopted
 - Galatians 4:5 / Ephesians 1:5
- We have been given His Spirit & Born Again
 - John 15:26 / Romans 8:11 / John 3:5
- We have been granted an inheritance out of this world!

Our Inheritance

- **2 x** kleros (klay'-ros);
 - The dividing up of God's estate
- **14 x** kleronomia (klay-ron-om-ee'-ah);
 - heirship, i.e. (concretely) a patrimony or a possession:
 - an inheritance from one's father

Our Inheritance

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

Our Inheritance

¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 1:11

Our Inheritance

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Col 3:23-24

Our Inheritance

- So what is our inheritance?
- The New Jerusalem
- Last session we saw:
 - The size (1500miles cube!)
 - The foundation stones (gemstones)
 - The walls (400ft thick / solid Jasper)
 - The city made of pure gold!

Our Inheritance

- Dr Henry Morris's commentary suggests:
- Assuming that the entire population of the earth from Adam to Noah, and then from Noah to the end of the millennium would be no more than 80 billion people; then adding another 20 billion to be generous; we would have a grand total of 100 billion people who have ever lived.

Our Inheritance

- Knowing that Jesus said that *“narrow is the way that leads to life and few there are who find it”* (Matt 7:14),
- Let’s assume that only 1/5th of our 100 billion are saved...
- The New Jerusalem would need to house 20 billion people!

Our Inheritance

- On that basis, if everyone inside the city has a mansion...
 - *“In my house are many mansions”* - John 14:2
- ...fitted out just how you would like, with the floor space of 75 acres, ceiling area being 75 acres, each wall area being 75 acres...
- ...if we all had that much room there would still be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the City left for parks, water fountains etc!

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 22:1

Water of Life?

⁶ And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 21:6

The Water of Life

⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

⁸(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

John 4:7-15

The Water of Life

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John 4:7-15

- Jesus knows this woman's thirst
- She has sought satisfaction, to no avail
- Jesus offers something unattainable naturally

The Water of Life

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

John 4:7-15

- It is us who have nothing to draw with!
- We have no natural ability to enable us to draw spiritual water – it is a gift of God

The Water of Life

¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

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John 4:7-15

- That which is natural can never quench our thirst
- We are spiritual beings temporarily residing in a physical frame

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- Is this offer for real?
- Can Christ put an end to our labours?

The Water of Life

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37-38

The Last Day of The Feast

- Last day: 'Great day of the Feast'
- Feast of Tabernacles = 7 days + 8th day
- Feast was to specifically remember their wilderness wanderings
- During the Feast, they would pour water out in memory of the water from the rock at Horeb

The Last Day of The Feast

- Water drawn from the pool of Siloam throughout the Feast – poured out on the alter
- The last day water not drawn to indicate their thirst was not yet satisfied, i.e Messiah was not yet come
- The would read from Isaiah 12

Living Water

³ Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

⁴ And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

⁶ Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 12:3-6

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38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39

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 22:1-2

The Tree of Life

- *[Wisdom] is a **tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. **Prov 3:18***
- *The fruit of the righteous is a **tree of life**; and he that winneth souls is wise. **Prov 11:30***
- *Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a **tree of life**. **Prov 13:12***
- *A wholesome tongue is a **tree of life**: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. **Prov 15:4***

The Tree of Life

- In the Garden of Eden the fruit of the Tree of Life offered eternal life
- Just as the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil brought separation...
- So the Tree of Life would have brought eternal fellowship
- As a result of the fall, God guarded the way to the Tree of Life – so that we would not be able to eat of it and forever remain in a fallen state

The Tree of Life

- *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” 1 John 5:12*
- The fruit of the Tree brings life & healing
- Jesus brings life & healing
- Just as with the Tabernacle & Temple, all in the New Jerusalem will reflect Him.

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Revelation 22:1-2

- Every month?
- This means a measure of time and implies an annual cycle!
- The suggestion that there will be no time is a misunderstanding of Rev 10:6

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Revelation 22:1-2

- Healing?
- Why do we need healing?
- Gr. *Therapeia* - from where we get therapy
- *Lit.* 'Health-giving'

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:

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

Revelation 22:3-4

No more curse – cf Gen 3 / Rom 8:18-23

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Psalm 17:15

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 22:5

This is one of a number of promises given to those who overcome

The Promises of God

- **Ephesus:** *“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” - Rev 2:7*
- **Smyrna:** *“He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death” - Rev 2:11*
- **Pergamos:** *“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it”
- Rev 2:17*

The Promises of God

- **Thyatira:** *“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nation” - Rev 2:26*
- **Sardis:** *“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels” - Rev 2:26*

The Promises of God

- **Philadelphia:** “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name” - **Rev 2:26**

The Promises of God

- **Laodica:** *“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” -*
Rev 3:21

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Revelation 22:6

- Faithful & True –
- *‘Dependable & without fiction’*
- All just symbolic?
- Tabernacle: full of symbolism, yet real
- Temple: full of symbolism, yet real

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:7

- Quickly: so we must be ready!
- Revelation is a book of prophecy
- What sayings?
- Particularly the instructions and counsel given by Jesus in ch 2&3

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Revelation 22:7

- John testifies to the reality of these things
- Angel = 'messenger'
- Could this be Daniel?

¹⁰ And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:10

- Daniel in 550 B.C. was told to seal up the words of prophecy he'd been given
- John's record is to be open to all

¹¹ He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Revelation 22:11

- There is coming a day when all decisions will be made
- Just as with Pharaoh, God will 'harden hearts'
- i.e. 'confirm them' or 'fix them' in the state they are in.

¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:12-13

- Alpha & Omega:
- see Isaiah 41:4 / 44:6 / 48:12
- See also Rev 1: 11

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:7

- There will be three surprises in 'heaven'
- Those who are not there...
- Those who are there...
- And the fact that you are there!

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

Revelation 22:15

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.

Revelation 22:16

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 22:17

- From the first page of the Bible to the last, the invitation is there to come to Jesus
- Notice that the Spirit is calling
- The Bride also has the privilege of inviting whosoever will

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:

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 22:18-19

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

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

Revelation 22:20-21

It is done!

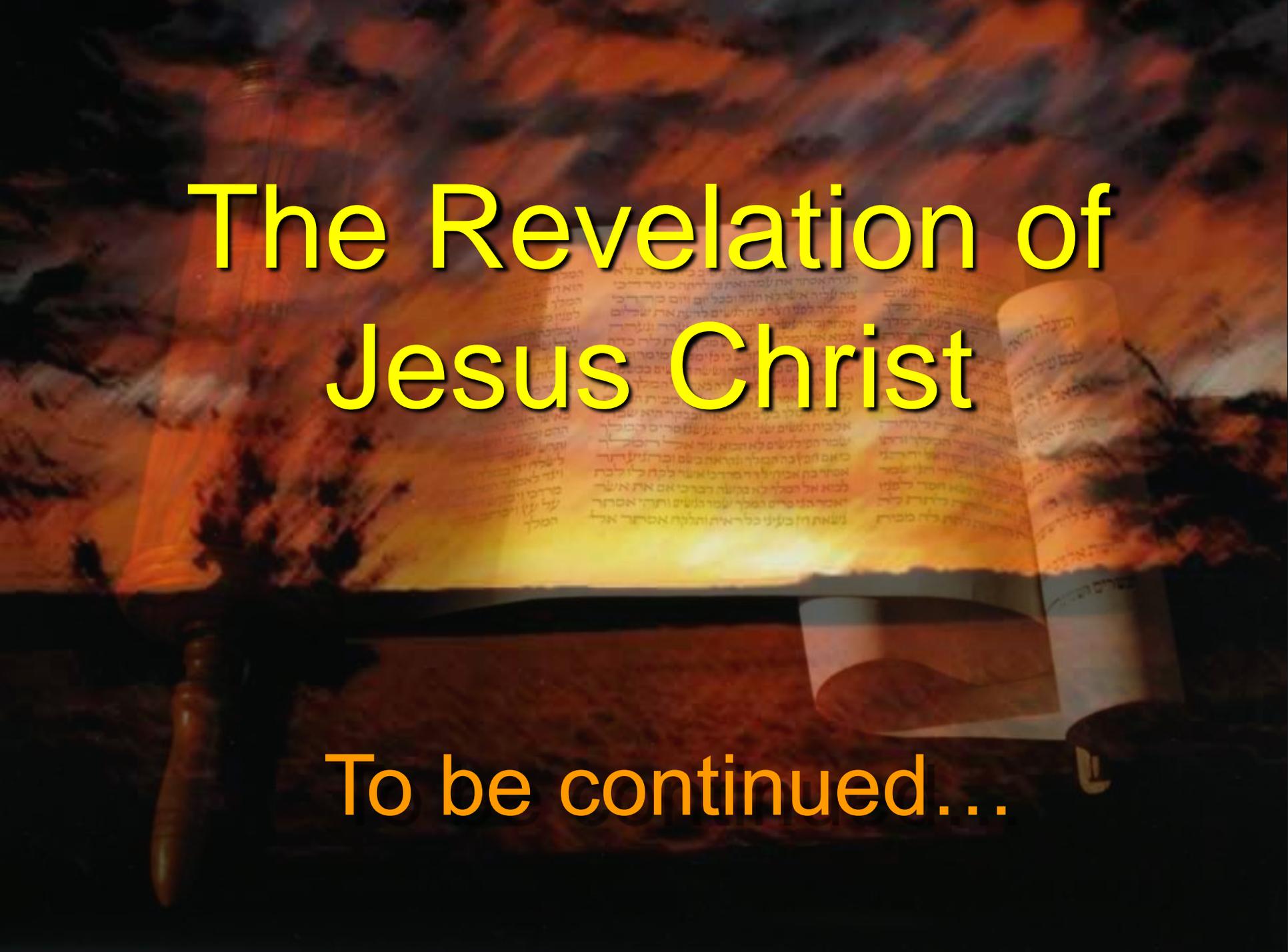
- All Debts have been Paid
- All Judgments have been Completed
- All Promises have been Fulfilled
- All Sorrow has been Comforted
- All Longings have been Appeased
- All Desire has been Satisfied
- No wonder Abraham was content to dwell in tents for now...



“We’re not home yet”

**For our light affliction,
which is but for a
moment,
worketh for us a far more
exceeding and eternal
weight of glory**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

An open scroll with Hebrew text, glowing with a golden light, set against a dark, textured background. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The background is a dark, mottled brown and black, suggesting a cave or a hidden place. The scroll is the central focus, with a bright light emanating from its center, creating a halo effect. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, though it is somewhat blurred and difficult to read. The overall mood is mysterious and ancient.

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To be continued...