

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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PART 34: DO NOT TAMPER WITH GOD'S WORD

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

In this message we will look at the last verses in the Bible. These verses are not often quoted in sermons because they contain a strong warning from Jesus Christ that most ministers are not very comfortable with.

VERSE 7

The question we must settle now is this, ***does this verse refer ONLY to the book of Revelation, or does it refer to the entire Bible?*** As we think about this, let's establish the following facts:

- A) The book of Revelation was the last revelation given from God to one of the original apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was given in 90 A.D., some 57 years after the resurrection of Jesus.
- B) John was the only original apostle alive on the earth, all the other apostles including Paul, had been executed and were in heaven.
- C) By 120 A.D., the leadership of the Christian churches had come to an agreement that the books we have today in the New Testament were inspired writings given to men by God, and all other uninspired writings were rejected as Scripture but still retained. Closing the New Testament and rejecting all further writing was done by the second and third generation pastors and ministers following the apostles. The theological term for this process is called "The Canon," which means that something has been established and nothing could be added or subtracted. The Old Testament was canonized around 300 B.C.
- D) At the time of Christ, there were no books as we know today. Instead, everything was written on scrolls, which were fastened to wood poles and were read as the papyrus was rolled from one stick to the other.

Centuries later when handwritten books were made and bound, the different books in the Bible were laid out in the order which we have today.

My conclusion on the matter: The book of Revelation was the final revelation to the Church of Jesus Christ on this earth. Thus, I believe that the warnings given in chapter 22 of the book of Revelation not only apply to this book, but to the entire Bible. I believe that I stand in good company in this matter, since from the invention of making bound books, the book of Revelation has always been the last book of the Bible.



VERSES 8-9

The Apostle John was totally overwhelmed by this time, and had a great need to worship, so when he bowed before the angel, he was rebuked and told to only worship God Almighty. **Deuteronomy 6:13-15; Matthew 4:8-10**

VERSE 10

John was told that this revelation would not be sealed up, but that it should be published and spoken for all to hear. Compare this with **Daniel 12:1-13**

VERSE 11

We are given an understanding that there will be a separation toward the end of time. Those who are holy will become holier still and those who are ungodly and evil will become even more ungodly and evil. Compare this with **Daniel 12:10** and **2 Timothy 3:13**

VERSE 12

Again we are told that each human being will be judged on an individual basis, against what they did with the gifts and power given them on the earth. **2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:13**

VERSE 13

This again affirms the greatness of Jesus Christ and His eternal position. Compare this with **Revelation 1:13-18**

VERSE 14

As far as I am concerned, this verse has been tampered with in the King James Bible. No one can be saved by keeping God's commandments, it is all by grace. Looking at the Greek text for this verse, it states, "blessed are those who wash their robes." This is in harmony with **Revelation 1:5** and **7:13-17**.

VERSE 15

For a second time, this warning to people is repeated as first stated in **Revelation 21:8**. Compare this with the preaching of the Apostle Paul some 33 years earlier. **Galatians 5:19-21**

VERSE 16

Again we are given an affirmation that Jesus is the author of the book of Revelation.

VERSE 17

This is a strong invitation to come and join the Lamb of God and be part of the New Jerusalem, for believers in Christ to drink of the water of life freely. This water of life can be obtained now on the earth, through the Holy Spirit. **John 7:37-39**

VERSES 18-19

As the Word of God is going to close forever, Jesus puts in an extremely strong warning not tamper with the Word of God or face terrible consequences!

The tragedy is that in verse 19, someone has tampered with the Word of God. The Greek text does not say, “the book of life” but “the tree of life.” My personal feeling is that someone wanted to put extra fear into people so they took out the word “tree” and replaced it with the word “book,” which changes the meaning significantly. Compare this with **Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:30-32; Proverbs 30:5-6; Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 2:7**

WARNING!

Many Christians do not know that there is a corrupt Greek New Testament text, which was produced by the so-called “Alexandrian school of theology.” This text was compiled by the Gnostic theologian Origen Adamantius (185-254 A.D.). This corrupt Greek text was further developed by two British Anglican priests at Cambridge University in England by the name of Westcott and Hort. What is not told about these men was that they had become secret Satan worshipers and had rejected the very core of the Gospel. These two men “cooked” up a Greek text, which since 1881, has been used in the translation of all new English Bible versions.

In 1898, Nestle’s Greek New Testament was published, it laid the foundation for modern Christian textual scholarship, and Nestle’s text is a further development of the evil work of Westcott and Hort.

As a result, the following translations are made from this corrupt text: RSV, NASV, NRSV, NWV, NEV, NIV, NCV, LV.

By reading and teaching from a corrupt Bible, the person is adding and taking away from the Word of God! Could this be one of the reasons that so many Christians today are sick and plagued with pain?

For a further study of the Westcott and Hort and their corrupt Greek text, please see our bookstore.

VERSES 20-21

This is a final call and a final greeting from Jesus and John. You are bidden to come and receive eternal life! Only you can respond; no one can make this decision for you! Will you come? **Matthew 22:1-14**

Do you have an ear to hear with?