Sermon Guide - Sunday, November 22, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. *666.* For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 15 - *The Beginning and the End* (Revelation 22)

As we reach the end of this journey through Revelation, what have been some of your biggest takeaways from this book? What have you learned from this book, and how has it changed your perspective?

You can't really understand the end of a story without first understanding the beginning, so before we turn to the last chapter of Revelation, let's go back to the Garden of Eden:

> **Genesis 2:8-9** - Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

What was life like in Eden?

What was the tree of life, and why were people allowed to eat from it? What was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and why did God forbid Adam and Eve from eating its fruit?

> **Gen. 3:21-24** - The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Why were human beings "cursed", and what was the result of the curse? (See Romans 6:23)

> **Galatians 3:13** - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree."

How did Jesus break the curse?

What stood out to you about Rabbi Jason Sobel's explanation of the connections between the Cross and the curse?

HOW HEAVEN WILL BE THE RESURRECTION OF EDEN

1. THE _____ WILL BE _____

> **Revelation 22:1-3** - Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse.

How will life in Heaven mirror what life was like in Eden?

Rev. 22:3-4 - The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

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2. WE'LL _____ GOD AND _____

Why is it so remarkable that we'll be able to see God face-to-face in Heaven?

Exodus 33:18-20 - Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

Why couldn't people see the Lord's face and live? Why will we be able to see His face in Heaven?

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3. IT'S ALL ABOUT _____!

Rev. 22:17, 20-21 - The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

What is grace, and where do you see evidence of grace in the passage above?

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How does grace change *everything* that most people think about God, religion, and Heaven?

How has understanding *grace* changed your perspective?

Rev. 22:8-9 - "I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, 'Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!'"

What does this passage reveal about our capacity for getting things wrong - even after God has made Himself known to us? How is this further evidence of God's grace?

Your Notes: