

The Garden in the City (Rev. 22: 1-17)

The Garden and the City – Revelation 22:1-17

6 months ago we, at Tintern, embarked on an Incredible Journey through the sermon series from the book of Revelation. It is not an easy book, yet Noel has presented some very great lessons for us from this Revelation of John.

But, we have arrived at the last instalment from Revelation and Noel will put a bow on it November 22. Through the 22 Chapter Book of Revelation series, Noel skipped some chapters and dwelt in some chapters for 2 or 3 weeks. In August-September he took a 5 week break for some timely encouragement sermons.

In July Noel had 3 weeks off for his emergency Appendectomy and recovery ... thanks again Lawrence, Don and Jim Whitfield for stepping in while Noel was off. I find it humorous/ironic that his sermon title for the day he went into the hospital with horrible pain was believe it or not, "The Truth about Suffering". Hmmm, talk about deep research into a topic!

Anyway, the final Sermon from Revelation. It is the 20th sermon of the series...and believe me I was counting thinking it might be the 22nd sermon, since we have Revelation 22 on November 22 in a book of symbolic numbers, in the year 2020 (there are 2 twos in that date for numerologists!)

"The end has come!" The end of the sermon series on the book of Revelation that is. Next week we turn our attention to Advent and the waiting and the hope marks the end of the calendar year and prepares us for the New Year ahead.

God's word has some beautiful symmetries and here at the end we return to the beginning. John remembers the beginning when he sees a tree that was at the center of the Garden of Eden that now straddles the river that comes from the presence of God. John's message is that Jesus is coming soon but he has something new to say in chapter 22."

– Noel

As a wrap up, we will have a ZOOM Class this Sunday after Sunday church, to discuss the Revelation series. Please join in if you can. A question sheet is attached or can be downloaded from here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mgaOFUE094i1jSB6-nR8P3jgfkKB4l0qhZMwT1STgZs/edit?usp=sharing>

Join the class by clicking the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9055636311?pwd=dTlrRVdWVGJpYXozbzF5WVhPbEVmQT09>

Meeting ID: 905 563 6311 Passcode: tintern

Join the Tintern Church of Christ livestream this Sunday November 22 at 10 am.

LINK TO TINTERN YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TinternCofC>

Songs for November 22 to prepare you before Sunday am meeting

*** Copy and paste the URL to listen OR go to the Tintern or Martin's Facebook listing and just click on the URL. *** Sorry for the ads...I don't know how to avoid them. Please take the time to listen to the songs before church. Songs about heaven and phrases from Revelation 22

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be (a capella) 2:36

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XTgkapJWal>

Sing to Me of Heaven (a capella) 2:12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2be9VfUsGo&list=PLYvPuiHFAYZXbHWwhySsi1QjzC2HTF0gG7&index=248>

“ The Alpha and Omega” Revelation 22:13... You are Holy (Prince of Peace) (acapella) 3:31

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtpgC7blUpk>

“The Bright and Morning Star” Revelation 22:16... The Lily of the Valley (a capella) 2:00

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS6KMx_ONDQ

Kid's Songs this week about Heaven (Revelation 22:12-13)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_mpM4jvWIM

When I Get to Heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXzoWqBsRos>

Revelation 22

1 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 2 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. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their

foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

7 "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

8 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. 9 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!"

10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. 11 Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

12 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 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, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

17 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.