

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

Assurance of the outcome

- 7 "And behold, I am coming soon. <u>Blessed</u> is the <u>one who keeps the words</u> of the prophecy of this book."
- •Rev 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6 & 22:14
 - "keeps" = one who accepts and obeys

¹⁰ And he said to me, "<u>Do not seal</u> up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

- •Reverse of Daniel 8:26, 12:4 and 12:9
 - •Sealing meant prophecies wouldn't be understood nor fulfilled until the end

- 12 "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.
- •Isaiah 40:10, Rom 2:6-8, Rev 11:18
 - Punishment <u>and</u> Reward

¹⁴ <u>Blessed</u> are those who wash their robes, so that <u>they may</u> have the right to the tree of life and that <u>they may</u> enter the city by the gates.

Reversal of Gen 3:22-24

¹⁵ <u>Outside</u> are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Contrasts v14's entrance into the city

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the <u>root</u> and the <u>descendant of</u> <u>David</u>, the bright <u>morning star</u>."

•Isaiah 11:1, 2 Sam 7:16-17 & Num 24:17

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without price.

•Who and what...

18 ... if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book... God will take away his share in the tree of life...

•Dt 4:1-2, Dt 12:32 & Prov 30:5-6

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- •Yet, He has delayed Why?
 - •Ez 18:32, 2 Sam 14:14b
 - •1 Tim 2:3-4 & 2 Pet 3:8-9

So what should we do?

Shall we say "amen" and pray for His speedy return?

Great day for some...

Bad day for many...

What would you do different if you knew He was coming in 1 week?

What would you do different if you knew He was coming in 1 week?

Pray we live as if He is coming today!

Do everything in our power to help others!



G.R.O.W.T.H.

- G Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7)
- R Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11)
- O Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21)
- W Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matt 4:19; John 15:8)
- T Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7)
- H Holy Spirit—allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Gal 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).