

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes,^[c] so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” 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. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: 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 of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.^[d] Amen.	“Blessed” – to be happy in spite of your circumstances because of what lies ahead. See Rev 1.3 and Matthew 5.3ff “Blessed is the one who keeps on reading and keeps on hearing the words of the prophecy and keeps on keeping the things which have been and remain written in it.” “right” or “authority” – see John 1.11-13 God regenerates us as His children. “tree of life” – see Genesis 1-2 ... back to paradise. “enter by the gates” Jesus commands that we enter by the narrow gate, on the narrow way, and He IS both; Jn 10 and 14. “outside are ...” all the wicked and evil things BUT not in here, in the kingdom of heaven and the body of Christ. Don’t confuse the body of Christ with material churches, nor your regenerate soul with your corrupt human nature. “messenger sent to bear witness” all the law and prophets (see the Transfiguration of Jesus), the apostles who were with Jesus all 3.5 years of His public ministry, more than 500 people at one time and others saw the risen Jesus, all creation, conscience, reason, and experience bear witness to the living God who creates and redeems. “Come” 5x in these verses. See Luke 14 parable of the great banquet, “Come, for all things are ready now ... and still there is room.” See Isaiah 55, “Come, buy without money or price ... why do you spend your money on what does not satisfy?” “Come soon” yes, yet not too soon? See Paul in Philippians 1 No adding or subtracting from the Word of God. None have succeeded in all this time; the canon or content of the Bible is and remains stable. Why would anyone want to add or subtract? What would happen to creation if we started changing it at the molecular level? How much worse if we attempted that at the redemptive level?
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