

REVELATION—UNVEILING THE END, ACT III: THE FINAL CURTAIN



COME, LORD JESUS
REVELATION 22:17–21



The Heart of the Matter

Last words are often meaningful because they must be brief, and therefore they are chosen with great care. Such are the last few verses of the book of Revelation. Having written down the visions and certified their authenticity, the apostle John closed with a summary and clarification of the primary message of Revelation. His final words include an invitation, an exhortation, and a benediction. And each of these calls for a response.



Discovering the Way

1. An Invitation (Revelation 22:17)

The Lord's ultimate reason for revealing future events is to draw all people to Himself. The implied invitation that is woven throughout the book is made explicit in the conclusion.

2. An Exhortation (Revelation 22:18–19)

Jesus's stern warning is directed to anyone who would alter His Word. The principal concern in this exhortation—as it is throughout the book of Revelation—is *obedience*.

3. A Benediction (Revelation 22:20–21)

At the end of a very unsettling series of visions describing the fates of believers and unbelievers, the Lord offers these words of reassurance: “Yes, I am coming quickly” (22:20).



Starting Your Journey

The concluding thoughts in this letter of comfort can be expressed in three succinct statements.

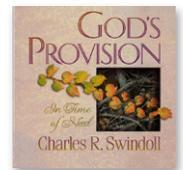
1. To those who are lonely and lost: *Come!*
2. To those who are indifferent or apathetic: *Wake up!*
3. To those who are anxious and fearful: *Grace be with you!*



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