

# POWER HOUR

5/25/2025

Lesson Text:  
Revelation 22:12-21

Background Scripture:  
Proverbs 30:5-6

Devotional Reading:  
Isaiah 40:9-11; 62:10-63:6

“COME, LORD JESUS”

NLT TRANSLATION

**Golden Text:** *13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13 NLT*

**Time:** about A.D. 96

**Place:** from Patmos

## Revelation 22:12-21 NLT

<sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. <sup>15</sup> Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie. <sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.” <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. <sup>18</sup> And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book. <sup>20</sup> He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

## INTRODUCTION

This lesson will examine some of Jesus' names and particularly focus on Christ as the

Alpha and Omega. This study will show us more of His character and lead us to worship Him more meaningfully as we look forward to His coming. This lesson shares when Jesus said He will bring rewards at His coming and reaffirm who He is.

A lot of things on this planet have beginnings and endings. While you may never have looked forward to it, your dentist appointment the other week had a beginning and an ending. An athlete aims to run a race from start to finish. Every train has a car in the front and in the back. Beginnings and endings characterize our very existence every day.

Jesus Christ, eternal and infinite, declares that He is the beginning and end of everything that exists. In other words, He has complete control and mastery over everything. Such is part of the final emphasis of Revelation. May we take these words to heart and respond with obedience to Jesus' declaration of His identity.

This final lesson is a fitting conclusion to our study of the sovereign Christ as we worship Him, the Alpha and Omega, who is coming to take us to be with Him someday. Our passage leads us to say with John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

**1. Alpha and Omega (Rev. 22:12-13).** Jesus again told John that He is coming quickly and that He will bring rewards for believers based on their works. Salvation is a free gift; it is not by works. But believers' works will be tested to see which are of lasting value and thus worthy of reward (1 Cor. 3:12-18). Life is for more than a believer's enjoyment—it is to serve God and others. Jesus declared Himself to be the Alpha and Omega, citing the span between the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet to symbolize that He is sovereign over all things and that He is complete within Himself, needing nothing from any other source. Jesus has always existed, but He created time and came as our Savior. Someday He will end time as we know it. As the beginning, Jesus received His power from no one. As the end, He does not hand His power over to anyone. He is complete.

**2. The redeemed and the unrepentant (Rev. 22:14-15).** Those who have washed their robes—who have been cleansed by Jesus' blood—are blessed and have a right to the tree of life. They may enter the New Jerusalem. In contrast, unrepentant sinners are not covered by Christ's sacrifice and so remain outside the city.

**3. Assurance and invitation (Rev. 22:16-17).** Jesus reaffirmed that He Himself had sent His angel to give John this vision of the future to share with the churches. Jesus is

qualified to do this: He is David's Root and Offspring and Heir to his throne. Jesus is the bright morning star. The morning star, the brightest star at the darkest time of the night, promises dawn is coming. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament hope for a Messiah and came at a dark period in Israel's history. He will return at the darkest moment in human history. Time still remains for those who are thirsty to place their faith in Jesus and drink from the living water He offers. The Holy Spirit is still drawing unbelievers and says, "Come." The church says, "Come." Jesus offers the water of life freely. It is available for all. Drinking of it, though, is a choice individuals make. Believers have the responsibility to offer the living water—to tell a needy world about Jesus.

**4. Warning and benediction (Rev. 22:18-21).** Warnings to refrain from adding to or subtracting from a book were common in ancient literature because scribes made copies and could easily make mistakes or insert their interpretations. John promised punishment to any who tamper with his God-given message. The book ends with Jesus' promise to return, John's desire for that event, and a blessing of grace for his readers both present and future.

## **POINTS TO PONDER**

When Jesus comes back, evil will be punished and good rewarded (Rev. 22:12).

We can trust Jesus' words because He has always existed and always will exist (vs. 13)

In order to enter the New Jerusalem, you must be washed of your sins (vs. 14).

The unrighteous will remain outside the city and will be punished for their sin (vs. 15).

Jesus bids all who seek Him to come (vss. 16-17).

Anyone who alters Jesus' words will forfeit salvation (vss. 18-19).

Followers of Jesus should long for His arrival (vss. 20-21).

## **CONCLUSION**

The appropriate response for us in view of these glorious truths of the eternal Son of God is to worship Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the Eternal One who is coming for us someday.

## QUESTION(S)

1. How is Jesus' promise of His swift return both an encouragement and a warning?
2. What is the significance of Jesus calling Himself Alpha and Omega?
3. Why are those excluded from the heavenly city called "dogs" (Rev. 22:15)?
4. To whom was Revelation written? What does this imply for us?
5. Jesus is called "the root and the offspring of David" (vs. 16). What does this tell us about Him?
6. How is Jesus like the morning star heralding a new day?
7. What is the evangelistic purpose of Revelation? Who will respond?
8. Why is it such a serious matter to add to or subtract from the book of Revelation?
9. How did John respond to Jesus' promise to return quickly?
10. What encouraging message does the benediction to Revelation convey?

## ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is *"Learn from Good Examples"*

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 11:1-2, 4-13**

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