

## OUTLINE OF CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO by James O. Combs

### The Omega Message

**OBJECTIVE:** To bring the Book of Revelation and the canon of Scripture to a grand conclusion with final words from Christ.

**OUTLINE:**

**I. The Last Things John Saw (1-6)**

- A. The Water of Life (1)
- B. The Throne of God and the Lamb (1)
- C. The Street in New Jerusalem (2)
- D. The Tree of Life (2)
- E. The Fruit of the Tree (2)
- F. The Servants of God (3-5)
  - 1. They serve Him (3)
  - 2. They see His face (4)
  - 3. They bear His name (4)
  - 4. They need no natural light (5)
  - 5. They enjoy God's light (5)
  - 6. They reign forever (5)

**II. The Last Things John Heard (6-11 and the 7 Affirmations of Christ)**

- A. The Angel's Admonitions (6-11)
  - 1. These sayings are true (6)
  - 2. The Lord only is to be worshipped (8, 9)
  - 3. This book is not to be sealed (10)
  - 4. The destinies are eternal (11)
    - a. The unjust continue
    - b. The righteous continue
- B. The Savior's Admonitions (7, etc.)
  - 1. He affirms His coming (7)
  - 2. He declares the blessedness of the obedient (7)
  - 3. He promises rewards (12)

- 4. He proclaims His eternity (13)
- 5. He authorizes His messages to the churches (16)
- 6. He acknowledges His root and destiny (16)
- 7. He leaves a last promise (20)

**III. The Last Things John Said (14, 15 and 18-21)**

- A. Blessedness of the Saved Affirmed (14)
- B. Doom of the Last Declared (15)
- C. Warning of Tampering with the Word (18, 19)
  - 1. Judgment on Those Who Add (18)
  - 2. Judgment on Those Who Take Away (19)
- D. Prayer for Christ's Coming (20)
- E. Benediction and Conclusion (21)

### Another Way to View This Book

Four times the phrase "in the Spirit" occurs in Revelation, each introducing a section of the book, as follows:

**Prologue**

Christ Communicating (1:1-8)

**Vision One**

Christ in the Churches (1:9 - 3:22)

**Vision Two**

Christ in the Cosmos (4:1 - 16:21)

**Vision Three**

Christ in Conquest (17:1 - 21:8)

**Vision Four**

Christ in Consummation (21:9 - 22:5)

**Epilogue**

Christ Challenging (22:6-21)

- Merrill Tenney

### 5. THE NEW RIVER

Rev. 22:1

*"And he shewed me a pure **RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God, and of the Lamb."*

The waters of earthly rivers are not crystal clear. Many of them are muddy and contaminated with sewage. This wonderful river is called the River of the "Water of Life," because of its "life giving" properties. Earthly streams have their source in some mountain spring, but the "River of Life" has its source in the Throne of God (Rev. 22:1).

Somewhere on that "Pyramidal Mountain" in the centre of the City, probably on its summit, will rest

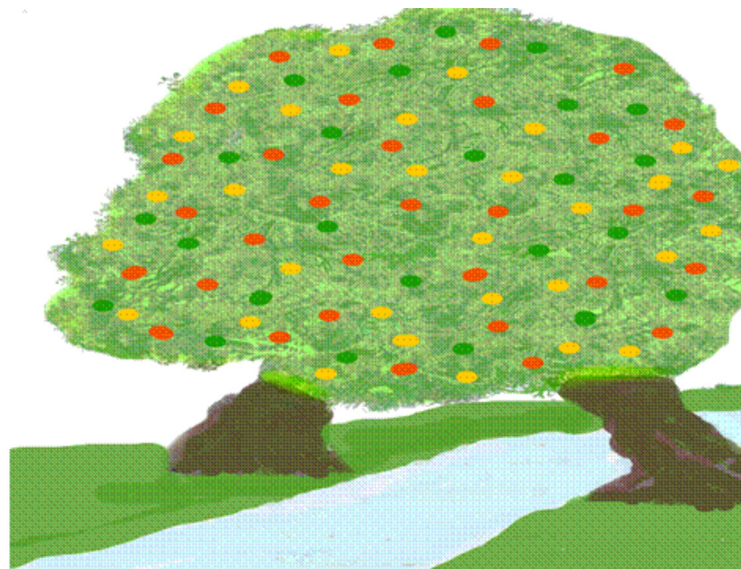
**"The Throne of God."**

From under the seat of which shall flow down in cascades, from terrace to terrace, the crystal stream that shall feed that wonderful "River of Life."

### 6. THE NEW TREE OF LIFE

Rev. 22:2

*“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the **TREE OF LIFE**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit **every month**: and the **leaves of the tree** were for the **healing of the nations**.”*



The streets are to be lined with trees, as are also the banks of a wonderful river. These trees are not mere shade trees, but beautiful **Fruit Trees**, called the “**TREE OF LIFE**,” that bear **Twelve Kinds of Fruit**, a different kind each month. The fruit of these trees is for **Overcomers Only**.

*“To him that **overcometh** will I give to eat of the **Tree of Life** which is in the midst of the **Paradise of God**” (Rev. 2:7).*

The leaves of the trees are for the **healing of the Nations that shall occupy the New Earth**. Not that there will be any sickness, but to preserve them in health, as Adam would have been preserved in health if he had eaten of the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:22-24).

## 7. THE NEW THRONE

Rev. 22:3-4

*“And there shall be no more curse; but the **THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB** shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his **FACE**; and his **NAME** shall be in their **foreheads**.”*

Whoever heard of an earthly city without some place of worship, be it heathen or Christian, but the wonderful thing about the New Jerusalem is, that it has no **Temple**. Why need a Temple when the object of worship is present, for “**The Lord God almighty and the Lamb Are the Temple of It**.” In fact, the whole City itself will be a Temple.

*“Then the **Tabernacle of God** shall be with men, and **He** will  **dwell with them**, and they shall be His People, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the **FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY**” (Rev. 21:3, 4).*

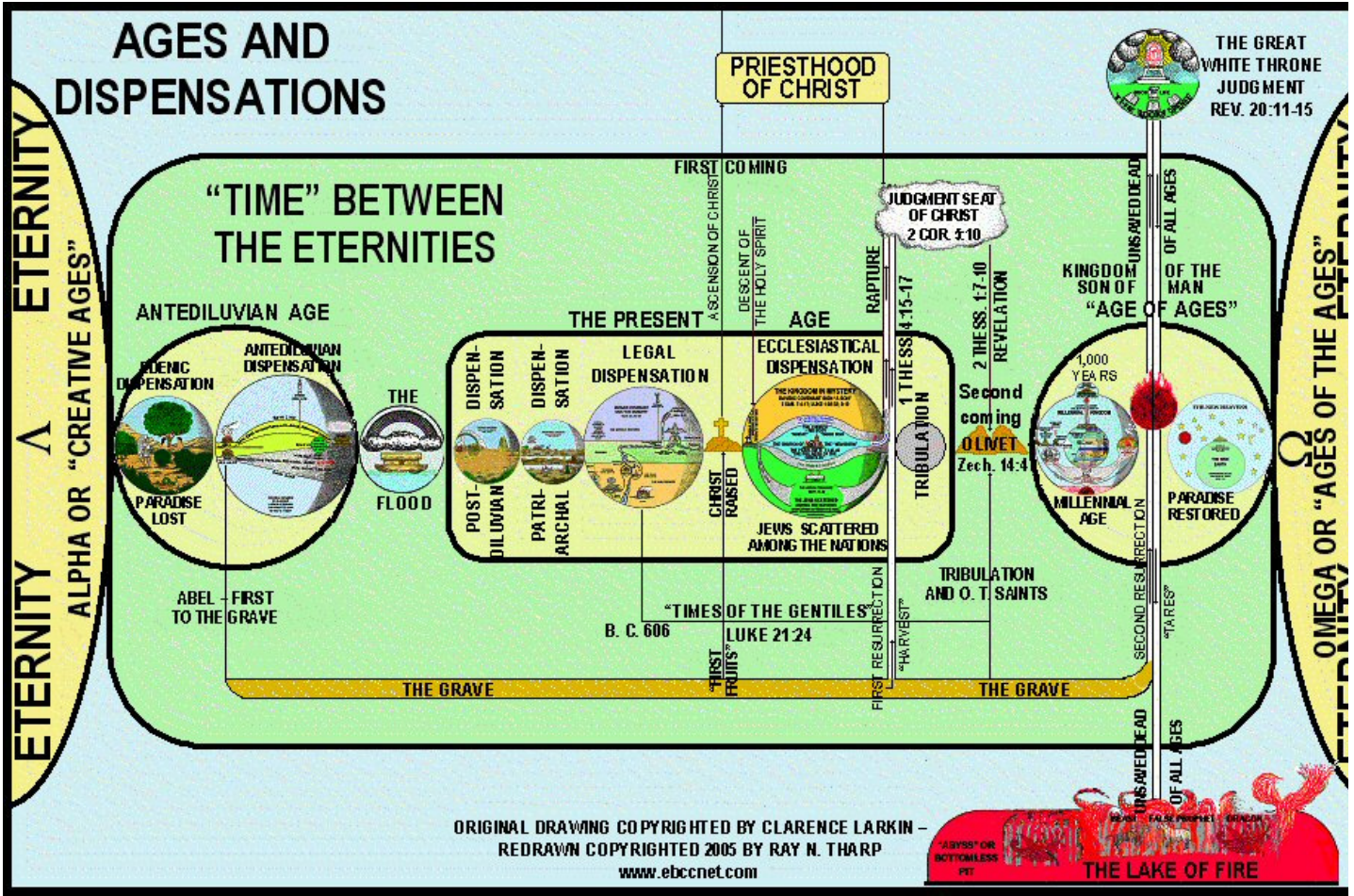
This means that Heaven shall have come down to Earth, and that this earth will become the **RESIDENCE OF GOD**.

## THE GREAT ABDICATION

The “**Millennial Age**” and the “**Perfect Age**,” between which the Earth is Destroyed By Fire, make up the “**Age of Ages**,” which period is called the **KINGDOM OF THE SON OF MAN**.

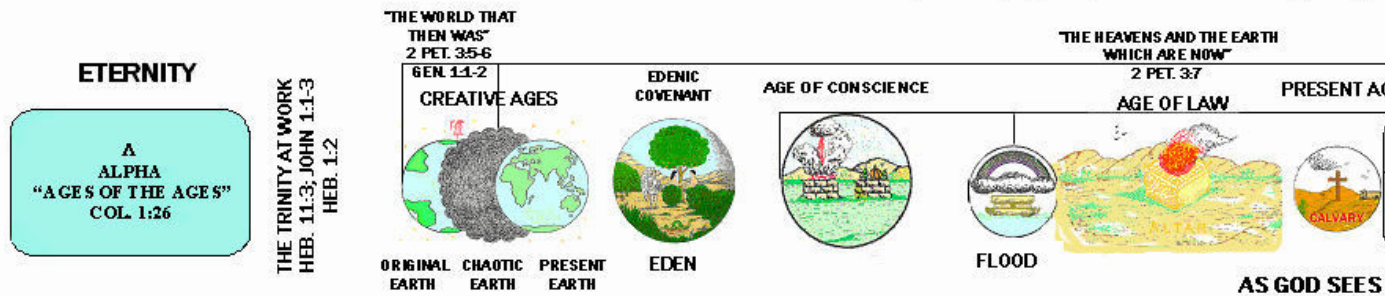
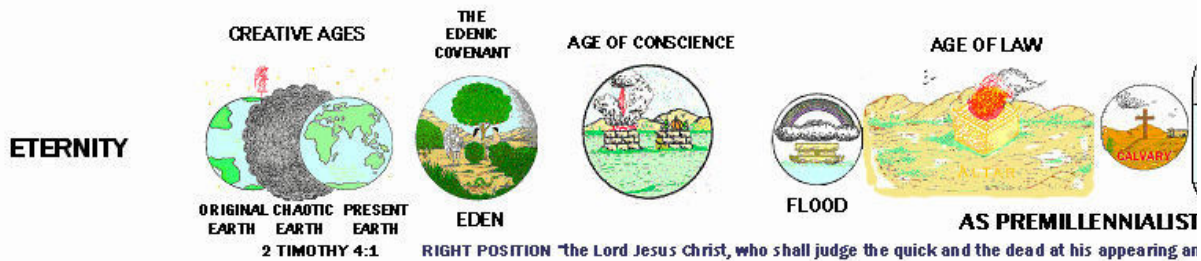
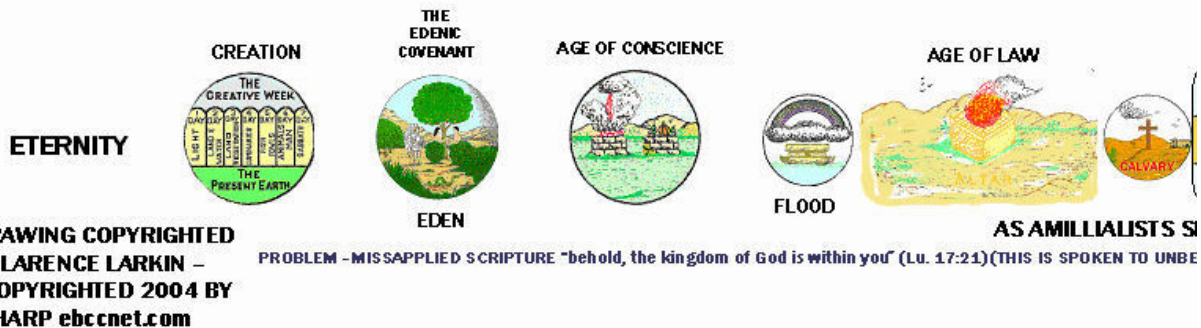
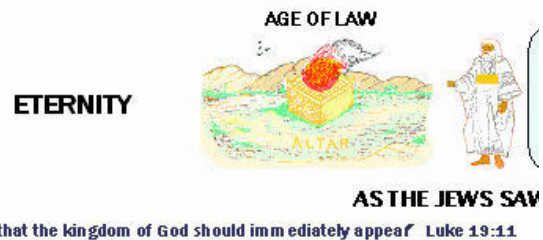
At the close of the “Age of Ages” when Christ shall have put down all rule and all authority and power, for He must reign till He hath put all enemies under his feet, then Christ as the Son of Man, shall surrender the Kingdom to God, that God may be **All IN All** (1 Cor. 15:14-18). This is known as **The Great Abdication**.

There have been many abdications of thrones in the world’s history, but none like this. Thrones have been abdicated for various reasons. Some have been forced, others voluntary. Some on account of physical infirmity, or to secure some particular successor. But Christ will not abdicate for any of these reasons. He will abdicate because he has **finished the work that was given Him to do as the Son of Man**. He will not surrender his **human nature**, but His title “**Son of Man**” will merge back into that of “**Son of God**” so that the Divine Godhead shall thereafter act in its **Unity**, and God shall be “**ALL IN ALL**.”



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# THE "AGES" AS VIEWED FROM DIFFERENT STANDPOINTS



ages as viewed from different standpoints part A

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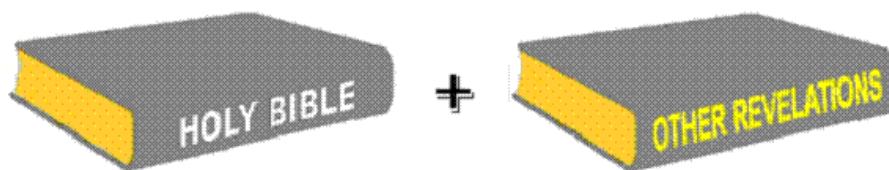
## The Epilogue or Final Testimony and Warnings

Rev. 22:6-21

*“And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must **shortly be done**. Behold, I come quickly: **blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this BOOK**. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship **God**. And he saith unto me, **Seal not the sayings of THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK: FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND**. He that is **unjust**, let him be **unjust still**: and he which is **filthy**, let him be **filthy still**: and he that is **righteous**, let him be **righteous still**: and he that is **holy**, let him be **holy still**. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am **ALPHA** and **OMEGA**, the **beginning** and the **end**, the **first** and the **last**. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the **TREE OF LIFE**, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are **dogs**, and **sorcerers**, and **whoremongers**, and **murderers**, and **idolaters**, and **whosoever loveth and maketh a lie**. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the **root** and the **offspring** of **David**, and the **BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR**.*



*And the (Holy) **SPIRIT** and the **BRIDE** say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is **athirst COME**. And whosoever will, let him take **the water of life FREELY**. For I testify unto every man that **heareth** the words of the **PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK**, If any man shall **ADD UNTO THESE THINGS, GOD SHALL ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK: AND IF ANY MAN SHALL TAKE AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, AND OUT OF THE HOLY CITY, AND FROM THE THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK**.*



*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely **I COME QUICKLY. AMEN. EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS. THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL. AMEN.**”*

Rev. 22:11, (holy) sanctification, holiness, Summary: (1) In both Testaments the same Hebrew and Greek words are rendered by the English words "sanctify" and "holy," in their various grammatical forms. The one uniform meaning is, "to set apart for God." (2) In both Testaments the words are used of "things" and "persons." (3) When used of things no moral quality is implied; they are sanctified or made holy because they are set apart for God. (4) Sanctification when used of persons has a threefold meaning. (a) In position, believers are eternally set apart for God by redemption, "through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once," (Heb. 10:9-10). Positionally, therefore, believers are "saints" and "holy" from the moment of believing, (Phil. 1:1; Heb. 3:1). (b) In experience, the believer is being sanctified by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures, (Jn. 17:17; II Cor. 3:18; Eph. 5:25-26; I Thess. 5:23-24) (c) In consummation, the believer's complete sanctification awaits the appearing of the Lord, (Eph. 5:27; I Jn. 3:2). (From the 1917 Scofield Reference Bible p. 1352)

Rev. 22:17 is the last invitation to salvation found in the Scriptures the first being in Gen. 7:1.

Eternal life, summary of the teaching: (1) The life is called "eternal" because it was from the eternity which is past unto the eternity which is to come. It is the life of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who is God, (Jn. 1:4; 5:26; I Jn. 1:1-2). (2) This life of God, which was revealed in Christ, is imparted in a new birth by the Holy Spirit, acting upon the word of God, to every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ, (Jn. 3:3-15). (3) The life thus imparted was "from the beginning" but the recipient is a "new creation," (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). (4) The life of God

which is the believer is an unsevered part of the life which eternally was, and eternally is, in Christ Jesus--one life, in Him and in the believer--Vine and branches; Head and members, (I Cor. 6:17; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; 3:3-4; I Jn. 5:11-12; Jn. 15:1-5; I Cor. 12:12-14). (From the 1917 Scofield Reference Bible p. 1352)

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