

As we come to the last reading of the final volume of Bible Bytes, let's see what final message Jesus has for us in the concluding verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

## the FINAL message

### READ REVELATION 22:6 - 21

In our journey through Revelation, we've seen some awesome visions and some horrible ones but from beginning to end, one message has come through very clearly. And it is repeated three times in these final verses.

What is the message (vs 7, 12, 20)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus will return and that's a fact. We are not to take what John saw and heard as a fantasy like *the Matrix*. We're talking reality here - that's what the angel told John (v 6). Jesus confirmed this by saying that He authorized the message of Revelation for the encouragement of the churches (v 16) and that those who take the contents of Revelation seriously will be blessed (v 7b). So important and complete are the contents of this book that people who add to it or subtract from it can expect big trouble (vs 18-19). While God has given us the prophecies in Revelation that we might know "the things that must soon take place" (v 6), His main goal is that we might change our conduct having found out what will soon take place. We will, thus, not be influenced by evildoers who will continue to do evil (v 11) in spite of being told that Jesus will return to judge them. Rather, we will remain steadfast in our faith in Jesus, refusing to be tempted or to compromise with sin (vs 14-15). Do you count yourself as someone who's looking forward to Jesus' return? If you do, echo John's prayer: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (v 20b).

### WHAT FINALLY MATTERS

*While we must do everything to the best of our ability, what finally matters is that our character be transformed to be like that of Christ. Read Galatians 5: 22 to understand the character of Christ. The need to strive for Christ-likeness is what Bible Bytes Volumes 1-12 are all about. We hope that as you continue reading your Bible and living as a Christian, your deepest desire will be to be like Christ.*