In our last podcast, we discussed the Divine Threat which Jesus gives to those who may add to the "Words of the prophecy of this book" or may take away from the "Words of the book of this prophecy." The threat is terrifying, for God will in the **future** take away his or her part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which have been caused to being written in this book. In effect, those who manipulate, distort, twist, add, and take away from the words of the Spirit will be erased from the Lamb's book of life. Given what we have studied about the Code and how the Professionals blatantly ignore the Code in favor of their theological viewpoints, there will be many to whom God will add the plagues that were caused to be written in the book of *Revelation*. Again, it is simply a terrifying threat, yet one that seems largely ignored. But as we have learned, God always does what He says, it is just a matter of time.

## **EP203 Revelation 22:20-21**

# Jesus Testifies

#### Revelation 22:20

He who is **now** testifying to these things **now** says, "Yes, I choose to **now** come quickly."

Amen. You are commanded to **now** choose to come, Lord Jesus.

If by chance you are wondering if Jesus really meant what He just said, He affirms that He testifies or gives witness to these things. The one who is faithful and true testifies to the veracity of these claims. We better listen.

This is the fourth time Jesus says that He now chooses to come quickly. Thus, with the number four comes a declaration to the north, south, east and west—to the four corners of all creation—that He chooses to now come quickly. The implication is that everyone will be held responsible for this message for it has gone out to all of creation. As we have studied, there will be no excuse for not answering this cry; the message has been sent out. Jesus Himself testifies to this truth. And since all that He says is faithful and true we can be assured that He chooses to now come quickly.

"Amen "or "so be it." "You are commanded to now choose to come, Lord Jesus." This is either a direct command, or a statement of fact, Jesus has already been commanded to choose to come. Either way, when we agree with this command, even though this command for Him to now come is rendered in the present tense, in our now, our spirits will be in alignment with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When we cry to Him to come, we agree, along with the entire Bride, that Jesus is the Lord and there is no other. He is the master, the ruler, the one who is in control of all things, and the one who always has been in control. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the beginning and the end, the one who was, who is, and who is to come. He is it! Amen! And He comes!

"He who is **now** testifying to these things **now** says, 'Yes, I choose to **now** come quickly.' 'Amen. You are commanded to **now** choose to come, Lord Jesus'."

This entire statement is rendered in the present tense. Every moment of our now Jesus is giving witness to the "words of the prophecy of this book" or to the "words of the book of this prophecy." Even now He is saying that He chooses to now come quickly. Whether this is to be understood as His invasion into our lives to implement His divine conquest, or His desire to now return at His Second Coming, or both, it is all about our now, **ETERNITY NOW**, versus our then, **ETERNITY THEN**.

We need to keep the present implication of all that He has said alive in our respective heart, mind, soul, and strength, for if we are those who are now believing and now overcoming, experiencing ETERNITY NOW, and if we continue in that state until the end, we will have secured our ETERNITY THEN. This endurance unto the end is our act of faith.

### Grace and Lord

### Revelation 22:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus with all. Amen.

In this final salutation, there are 2 critical words that we must grasp: GRACE and LORD.

### **LORD**

Jesus is master and ruler over all aspects of our life—every little detail. And more than that, He delights in the details. Nothing can be initiated in our lives without His say so and nothing can be completed in our lives without His hand of approval. The implication of this truth in terms of how we are to understand our past, our present, and our future is both powerful and glorious.

If we can bet our lives on the fact that Jesus is the LORD, the Adonai, the Sovereign over all things all the time, then we will be able to find rest and security knowing that He is the one who is in abject and absolute control of everything all the time. He has shown us that He loves us without restraint. Therefore, we can choose to rest in our present circumstances no matter what they might be. Our troubles and our joys are merely a product of His will as He moves in and amongst our lives to purify us and transform us closer and closer to His image.

### Grace

Our Lord, our Adonai extends to us His GRACE as He provides us everything that we need for life and godliness: EVERYTHING!<sup>2</sup> The equation of grace is calculated as 100% what God does for us and 0% what we do for Him. Any deviation from this calculation is licentiousness and lawlessness.

The Spirit says, "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace." Thus, there should be nothing in our relationship with God that is dependent upon our works, our deeds, our doing it right. It is all dependent upon the fact that He has done it right for us and He will always do it right for us. Any work of our hands, any attempt to be "good" like God is blasphemous, demonic, and idolatrous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Psalm 37:23; Job 31:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See **2 Peter 1:3** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Romans 11:6

**Yahweh** merely desires us to be *willing* to now be believing that:

- 1) He is the Lord—the Adonai—our Lord,
- 2) that only God is good, and
- 3) that we do not belong to this world, we are aliens and strangers in this place, and we do not belong to its evil system.

With that as our foundational believe, we can understand that everything that our Lord dictates for our lives is an expression of His great love for us and is purposed at extracting, or circumcising, us from this world and from all those who lie in the power of the evil one.

If we choose to be willing to now be believing, He will strengthen our belief so that we stand firm in our faith.<sup>4</sup> After all, He wants us to be willing to let Him fully possess what He has purchased for Himself.

The willingness to now be believing, in the exercise of our personal sovereignty, is what He wants from us, that is our burden to bear, and then He will do the rest.

- It is His job to transform us into His image, for His name is Yahweh Mekoddishkem, Yahweh who sets us apart or makes us holy.
- It is His job to be our righteousness, for His name is Yahweh Tsidkenu, Yahweh who is our righteousness.
- It is His job to guide our lives and ensure that we are where He needs us to be, for His name is Yahweh Raah, Yahweh who is our shepherded.
- It is His job to be there for us and to never leave us or forsake us, for His name is Yahweh Shammah, Yahweh who is there.
- It is His job to be our rallying point for any-and-all troubles in our life, for His name is Yahweh Nissi, Yahweh who is our banner.
- It is His job to heal us from all our wounds, for His name is Yahweh Rapha, Yahweh who heals.
- It is His job to calm our souls, to sill our hearts, bring us rest, and to ensure the absence of anything that might bring separation between us and the Father, for His name is Yahweh **Shalom**, **Yahweh** who is our peace.
- It is His job to save us from ourselves, from the Harlot, the Woman who Rides the Beast, from the Beast, and from the Dragon, the Satan, the Devil, the Serpent, the twisted Serpent, the Leviathan, whose name is Lucifer, the Light Bearer, for His name is Yahweh Yasha, Yahweh who saves.
- It is His job to ensure that all the angels, both the good and the bad, are continually working to serve those who are now inheriting salvation, for His name is Yahweh Sabaoth, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.
- It is His job to provide for us in all our needs, for His name is Yahweh Yireh, Yahweh our provider. Even our ability to be willing comes as a provision from Him, as all things are from Him, by Him, and to Him.

As the imparter of His divine grace, He is the source for all that we need for life and for godliness, for The Source Matters, the Source is Everything! We just need to be willing to receive His grace, to let Him be in our life who He says He is to be. The grace of God in our life rests upon our willingness, as He never

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See **Isaiah 7:9** 

forces Himself upon us, His love does not work through compulsion, but through invitation. His yoke is easy, and His burden is now light.5

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

### With All

It is very interesting that the Spirit does not say that the grace of the Lord Jesus "be with His bride, His bondservants," or "be with those in His household, the Called, and the Called and Chosen," but He intentionally says, "be with all." God extends Himself to all mankind, whether they accept His grace or not. It is always still 100% what God does for us and 0% what mankind does for God.

Psalm 145:6 confirms this to be true, "You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." Job 12:10 says, "In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind." Romans 11:36 says without equivocation, "For from Him and through Him, and to Him are ALL THINGS.<sup>6</sup> All things originate from God (from Him), all things are sustained by God (through Him), and all things exist for God's purpose and His glory (to Him). Hebrews 1:3 takes this idea of God's grace to the very ends of the entire universe, "He is now upholding all things through the word of His power." "For in Him we now live and are now caused to move and now have our being" (Acts 17:28).7

### Revelation 4:11

Worthy now are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were caused to be created.

Yes, without question, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen." Every person on earth finds their existence in Him and are provided for by Him. Every morsel a person eats, every bit of clothing and covering they possess, and every heartbeat comes from Him as He opens His hands to care for them. It is beyond sad that most of the world runs around faintly aware of His grace to them. But that is how amazing our heavenly Father is, full of grace and mercy.

### Exodus 34:6

... Yahweh, Yahweh God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth.

And one of the most spectacular expressions of His grace toward all of humanity is when the Father, Yahweh God, decided to send His son, Yahweh Yasha, to the world to be the savior of all mankind.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See **Matthew 11:30** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See also **Psalm 104:27-28; Job 38:41** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See also **1 Corinthains 8:6** 

### John 1:14

And the Word choose to become flesh, and dwelt among us, and we choose to see His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Romans 5:20-21

The Law came in so that the transgression may increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen." Grace to you, grace to me, grace to all of humanity, grace to all the animals, grace to all of creation. "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

### **AMEN**

In addressing this Amen, this final stamp of authority, what we stated at the beginning, we will circle around back to at the end.

JUDE AND REVELATION TARGETS THOSE WITHIN THE VISIBLE CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE WHICH SEPARATES THOSE WHO STAND ONLY ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD FROM THOSE WHO ARE TRYING EXTREMELY HARD TO BE GOOD FOR GOD.

It is a message for His bondservants but a message that has been sent out to those who abide in the household of God—those who must choose if they will live in unrestrained freedom as a son of God, dependent upon Yahweh for all things all the time, or as a slave to the law, whether that is the law, my law, your law, or any law from wherever it is sourced.

This is the choice He is now and continually asking of each of us. Can we with honesty and integrity utter the "Amen"? Will we be believing in all that the Son says He is, all that the Son says He has done for us, and all that the Son says we are to Him? Will we still try to hold on to any morsal of what we think we can do and need to do for God, other than being willing to let Him cause us to now be believing?

> AS A FINAL WORD. AS THE AMEN ON THE AMEN,

THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PERSON WHO LIVES FOR GOD AND THE PERSON WHO HAS GOD LIVING IN AND THROUGH THEM. A TRUE CHILD OF GOD IS EVEN NOW LEARNING AND NOW APPLYING THIS TRUTH, FOR THE SOURCE MATTERS THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!

### 1 John 5:19-20

We know that we now are of God, and that the whole cosmos {the whole world} now chooses to lie in the power of the evil one.

And we know that the Son of God now comes and has given us understanding so that we may now know Him who is true; and we now are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This now is the true God and eternal life.

And with that we finish this book. But before we walk away and like the Israelites forget all that the Spirit has taught us, you are exhorted to go back through this book and let it continually teach you and continually shape your mind such that you see all things from the Lord's heavenly perspective and shake off the view from this world.

We have learned that we must trust Him with all things all the time. It is going to get harder and harder to live as an alien and stranger in this earth. But our ability, our power, and our endurance all come from Him, through Him, and by Him, as we are willing, as we let Him cause us to be willing.

Sadly, we have also learned that many will not follow us down this journey. Everyone gets a choice. Even those whom we thought would never leave choose to go their own way. People literally walk away from their faith and walk head on into apostasy. But as we studied, this is the way of things. In fact, the coming apostasy, or "falling away" is going to be so great that it will be shocking—beyond believable.

Many simply do not want to sacrifice it all and risk it all on Jesus; they are far too comfortable proverbially living in the desert cruising around the mountain over-and-over-and-over again. Yet, we have also learned that there will be blessed fellowship amongst those who chose only Jesus and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

We have learned the hard way that so much of the *Revelation* story is happening in our now. People are being marked by the beast and willfully follow. The Woman who Rides the Beast, the Harlot, is alive and well in the spirits of all mankind, believers, and unbelievers the like. Her abomination has been poured out and her drink is toxic. Furthermore, the spirit of the antichrist has invaded the visible church with a darkness that takes on the appearance of light. Yes, this story is playing out now.

As we studied in Jude, those who follow in the error of Cain, Balaam, and Korah have come with all their licentiousness and those who have joined with them have shipwrecked their faith. It is awful; but it does not have to be our lot. God has called us to separate from such people and to flee Babylon, to flee the darkness, and draw ourselves to Him. We have learned that we must choose to give ourselves to the Lord and follow the Lamb of God wherever He leads, even though the path He chooses for us is a pathway of suffering, rejection, and death.

We have learned of the glory of our eternity and the glory of what we can and should be experiencing in our now. Jesus unquestionably wants us to experience the marvel and abundance of our ETERNITY **NOW**. He wants us to let Him firmly place His throne in our soul and have His rivers of living water flowing from His throne in and through our lives such that we burst forth like a fountain with the Spirit of God. He wants us to eat only of what He gives us to eat. He wants us to drink only of the water He gives. He wants us to see as He sees, hear as He hears, do as He does, and He wants us to follow Him now and forever.

We have also learned that He is madly in love with us. As a lover He is so jealous that He will do whatever it takes to get us to reciprocate that love. He desires us to want Him and to love Him as we are loved. He has shown us what He is like, we have seen a glimpse of Him in His glory, and He is more than beautiful. He is worthy of all our praise.

Our hearts should be overwhelmed with the beauty of His presence such that all we can do is fall on our face and worship Him and only Him. Yes, worthy is the Lamb to receive all glory, honor, and power. Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty—the one who was, who is, and who is to come. Yes, He comes even now. Let's be ready for Him.

Let's repent of all our rebellion and hard heartedness. Let us no longer live as fools who take such delight in our flesh and the things of this world. Let's begin to hate what He hates and let Him rip everything out of our lives, no matter what the cost, that stands in the way of Him being our I AM.

We must be willing to let Him enable us to reject the lies, reject the false promises, and reject whatever comfort, security, pleasure, and glory this world tries to offer us. He is our comfort, He is our security, He is our pleasure, He is our glory, and there is no other. Amen!

Let us hold to these words. Let this *Revelation* always be alive and active in our heart, mind, and soul. Let us live as our eternal inheritance demands—let us live as the bride, the wife of the Most High.

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will pick up with an addendum to the book of *Revelation*.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."