

THE THREE GREAT AND FINAL WARNINGS OF THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:16-20

INTRODUCTION:

Let us go through an outline of the book of Revelation quickly. God told Daniel “...to shut the book of prophesy” in **Daniel 12:4** “*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*” But in the Church age God gave John the interpretation of the end-times.

Chapter 1:19 Gives us an outline of the entire Book. **Revelation 1:19** “*Write the things which thou hast seen, [chapter 1, past] and the things which are, this is the present church age [chapter 2-3, present] and the things which shall be hereafter;*” (or after these things) [chapter 4-22, future].

Notice, in chapter 4 is the rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:17 *caught up* = snatched out;).

To the Christian, we will first go through the Judgment Seat of Christ, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Christ) and come back with Christ (2 parts).

To the unsaved, it starts what we call the tribulation. That will continue for 7 years from chapter 4-18.

Chapter 19 The heavenly hosts praise God.

Chapter 20 begins the millennium Reign (1000 years)

In the final two chapters, the new heaven and new earth are described in detail. The word “new” is a translation of the Greek word *kainōn* (<G2537>) which means “qualitative new.” The new heaven and the new earth are not duplicates of the heaven and earth that now exist. Some have suggested that the new heaven and earth will be as this heaven and earth were at their creation.

Briefly, I have covered the main points of the Book of Revelation; now let us look at **THE THREE GREAT AND FINAL WARNINGS OF THE BIBLE** in Chapter 22:16-20

I- THE WARNING OF THE APPROACHING LAST INVITATION (17)

{Read verse again slowly...}

1. We see in the O. T. the results of a warning to the people in Noah's days.

Jesus deals with it Matthew 24:37-39 “³⁷But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

2. Perhaps, I should give my interpretation.

We will see increasing problems preparing for the rapture. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

3. The Great Invitation [Read again.] (17)

II- THE WARNING AGAINST TAMPERING WITH DIVINE PROPHECY (18-19)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “¹⁶*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:* ¹⁷*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*”

III- THE WARNING OF CHRIST'S UNANNOUNCED AND SUDDEN RETURN (20)

1. **Mark 13:35-37** “³⁵*Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:* ³⁶*Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.* ³⁷*And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*”

2. The word *suddenly* means unexpected and unexplained .