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**Behold
I Am Coming Soon**

(Revelation 22)

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Behold I Am Coming Soon. (Revelation 22).

The focus of this study is upon determining when Jesus is speaking, and when the angel is speaking.

- **Revelation 22:12:** Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

Throughout this chapter, it is sometime difficult to determine whether it is the angel or Jesus' speaking especially since it is not Jesus speaking the words, "Behold I am coming soon," but one of the seven angels who had the seven-bowls full of the seven last plagues, yet what is said, certainly applies to Jesus. The angel that spoke these words is the same angel that spoke to John, saying:

- Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb. (Rev. 21:9).

The same angel that showed him:

- The city with gates of pearls, streets of gold, where the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple and give it light and kings of the earth bring the glory and honor of their nations into it. (Rev. 21:15-24).

Then revelation chapter twenty-two John begins with the words:

- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Rev. 22:1).

The angel said to John:

- These words are trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." (Rev. 22:6).

Then we read:

- Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (Rev. 22:7).

After hearing these words John was about to fall-down and worship the one who spoke them, and he said to John:

- You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." (Rev. 22:8-9).

Then we read:

- Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Rev. 22:12).

After this Jesus, said to John:

- I sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. (Rev. 22:16).

Then we read that the one who has spoken all these things says:

- Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20).

Clearly it is very difficult, in fact impossible to discern if it is the angel speaking or Jesus himself, the simplest way to understand this is to view the angel as the angel of Jesus speaking on his behalf. This is in harmony with the Old Testament as the Angel of the LORD often speaks as though

he is the LORD, in many contexts the title the Angel of the LORD and God are interchangeable, this is because the Angel of the LORD only ever speaks the words of God, as the angel here is speaking the words of Jesus. The angel is not speaking in his own person, but in the person and character of Christ, whose ambassador and representative he was.

In chapter one we read:

- The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. (Rev. 1:1-2).

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