

I Am Coming Soon (Quickly in KJV)

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• Revelation 22:12–14: Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." ¹² "Behold, I am coming soon (quickly in KJV), bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

The statement, "I am coming soon," means that evil will continue, but the LORD will not allow it to go on forever, but will bring an end to it. The word translated soon means, quickly, swiftly, and without delay, which means in this context, it also carries the idea, when Christ does return to gather the faithful to himself, it will be swiftly and quickly (i.e., like a thief in the night). The words, 'behold, I am coming soon' (will come quickly in the King James Bible), were written over 2000 years and the Lord still has not returned, because of this, the focus of this study is to determine what the words, 'behold, I am coming soon' mean. In the English Standard Bible, it is written eight times, "behold, I am coming soon, the King James Bible translates it, 'I will come quickly.'

- 1. Revelation 1:1: The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon (shortly in KJV) take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.
- 2. **Revelation 1:3:** Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near (at hand in KJV).
- 3. **Revelation 3:11:** I am coming soon (quickly in KJV). Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.
- 4. Revelation 22:6: And he said to me, "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 (shortly be done in KJV)."
- 5. **Revelation 22:7:** Behold, I am coming soon (quickly in KJV). Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book. (Rev. 22:7).
- 6. **Revelation 22:10:** He said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near (at hand in KJV).
- 7. **Revelation 22:12:** Behold, I am coming soon (quickly in KJV), bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.
- 8. Revelation 22:20: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon (quickly in KJV)." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The words, "behold, I am coming soon," are repeated eight times, and yet, it was spoken two thousand years ago, and though the words do refer to Jesus' literal return in glory to gather the faithful to himself, and establish God's Kingdom of righteousness, justice, peace and joy on earth, the expression, "I am coming soon," can carry the following eight ideas:

- 1. During the last two thousand years Jesus has been coming into people's lives through the Gospel, and in this way the words, I am coming soon have progressively been in the process of being fulfilled.
- 2. The events spoken of in this book of Revelation will soon begin, though the fulfilment of them will extend into the far distant ages, and on into eternity.
- There is a moment in everyone's lives when death comes knocking, and there is no more time and therefore no more opportunity for change of moral character or spiritual outlook, and in this sense, Jesus

- comes soon/quickly when death is knocking at the door. Therefore, all should redeem the time before the door to eternal life is closed and they hear the words, "Too late, too late, you cannot enter now."
- 4. When Jesus does come in glory to gather the faithful to himself, it will be very quick, like when the flood came in the days of Noah, there will be no time for people to repent and turn from their wicked ways.

The purpose of this statement seems to be to impress on the mind the seriousness of the truth that our mortal life is fragile, and can be taken at any moment, and therefore we should, as soon as possible prepare for life beyond this world.

In, reference to every individual standing on earth (holy or unholy), death is near, and none of us can know in advance when it will take us to eternal life or eternal condemnation and the lake of fire, a symbol of eternal death (i.e., utter, and total extinction), and in this context, the words, "behold I am coming soon," is a warning, we should do all we can to secure our future destination before death comes, and it is too late, and to impress on the churches the importance of keeping the words of the prophecy of this book

CONCLUSION: while we are busy going about our different duties, labours, and paths of life, and when difficulties and sorrows trouble us we should comfort ourselves in the knowledge that whether sleeping in Christ or alive, he will return to put an end to our labour and suffering, and reward every work of faith and labour of love.

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