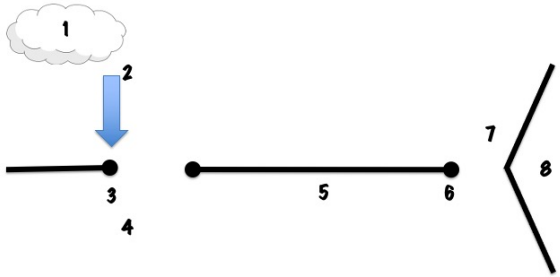
"The King Is Coming, Part 9 - The Eternal State: The Challenge of the Eternal City"

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Revelation 22:6-21

BIG IDEA: The reality of Christ's return serves as a CHALLENGE and a CALL.

"He who testifies about these things says,
'Yes, I am coming soon.'
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"
Revelation 22:20 (CSB)



☞ **We must keep God's Word.** ***(v6-11, 18-19)***

- **God's Word is trustworthy and accurate.** ***(v6)***
- **God's Word helps us anticipate Christ's return.** ***(v7)***
- **God's Word motivates us to true worship.** ***(v8, 9)***
- **God's Word reveals the heart.** ***(v10, 11)***
- **God's Word is authoritative.** ***(v18, 19)***

☞ **We must serve the Lord.** ***(v12-13)***

- **Only what's done for Christ will last.** ***(v12)***
- **Jesus Christ will be the final Judge.** ***(v13)***

☞ **We must keep our lives clean.** ***(v14-16)***

- **There are direct consequences for living a holy life.** ***(v14)***
- **There are direct consequences for living an unrighteous life.** ***(v15)***
- **Signed, the Lord Jesus Christ.** ***(v16)***

☞ **We must expect Jesus to return.** ***(v17, 20-21)***

- **Heed the invitation.** ***(v17)***
- **Jesus is coming soon.** ***(v20)***
- **Grace will lead us home.** ***(v21)***

☞ **Observations.**

- **God is in control.**
- **God's attributes have been revealed.**
- **We should purify our lives.**
- **We must establish godly priorities.**
- **We can be encouraged.**
- **We must evangelize others.**

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READ: Revelation 22:5-21
THINK: Think of all the Eternal City implies, then ask yourself the following questions: *what words of the Lord Jesus are repeated in this closing section of The Revelation (v7, 12, 20)? How do these words sum up the theme of Revelation? What significance do you find in Jesus' claims and names in v12-17? Based on these claims, how is the final state of humanity determined? In the contrast between those "inside" and "outside" the Eternal City, what is implied about one's eternal salvation and/or judgment? How should we take the warning of v18-19 with respect to The Revelation? With respect to all of God's Word?*
DO: How have you prepared yourself for Christ's return? Do you feel more (or less) ready for it after studying The Revelation than you did before? How would you summarize your most significant take-aways from the study of The Revelation?