Revelation With Daniel

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Verse 1 - There are only three times the Bible uses the phrase "water of life" in the KJV: Revelation 21:6, 22:1, and 22:17, though there are seven times where "living water(s)" is used: Song of Solomon 4:15, Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13, Zechariah 14:6-9, John 4:10, 11, 7:38-39. Jeremiah uses the term "Fountain of living waters" as one of the names of Christ and His Spirit (Galatians 4:6) which fills the minds of His people. We should be unbroken cisterns that hold the spiritual Water of Life. It's just as Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Also, the water of life is clear as 'crystal,' a word translated only five times throughout the Bible: Job 28:17, Ezekiel 1:22, Revelation 4:6, 21:11, 21:1. Both God and the river are clear as crystal (4:3, 21:11). Could the Water of Life be referring to the Holy Spirit which comes forth from the throne? Absolutely! Including everything it means, it will be beyond beautiful to see the glory of the Lord personally in the new earth!

Verses 2-3 - Compare **Ezekiel 47:12**, as Ezekiel saw the same as John! **Psalm 67** will be completely fulfilled at this time. There are ten times the phrase "tree of life" is used in the KJV, **Genesis 2:9**, **3:22**, **24**, **Proverbs 3:18**, **11:30**, **13:12**, **15:4**, **Revelation 2:7**, here, and **22.14**. Healing of the nations? Isn't Heaven going to be a place for those who are already healed, whole, and happy? What about healing the *relationships* of the nations—historically, culturally, and interpersonally? When the Bible says, "there shall be no more curse," it must be referring back to **Genesis 3:17-19**.

Verse 4 - Matthew 5:8, which says, "They shall see God" will be fulfilled in the phrase, "They shall see His face." His name on the forehead of His people represents the character of God the Father being fully replicated in their lives, by choice, through the ministry of His beloved Son. We will be like the Father because His Son became like us! (1 John 3:2)

The face of God is mentioned throughout the Bible in various ways and reasons: **Genesis 32:30**, **Exodus 33:11**, 20-23, **Leviticus 17:10**, 20:3, 26:27, **Numbers 6:25-26**, **Deuteronomy 5:4**, 31:17-18, 34:10, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 30:9, Job 34:29, Psalm 4:6, 13:1, 22:24, 24:6, 27:9, 30:7, 31:16, 34:16, 44:24, 51:9, 67:1, 69:17, 80:19, 88:14, 102:2, 104:29, 105:4, 119:135, 143:7, Isaiah 8:17, 54:8, 64:7, Jeremiah 18:17, 33:5, Ezekiel 7:22, 14:8, 15:7, 20:35, 39:23-24, 29, Hosea 5:15, Micah 3:4, Matthew 18:10, 1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Peter 3:12, Revelation 6:16, and more...

Also, according to the Bible, God has hair (Daniel 7:9), eyes (Genesis 6:8), ears (Numbers 14:28), a nose (Isaiah 65:5), nostrils (2 Samuel 22:7-10), a mouth (Deuteronomy 8:3), lips (Psalm 89:34), arms (Isaiah 53:1), a back (Exodus 33:20-23), hands (Joshua 4:24), legs (Genesis 3:8), and feet (Isaiah 66:1). (Remember John 14:9.)

Verse 5 - See 21:23. There will be no more night to sleep in. Sleep represents death and resurrection, and there will be no more death there. Neither will there be any places of darkness where God's presence is not invited. He will be welcomed everywhere, again established as the Ruler of His universe with no rebellion against His government. I want to be there!

Verses 6-7 - The angel here is restating some of the things mentioned in the first chapter. A reminder of the blessings that come from taking heed to God's will in this book—which is made up

from parts of all the other 65 books in the Bible. 'Coming quickly' is mentioned 3 times in this chapter: **22:7**, **12**, **20**.

Verses 8-9 - See the notes from **19:10**. The angel explains in chapter 19 that he personally has the "testimony of Jesus" which is the "spirit of prophecy," and here explains that he is "of thy brethren the prophets." The angels, as part of the family of God the Father and His Son (sons by creation, not being begotten as was God's only begotten Son), are involved with hearing the message from God and bringing it to men—seen in the first verse of the book of Revelation. Another serious consideration is found in **Isaiah 6:1-7**. After the seraphim (angel) followed God's will for Isaiah, he was able to say, "thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." So… and <u>angel</u> did that?! Yes! They are co-workers with God. Just for clarity, the angels are not divine as God is, just as a human using a tool doesn't make the tool human. So, they are part of God's team for the salvation of men.

Verse 10 - This book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ never was and never will be sealed. Also, the word "prophecy" is translated 21 times in the KJV Bible, seven of which are in the Revelation—four of which are in chapter **22**! (Verses **7**, **10**, **18**, **19**)

Verses 11-13 - Before Christ comes He will pronounce those who wish to be either unjust, filthy, righteous, or holy, to continue being that still. Just after He says verse **11** He says, "Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me..." He will come with each person's reward. He will not come to decide what the reward will be. There is a judgment that occurs before His second coming.

Verse 14 - The moral law of God, the ten commandments, represent God's character (shown on the chart below). If we are willing to walk in His ways in accordance with His commandments, we have a *right* to the tree of life. **21:27** says nothing that defiles will enter into the Holy City, and God's people living His will (after the divine work of regeneration and their choices to walk after the Spirit) will be enabled to have full access into that lovely place God has prepared for them.

	God is	Law is
Good	Lk 18:19	1 Tim 1:8
Holy	Is 5:16	Rom 7:12
Perfect	Mt 5:48	Ps 19:7
Pure	1 Jn 3:2-3	Ps 19:8
Just	Dt 32:4	Rom 7:12
True	Jn 3:33	Ps 19:9
Spiritual	1 Cor 10:4	Rom 7:14
Righteousness	Jer 23:6	Ps 119:172
Faithful	1 Cor 1:9	Ps 119:86
Love	1 Jn 4:8	Rom 13:10
Unchangeable	Jms 1:17	Mt 5:18
Eternal	Gen 21:3	Ps 111:7-8
Light	1 Jn 1:5	Pr 6:23

Verse 15 - Each of these listed items are not only contrary to the will and character of God, but each could have their own page of consideration. Desiring to keep these studies short and concise, I will focus on just two:

First, 'dogs' do not refer to canines in this verse. **Isaiah 56:10-12** applies the term to ignorant and greedy pastors with no foresight. **Deuteronomy 23:17-18** compares a whore with a sodomite, a.k.a., a dog. (The whore would be female, while the dog would be male.)

Second, 'sorcerers' are condemned throughout the Bible as witches (Exodus 22:18, Deuteronomy 18:10-13), yet here the word is akin to 18:23, pharmakeia, "Medication, or magic" (G5331, Strong's Concordance). I don't believe for a minute that all doctors are condemned, as Jesus was a healer, but anyone with the purpose of making money at the expense of humanity's health and the dangers of addiction, needs to repent and learn new ways of practicing medicine, as they are perhaps unintentionally preparing people to receive the mark of the beast (see notes and presentation on Revelation 13).

Verse 16 - Notice that Jesus used His ("mine") angel to deliver the message of the Revelation. Hebrews 1:14 says, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" In this verse Christ also stated that He is the "root and the offspring of David." This is the same statement, in other words, that was used by Jesus Christ while He was on earth when He mentioned David calling Him Lord while He was also his Son, in Matthew 22:41-46. Also, the term "morning star" is used only twice in the Bible: here and in 2:28. It's interesting to note that the exact phrase is used to define the meaning of the name "Lucifer" in the Hebrew. Lucifer had a very high and honored position before he chose to follow his own ways, and now look around to see the results of his rebellion...

Verse 17 - The Spirit and the church are mentioned as working together and saying, "Come." Everyone is to hear and give this invitation to draw near and accept the "water of life." I accept!

Verses 18-19 - This is a loving and solemn appeal to accept the unadulterated message that God has sent through His angel to anyone who believes. Beware not to change what He has revealed. In writing these notes, my desire has been to share the truth of what God had shown His servant John—may God give us all greater understanding.

Verses 20-21 - This is the third time in this chapter where Christ has said He is coming quickly (22:7, 12). Here is the second and final time in the Revelation that the word grace is used, as an end cap. The book of Revelation is encapsulated in grace—the power and Spirit of His Son that God extends to each of us.

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