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The Bible <u>begins</u> in a Garden and it <u>ends</u> in a city with a Garden-like environment.

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In Genesis 1, the <u>sun</u> is created. In Revelation 21 and 22, there's no need of the sun for the Lamb is the light of the new environment.

In Genesis 1, the <u>night</u> is distinguished from the day as God makes the cycles. In the end, there is no night. There is only light.

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In Genesis chapter 1, the <u>seas</u> are created. In Revelation 21, there is no sea.

In Genesis 3, the <u>curse</u> is announced. In Revelation 22, the announcement there shall be no more curse.

In Genesis after the Fall of man <u>death</u> enters history. In Revelation 22, no more death. In Genesis, man is driven from the tree of life and the paradise of God.

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Revelation 21 and 22, paradise is <u>restored</u> The tree of <u>life</u> is restored in the New Jerusalem. In Genesis, <u>sorrow</u> and pain begin. In the new heaven and the new earth, the last chapters of the book, there's no sorrow, pain, death, tears. It's over.

Two Practical Lessons from Verses 6-21 The certainty of His return. Three times Jesus says He is coming. Verse 7: "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Verse 12: "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." Verse 20: "Surely I am coming quickly."

Two Practical Lessons from Verses 6-21 The Early Church lived in the imminence of His return 1 Corinthians 1 I write to you so that you will come behind in no spiritual gift as you wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 16 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be accursed (anathema).

Two Practical Lessons from Verses 6-21 The Early Church lived in the imminence of His return Maranatha means the Lord is coming. Philippians 3 Our citizenship is in heaven from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two Practical Lessons from Verses 6-21 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 and we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord. Titus 2

We should live soberly, righteously, godly, in this present age looking for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Two Practical Lessons from Verses 6-21 Dwight L. Moody

Paul's epistles speak about the return of the Lord 50 times and yet the church has very little to say about it.

Peter said that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day Verse 6

These words are faithful and true,

1. There ought to be a <u>walk</u> that corresponds with that truth

Vs.7 Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps [or obeys or pays attention to and does] the words of the prophecy of this book."
Vs.9 "And of those who keep the words of this book."

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"Vs. 9 Blessed [or oh how happy, to be envied] are those who do His commandments".

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day, by the things that you do and the words that you say. People hear what you say and they see what you do and so what is the gospel according to you?

2. There ought to be <u>worship</u>

Vs. 8 And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God

A.W. Tozer

Worship is the missing jewel of the evangelical church

3. We are to <u>witness</u>.

vs.10 And he [the angel] said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand."

A banner in the back of a sanctuary reads, "You are now entering your mission field"

3. We are to witness.

^{Vs.17} The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Gallup poll - <u>95%</u> of all Christians have never led another person to Christ

3. We are to witness. **Rebecca** Pippert Being an extrovert is not essential to evangelism, obedience and love are. The one who is the receiver of the gospel must be the transmitter of the gospel.

4. We must work

Vs.12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Only one life will soon be passed only what's done for Christ will last.

5. There must be a <u>willingness</u>

Vs.17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely. For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

5. There must be a <u>willingness</u>

Vs.18 If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

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Vs.11 "He who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is unjust, let him be unjust still".

Of the five responses to the coming of Jesus Christ, this last one is for the <u>unbeliever:</u> LET'S REVIEW TWO PRACTICAL LESSONS I. The Second Coming of Jesus is a <u>reality</u>

JESUS SAID REPEATEDLY I WILL COME AGAIN THE EARLY CHURCH BELIEVED JESUS WOULD COME IN THEIR LIFETIME

LET'S REVIEW **TWO PRACTICAL LESSONS** II. Our response is a <u>fivefold</u> response. 1. Our must walk must correspond to the truth of the second coming of Jesus 2. We are to worship 3. We are to witness 4. We are to work

LET'S REVIEW **TWO PRACTICAL LESSONS** II. Our response is a <u>fivefold</u> response. 5. We must be willing to say "Yes" to the great invitation "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely.