

How God's Words Are Trustworthy and True
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Revelation 22:1-7

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“The angel said to me, ‘These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place’” (Revelation 22:6).

God from His throne and the angel God sent to John declared that the words of God are “trustworthy and true” (see also Revelation 21:5). God’s words are trustworthy because God always does what He promises; and in the future, God will accomplish all that He promised us about Jesus’ coming again. God’s words are true, because they reveal reality as it is, though not always as much as we would like to know about reality. God reveals the reality of God and the reality of the universe, but not exhaustively, in the Bible. God’s words are true; therefore, God’s words fit together in ways we can think about and talk about and have good reasons to believe. Because God is trustworthy and God’s words are true, they reveal the best way for people to live morally, spiritually, and physically. God has

fulfilled all of His prophecies regarding the first coming of the Lamb who now sits on the throne of God (Revelation 22:3). When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, he prophesied, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Those who listened to the prophecy of John the Baptist prepared themselves to meet Jesus. John the Apostle recorded the words of God and the angel so people could prepare for the second coming of the Lamb of God. Before Jesus comes again visibly, He comes for believers when they die (John 14:3). Someday, Jesus will descend from heaven as God promised John and us in Revelation.

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Thinking Further

1. Read John 4:10 and Revelation 22:1. What did Jesus say He would give to the woman that He will give to everyone on the new earth? Why is this gift important?

2. Read Genesis 3:22-24 and Revelation 22:2. How does the old earth differ from the new earth?

3. Read Revelation 22:1-2. What facts might the two different gifts from God symbolize on the new earth?

4. Read Genesis 3:14-19 and Revelation 22:3-4. What are some of the benefits that believers in Jesus Christ will enjoy on the new earth?

5. What do these verses in the Book of Revelation teach us about the words of God and the Bible.