



Series on Revelations nr.2: “Coming soon”

Revelations 22:6-21

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Revelation...

WHAT WAS HIDDEN, BECOMES VISIBLE ...

NOT 'TO REVEL' BUT TO REVEAL.

To understand it helps to know:

- ▶ The Beginning
- ▶ The End
 - ▶ Genesis and Revelation...
 - ▶ Chapter 1 and chapter 22 of Revelation.

Things to come predicted – or is it already History?

- ▶ It must take place “soon” – but was that almost 2000 years ago?
- ▶ The word for soon “τάχει” *tachei* or “ταχύ” *tachy* is more often translated as “quickly” or “in quickness”
- ▶ Sense of urgency...
- ▶ Still ***His story***, unfolding now...

More urgency...

- ▶ ⁶ 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.**”
- ▶ ⁷ “Look, **I am coming soon!** Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”
- ▶ ¹⁰ Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, **because the time is near.**”

Time is ‘Kairos’ opportune moment. Not chronos

- ▶ ¹² “**Look, I am coming soon!** My reward is with me
- ▶ ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon.**”

‘Reading’ the picture...





Scar of Bethlehem,
Banksy

Back to the beginning....

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.

- ▶ things to come predicted – or is it already History?
- ▶ Also the revelation of Jesus Christ Himself, made visible
- ▶ To show his servants – we are shown, but also on show – we also are revealed.

And we, the servants revealed...

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.

Here we can see ourselves revealed... in the bride – both inviting all who want to come, and praying for the Lord to come quickly

Revelation also offers self-revelation:

Revelation

REVELATION
The Book that
Reads You

▶ The book that reads you

Liviu Mocan



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If you read the Bible, the
Word of God it spreads light
– that shines into your
deepest being.

If you read revelation, it
reveals who you are...

Two verses more to explain

- ▶ ¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life
- ▶ ¹⁷ Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Rev 22:1-5 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Van Eyck
The adoration of the Lamb
Altarpiece, Ghent



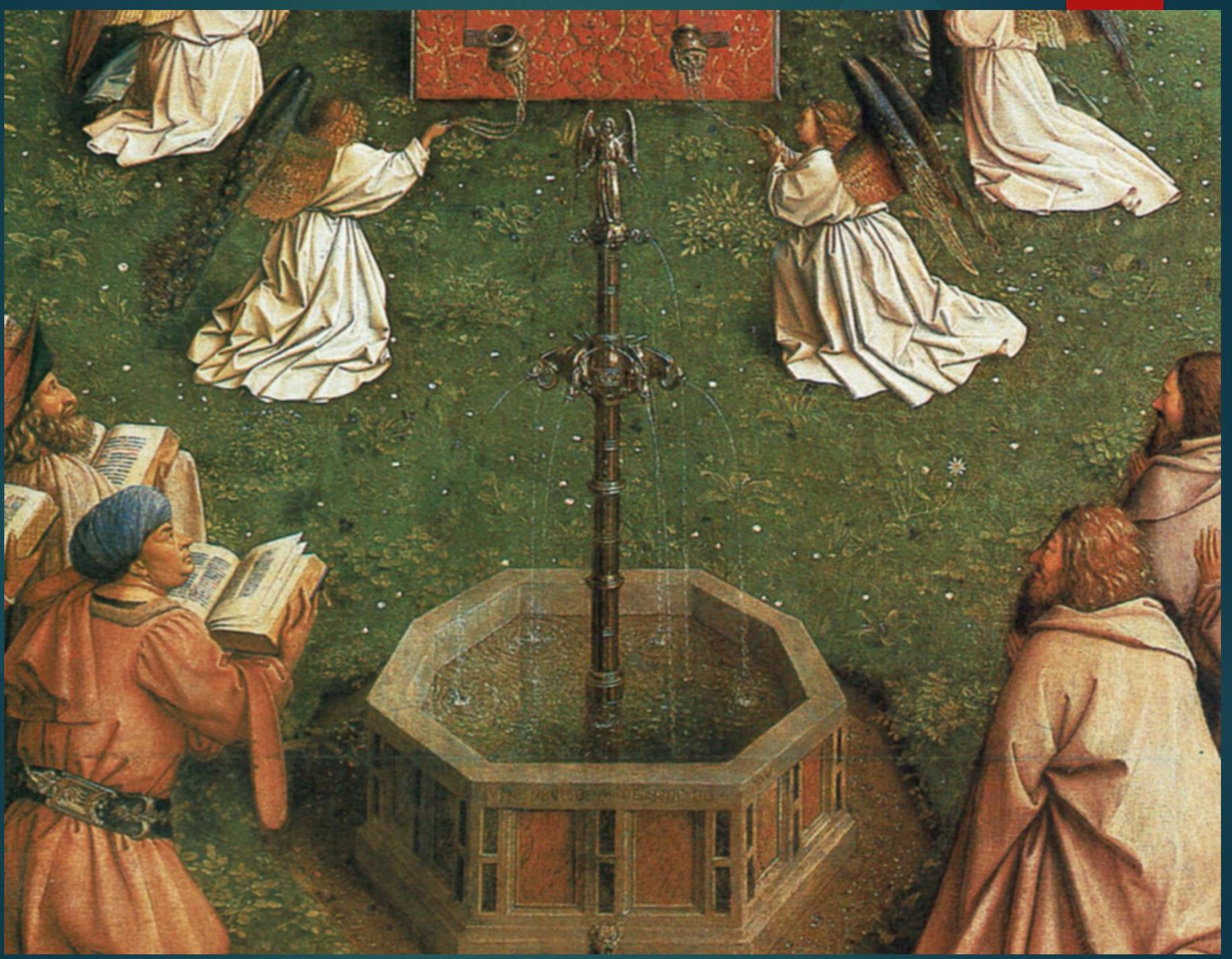








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Beginning and the end...

- ▶ First letter of the Bible:
- ▶ Open to the left, as Hebrew is read from right to left
- ▶ Beth, meaning a house open to the world,
- ▶ Also of the beginning of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in an open house...



Last words and letter of the Bible...

	Hē	charis	tou	Kyriou	lēsou	Christou	meta	pantōn	hagiōn	Amēn
21	Ἡ	χάρις	τοῦ	Κυρίου	Ἰησοῦ	(Χριστοῦ)	μετὰ	πάντων	ἁγίων	Ἀμήν
	The	grace	of the	Lord	Jesus	Christ	[be] with	all	the saints	Amen

pantōn

πάντων

hagiōn

ἁγίων

the saints

Amēn

Ἀμήν

Amen

V

- ▶ An arrow coming down from God above...
- ▶ The people of God, being open to God

Amen!