

Chiasm – Revelation 22:7-21

A focuses on Jesus' words: I am coming soon. Possibly, "Blessed" in A parallels the A' blessing in 21.

B focuses on **the words of this book**. They are also John's direct words on both sides.

C focuses on the repeated passive imperative **let** (3x in Greek in C, 4x in C').

D focuses on **Jesus' words** on both sides and on the **I am** statements.

E and **E'** are the blessing and the curse. Entering (εἰς) is contrasted by the outside (ἔξω).

A ⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

B ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep **the words of this book**. Worship **God**."

C ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ **Let** the evildoer still do evil, and [**let**] the filthy still be filthy, and [**let**] the righteous still do right, and [**let**] the holy still be holy."

D ¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ **I am** the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

E ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may **enter** the city by the gates.

E' ¹⁵ **Outside** are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

D' ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. **I am** the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

C' ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." **And let** the one who hears say, "Come." **And let** the one who is thirsty come; **let** the one who desires take the water of life without price.

B' ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears **the words** of the prophecy of **this book**: if anyone adds to them, **God** will add to him the plagues described in **this book**, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from **the words of the book** of this prophecy, **God** will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in **this book**.

A' ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.