### ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ 22 f35

### REVELATION 22 NLET

## THE HEAVENLY MESSENGER SHOWS JOHN A MAIN STREET, A RIVER, AND A TREE

1 And, he showed me a river –

- ➤ a pure<sup>6</sup> river,
- > consisting of life-giving water,
- sparkling like crystal,
- coming out from the Throne
  - of the God and
  - of the Little Lamb.

In between the street *that was* hers 2 and the River – *that is,* between here and here – *was* a life-*giving* tree, producing fruit – twelve *kinds of fruit!* – during each month, *the river* yielding<sup>7</sup> the fruit from it.

And, the leaves of the Tree *are* for a healing of the Ethnicities.

THE HEAVENLY MESSENGER FURTHER DESCRIBES

CONDITIONS IN THE CITY

3 And, every curse shall not be there8.

And, the Throne of the God and of the Little Lamb shall be in her.

And, the slaves that are His shall be subject to Him.

4 And, they shall see the Face that is His for themselves.

And, the Name that is His shall be on the foreheads that are theirs.

<sup>1</sup> Καὶ ἔδειξέν μοι ποταμὸν καθαρὸν<sup>1</sup>,

ὕδατος ζωῆς λαμπρὸν ὡς **κρύσταλον²**, ἐκπορευόμενον ἐκ τοῦ Θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἀρνίου.

Έν μέσφ τῆς πλατείας αὐτῆς <sup>2</sup> καὶ τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐντεῦθεν<sup>3</sup> ξύλον ζωῆς ποιοῦν καρποὺς δώδεκα, κατὰ μῆνα ἕκαστον ἀποδιδοὺς τὸν καρπὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ τὰ φύλλα τοῦ Ξύλου εἰς θεραπείαν τῶν Ἐθνῶν.

<sup>3</sup> Καὶ πᾶν κατάθεμα οὐκ ἔσται ἐκει<sup>5</sup>.
Καὶ ὁ Θρόνος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἀρνίου ἐν αὐτῆ ἔσται.

Καὶ οἱ δοῦλοι αὐτοῦ λατρεύσουσιν αὐτῷ, <sup>4</sup>Καὶ ὄψονται τὸ Πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ. Καὶ τὸ Ὅνομα αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  f35 includes the adjective  $\kappa\alpha\theta\alpha\rho$ ον here. The NU omits it.

<sup>2</sup> f35 has the spelling κρύσταλον here. The NU has κρύσταλλον.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  f35 has ἐντεῦθεν here. The NU has ἐκεῖθεν.

<sup>4</sup> f35 has ἀποδιδοὺς (a masculine participle, referring to the river). The NU has ἀποδιδοὺν (a neuter participle which would refer to the tree).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> f35 has εκεί here. The NU has ἔτι.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> f35 includes the adjective 'pure' here. The NU omits it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 'the river yielding' – In the best family of manuscripts (f35) this participle is masculine and therefore cannot refer to the tree, which is neuter. The Greek word for 'river' is masculine, so this translator deduces that the participle must refer to the river.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> f35 has 'there' here. The NU has 'any longer'.

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<sup>5</sup> Καὶ νὺξ οὐκ ἔσται ἐκει<sup>9</sup>,

φωτὸς ἡλίου<sup>11</sup>. "Ότι Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς **φωτίει**<sup>12 13</sup> αὐτούς.

Καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν εἰς τοὺς Αἰῶνας τῶν Αἰώνων.

 $^6$  Καὶ λέγει $^{14}$  μοι· Οὖτοι οἱ Λόγοι πιστοὶ καὶ άληθινοί.

Καὶ 15 **Κύριος**, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πνευμάτων τῶν Προφητῶν, ἀπέστειλεν τὸν ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ δεῖξαι τοῖς δούλοις αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει.

<sup>7 16</sup> Ἰδοὺ ἔργομαι ταχύ. Μακάριος ὁ τηρῶν τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ Βιβλίου τούτου.

<sup>8</sup> Κάγὼ Ἰωάννης ὁ ἀκούων καὶ βλέπων ταῦτα.

Καὶ ὅτε ἤκουσα καὶ ἔβλεψα, ἔπεσον 17 προσκυνήσαι ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ποδῶν τοῦ άγγέλου τοῦ **δεικνύντός** 18 μοι ταῦτα.

<sup>9</sup> Καὶ λέγει μοι· Όρα μή. Σύνδουλός σού είμι καὶ τῶν Ἀδελφῶν σου τῶν προφητῶν 19 τῶν τηρούντων τοὺς λόγους τοῦ Βιβλίου τούτου.

Τῷ Θεῷ προσκύνησον.

5 And, night shall not be there<sup>20</sup>. Καὶ χρείαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν<sup>10</sup> λύχνου καὶ

And, they shall not have need of a lamp and light of a sun<sup>21</sup>. Because, YaHWeH, the God, keeps on illuminating<sup>22</sup> them.

And, they shall reign into the Ages of the Ages.

THE HEAVENLY MESSENGER AFFIRMS WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING

6 And, he says<sup>24</sup> to me, "These, the Words, are trustworthy and in accord with truth.

And, <sup>25</sup> YaHWeH<sup>26</sup>, the God of the spirits of the Prophets, commissioned the *heavenly* messenger that is His to show to the slaves that are His the things that are necessary to come about with quickness.

### JESUS ANNOUNCES HIS COMING

7 " 27 Look! I am coming quickly!

Blessed is the one who keeps on keeping the words of the prophecy of the Book – namely, this book!"

JOHN VERIFIES THAT HE HAS HEARD AND SEEN THESE THINGS

8 And, I, for my part - namely, John - am the one who is hearing and seeing these things.

> THE HEAVENLY MESSENGER TELLS JOHN WHAT NOT TO DO AND WHAT TO DO

And, when I heard and saw, I fell to prostrate myself in front of the feet of the heavenly messenger, the one who was showing me these things.

9 And, he says to me, "See to it that you do not do this! I am a fellow slave of you and of the Brothers who are yours - that is, the Prophets, <sup>28</sup> the ones who keep on keeping the words of the Book - namely, this one.

Prostrate *yourself* before the God!"

<sup>9</sup> f35 has εκεί here. The NU has ἔτι.

<sup>10</sup> f35 has the word order χρείαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν here. The NU has οὐκ ἔχουσιν χρείαν.

<sup>11</sup> f35 has λύχνου καὶ φωτὸς ἡλίου here. The NU has φωτὸς λύχνου καὶ φωτὸς ἡλίου.

<sup>12</sup> f35 has φωτίει (a present tense verb) here. The NU has φωτίσει (a future tense verb).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> f35 does not include the preposition  $\dot{\varepsilon}\pi$ ' here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> f35 has λέγει (a present tense verb) here. The NU has  $\varepsilon \tilde{i}\pi \acute{\epsilon}v$  (an aorist verb).

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$  f35 does not include the definite article  $\dot{o}$  here. The NU includes it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> f35 does not include the conjunction  $K\alpha$ i here. The NU includes it.

<sup>17</sup> f35 has ἔπεσον (an earlier spelling of this aorist verb) here. The NU has  $\xi \pi \varepsilon \sigma \alpha$  (a later spelling of this aorist verb).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> f35 has the spelling δεικνύντός here. The NU has δεικνύοντός.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> f35 does not include the conjunction  $\kappa a i$  here. The NU includes it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> f35 has 'there' here. The NU has 'any longer'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> f35 has 'of a lamp and light of a sun' here. The NU has 'of a light of a lamp and a light of a sun'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> f35 has 'keeps on illuminating' (a present tense verb) here. The NU has 'shall illuminate' (a future tense verb).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> f35 does not include the preposition 'upon' here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> f35 has 'says' (a present tense verb) here. The NU has 'said' (an aorist tense of a different verb with the same basic meaning).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> f35 does not include the definite article 'the' here. The NU includes it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> 'YaHWeH' – Here the omission of the definite article, as noted in the previous footnote, is more significant than usual! The New Testament writers often used the unarticulated Greek word Κύριος to indicate this special name for God from the Old Testament. This is especially obvious in the Greek translations of Old Testament passages in the New Testament.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> f35 does not include the conjunction 'And,' here. The NU includes it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> f35 does not include the conjunction 'and' here, which changes the appositive into a different group. The NU includes it.

<sup>10</sup> Καὶ λέγει μοι· Μὴ σφραγίσης τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ Βιβλίου τούτου, **ὁτι**<sup>29</sup> ὁ καιρὸς ἐγγύς ἐστιν.

<sup>11</sup> Ὁ ἀδικῶν ἀδικησάτω ἔτι.

Καὶ ὁ ἡυπαρὸς ἡυπαρευθήτω ἔτι. Καὶ ὁ δίκαιος δικαιοσύνην ποιησάτω ἔτι. Καὶ ὁ ἄγιος ἀγιασθήτω ἔτι.

<sup>12</sup> Ἰδοὺ. Ἔρχομαι ταχύ. Καὶ ὁ Μισθός μου μετ' ἐμοῦ, ἀποδοῦναι ἑκάστῳ. Ὠς τὸ ἔργον ἔσται<sup>30</sup> αὐτοῦ.

<sup>13</sup> Έγὼ
τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ,
Ἀρχὴ καὶ Τέλος,
ὁ Πρῶτος καὶ ὁ Ἔσχατος.

<sup>14</sup> Μακάριοι **οἱ ποιοῦντες τὰς Ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ**<sup>31</sup>, ἵνα ἔσται ἡ ἐξουσία αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τὸ Εύλον τῆς Ζωῆς. Καὶ τοῖς πυλῶσιν εἰσέλθωσιν εἰς τὴν Πόλιν.

15 Έξω
οί κύνες καὶ
οί φάρμακοι καὶ
οί πόρνοι καὶ
οί φονεῖς καὶ
οί εἰδωλολάτραι καὶ
πᾶς φιλῶν καὶ ποιῶν ψεῦδος.

<sup>16</sup> Έγὼ Ἰησοῦς ἔπεμψα τὸν ἄγγελόν μου μαρτυρῆσαι ὑμῖν ταῦτα ἐπὶ ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις.

10 And, he says to me, "Do not even think of sealing up the words of the prophecy of the Book – *namely*, this *one!* Because,<sup>32</sup> the period of time is at hand!

11 Let the one who is practicing unrighteousness practice unrighteousness still.

And, let the filthy one be made filthy still.

And, let the righteous one practice righteousness still.

And, let the holy one be made holy still."

JESUS HIMSELF ANNOUNCES HIS COMING

12 "Look! I am coming quickly! And, the Reward from Me comes along with Me, to render what is due to each one. According to the work, it shall be<sup>33</sup> his.

JESUS IDENTIFIES HIMSELF

13 I, for My part, am

- the Alpha and the Omega,
- Origin and Consummation,
- ➤ the First and the Last!"

JESUS ANNOUNCES A BLESSING

14 Blessed *ones are* the ones who keep on practicing the Injunctions from Him<sup>34</sup>, with the result that the right *that is* theirs shall be *to go* up to the Tree of the Life. And, they may go in by the gates into the City!

JESUS ANNOUNCES A CURSE

15 Outside shall be

- $\rightarrow$  the dogs<sup>35</sup>, and
- > the ones poisoning with drugs<sup>36</sup>, and
- the sexually immoral, and
- > the murderers, and
- > the idolaters, and
- all who keep on loving and practicing lies!
  JESUS HIMSELF ANNOUNCES WHAT HE HAS DONE IN THIS BOOK

16 I, for My part, Jesus, sent the heavenly messenger that is Mine to bear witness to you people these things towards the Ekklesias.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> f35 includes the conjunction  $\dot{\delta}$ τι here. The NU has  $\gamma \dot{\alpha} \rho$ .

<sup>30</sup> f35 has ἔσται (a future tense verb) here. The NU has ἐστὶν (a present tense verb).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> f35 has οἱ ποιοῦντες τὰς Ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ here. On the basis of two manuscripts (κ and A) the NU has οἱ πλύνοντες τὰς στολὰς αὐτῶν.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> f35 includes the conjunction 'Because,' here. The NU has 'For,'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> f35 has 'shall be' (a future tense verb) here. The NU has 'is' (a present tense verb).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> f35 has 'the ones who keep on practicing the Injunctions from Him' here.

On the basis of two manuscripts (ℵ and A) the NU has 'the ones who keep on washing the robes that are that are theirs'.

<sup>35 &#</sup>x27;dogs' – possibly a reference to people who are like un-owned, undisciplined street dogs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> 'the ones poisoning with drugs' – or 'sorcerers'

#### JESUS IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AGAIN

I am -

- → 'I AM'.
- the Root and Descendent of David,
- the Star
  - the bright Star,
  - the early morning Star.

THE GRACIOUS INVITATION

17 Both the Spirit and the Bride keep on saying, 'Come!'

And, let the one who keeps on hearing say, 'Come!' And, let the one who keeps on being thirsty come.

And, let the one who wishes take water – *that is,* living *water* – as a free gift.

### WHAT JESUS IS DOING IN THIS BOOK

18 I, for My part, am bearing witness to everyone 44 who is hearing the words of the prophesy of the Book – namely, this one.

JESUS CURSES THOSE WHO TAMPER WITH THE WORDS OF THIS BOOK

If ever anyone might add to them, the God shall add to him the Seven<sup>45</sup> Blows, *namely*, the ones having been lastingly written in the Book – *that is*, this *one*.

19 And, if ever anyone might take away from the words of the Book of the Prophecies – *namely*, these, the God shall take away the share *that is* his from the Tree of the Life and from the City – *that is*, the holy *one*, the things having been lastingly written in the Book – *namely*, this *one*.

20 The One Who is bearing witness says these things!

JESUS HIMSELF AGAIN ANNOUNCES HIS COMING

Yes! I am coming quickly!"

JOHN RESPONDS TO JESUS' ANNOUNCEMENT

"Amen! Yes! 46 Come, YaHWeH47 48, Jesus!"

THE FINAL BENEDICTION TO HIS READERS

21 The Grace of the Lord, Jesus *the* Anointed<sup>49</sup>, *be* with all the Holy *Ones*<sup>50</sup>!

Έγώ Εἰμι

ή Γίζα καὶ τὸ Γένος Δαυίδ,

ό Άστὴρ

ό Λαμπρός,

ό Πρωϊνός.

17 Καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ Νύμφη λέγουσιν· Ἐρχου.
Καὶ ὁ ἀκούων εἰπάτω· Ἐρχου.
Καὶ ὁ διψῶν ἐρχέσθω.
Ὁ θέλων λαβέτω ὕδωρ ζωῆς δωρεάν.

<sup>18</sup> Μαρτυρῶ ἐγὼ παντὶ <sup>37</sup> ἀκούοντι τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας τοῦ Βιβλίου τούτου·

Έάν τις ἐπιθῆ ἐπ' αὐτά, ἐπιθήσαι<sup>38</sup> ἐπ' αὐτὸν ὁ Θεὸς τὰς Ἦπα<sup>39</sup> Πληγὰς τὰς γεγραμμένας ἐν τῷ Βιβλίῳ τούτῳ·

19 Καὶ ἐάν τις ἀφέλη ἀπὸ τῶν λόγων τοῦ Βιβλίου τῆς Προφητείας ταύτης, ἀφέλοι<sup>40</sup> ὁ Θεὸς τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ Ξύλου τῆς ζωῆς καὶ ἐκ τῆς Πόλεως τῆς ἁγίας, τῶν γεγραμμένων ἐν τῷ Βιβλίῳ τούτῳ.

20 Λέγει ὁ μαρτυρῶν ταῦτα·

Ναί. Έρχομαι ταχύ.

Άμήν· Ναί<sup>41</sup> ἔρχου, **Κύριε** Ἰησοῦ.

<sup>21</sup> Ἡ Χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ<sup>42</sup> μετὰ πάντων **τῶν Ἁγίων**<sup>43</sup>.

 $<sup>^{37}</sup>$  f35 does not include the definite article  $\tau\tilde{\varphi}$  here. The NU includes it.

 $<sup>^{38}</sup>$  f35 has ἐπιθήσαι (an alternate spelling for the future tense verb?) here. The NU has ἐπιθήσει (a future tense verb).

 $<sup>^{39}</sup>$  f35 includes the adjective  $\xi\pi\tau\alpha$  here. The NU omits it.

<sup>40</sup> f35 has ἀφέλοι (an alternate spelling for the future tense verb?) here. The NU has ἀφέλει (an future indicative verb).

 $<sup>^{41}</sup>$  f35 includes the word Nαί here. The NU omits it.  $^{42}$  f35 includes the title Xριστοῦ here. The NU has omits it.

<sup>43</sup> f35 includes the noun phrase τῶν ἀγίων here. The NU omits it.

<sup>44</sup> f35 does not include the definite article 'the' here. The NU includes it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> f35 includes the adjective 'Seven' here. The NU omits it.

<sup>46</sup> f35 includes the word 'Yes' here. The NU omits it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> 'YaHWeH' – The vocative form of Greek noun meaning 'lord' appears here without a definite article. Many times this unarticulated noun refers to the great eternal being of the Old Testament with the name 'YaHWeH. This phenomenon is especially obvious in New Testament quotations from the Old Testament where this name for God appears. It seems quite appropriate here.
<sup>48</sup> "Come, YaHWeH" – This formulation is very similar to the expression used by the Paul the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 16:22, where Paul uses the Aramaic expression 'Marana tha' which can also mean 'O Lord, come!'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> f35 includes the title 'the Anointed' here. The NU has omits it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> f35 includes the noun phrase 'the holy ones' here. The NU omits it.

'Àμήν!<sup>51</sup>

Amen!52

# CONCERNING THE CITATION OF f35 IN THE FOOTNOTES OF THIS TRANSLATION

The statements of evidence in the footnotes of this translation of the Revelation are based almost entirely on Herman C. Hoskier's monumental work "Concerning the Text of the Apocalypse" (London: Bernard Quaritch, Ltd., 1929; 2 volumes).

The citation of f35 in the footnotes is based on the 32 manuscripts that Hoskier assigned to **M**<sup>c</sup> (his "Complutensian").

To these Dr. Wilbur Pickering added the following ten manuscripts after determining that they belonged to Family 35: 1064,1903, 2201, 2323, 2431, 2434, 2554, 2656, 2669, and 2723, taking into account every extant manuscript that belongs to Family 35, as far as he knew.

So, altogether, the citation of f35 in the footnotes is based on 42 manuscripts, a statistically significant representation.

 $<sup>^{51}</sup>$  f35 includes the exclamation  $A\mu\dot{\eta}\nu!$  here. The NU omits it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> f35 includes the exclamation 'Amen!' here. The NU omits it.