

Chapter 22

The tree of life being watered with liuing water, yealdeth fruits euery moneth. 3. There is neither curfe nor night in the citie. 9. The Angel that shewed Iohn al thefe things, refufeth to be adored of him. 14. He telleth him that the iuft ſhal enter into the citie, but the reft ſhal be caſt forth. 18. Laſtly, he proteſteth and threatneth againſt them that ſhal preſume to adde to this prophecie, or take away from the fame.

water of life,

And he ſhewed me a riuer of ‘liuing water,’ cleere as cryſtal, proceeding from the feat of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middes of the treet thereof, & on both ſides of the riuer, ^a)the tree of life, yealding twelue fruits, rendring his fruit euery moneth, & the leaues of the tree for the curing of the Gentils. ³ And no curfe ſhal be any more: & the feat of God & of the Lamb ſhal be in it, & his ſeruants ſhal ſerue him. ⁴ And they ſhal ſee his face: and his name in their foreheads. ⁵ And night ſhal be no more: and they ſhal not need the light of lamp, nor the light of the funne, becauſe our Lord God doth illuminate them, and they ſhal reigne for euer and euer.

*Apo. 21.
Eſa. 60.*

⁶ And he ſaid to me: Theſe words are moſt faithful & true. And our Lord the God of the ſpirits of the Prophets, ſent his Angel to ſhew his ſeruants thoſe things which muſt be done quickly. ⁷ And behold I come quickly. Bleſſed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecie of this booke.

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SION.

⁸ And I Iohn which haue heard, and ſeen theſe things. And after I had heard and ſeen, I fel downe ^b)to adore before the feet of the Angel which ſhewed me

Apo. 19, 10.

^a Chriſt is our tree of life; in the Church, by the B. Sacrament; & in heauen, by his viſible preſence and influence of life euerlaſting both to our bodies & ſoules: of whō Salomon ſaith, *The tree of life to al that apprehend him. Prou. 3.*

^b You ſee it is al one to adore before the feet of the Angel, & to adore the Angel: though, to adore him, be not expreſſed as in the *19. chap.* See the *annotatiō there v. 10.*

these things; ⁹ and he faid to me: See thou doe not, for I am thy fellow-feruant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them that keep the words of this booke. Adore God. ¹⁰ And he faith to me: Seale not the words of the prophecie of this booke. For the time is neer. ¹¹ ♣He that hurteth, let him hurt yet: and he that is in filth, let him be filthie yet: and he that is iuft, ^a)let him be iuftified yet: and let the holy be fanctified yet. ¹² Behold *Ro. 2, 6.* I come quickly. And my reward is with me, to render *Apo. 1, 8.* to euery man ^b)according to his workes. ¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the firft and the laft, the beginning and the end. ¹⁴ Bleffed are they that wafh their ftoles: that their power may be in the tree of life, and they may enter by the gates into the citie. ¹⁵ Without are dogges and forcerers, and the vnchast, and murderers, and feruers of Idols, & euery one that loueth and maketh a lie.

¹⁶ I IESVS haue fent mine Angel, to teftifie to you these things in the Churches. I am the root and ftocke of Dauid, the bright and morning ftarre. ¹⁷ And the Spirit & the bride fay, Come. And he that heareth, let him fay, Come. And he that thirfteth, let him come: and he that wil, let him take the water of life, gratis. *Ef. 55, 1.*

¹⁸ For I teftifie to euery one hearing the words of the prophecie of this booke, ♣If any man fhall adde to these things, God fhall adde vpon him the plagues written in this booke. ¹⁹ And if any man fhall diminifh of the words of the booke of this prophecie: God fhall take away his part out of the booke of life, and out of the holy citie, and of these things that be written in this booke, ²⁰ faith he that giueth teftimonie of these things. Yea I come quickly: Amen. ♣Come Lord IESVS. ²¹ The grace of our Lord IESVS Chrift be with you al. Amen.

^a Man by Gods grace & doing good workes, doth increafe his iuftice.

^b Heauen is the reward, hire, & repaiment for good workes, in al the Scriptures, yet the aduerfaries wil not fee it.

ANNOTATIONS

11 He that hurteth.) It is not an exhortation, but a commination or threatning, that how farre foeuer the wicked increafe in naughtines, God hath provided anfwerable punishment for them.

18 If any man shal adde.) The Authour of the *commentaries vpon this booke, bearing the name of S. Ambrose*, faith thus of this point. *He maketh not this protestation againft the expofitours of his prophecie, but againft Heretikes. For the expofitour doth adde or diminish nothing, but openeth the obfcuritie of the narration, or sheweth the moral or fpiritual fenfe. He curfeth therefore Heretikes, that vsed to adde fome-what of their owne that was falle, and to take away other things that were contrarie to their heresies.* So faith this ancient Writer. And this was the proper tie of them in al Ages, & fo is it of ours now, as we haue noted through the whole Bible, & as we haue in fundrie places fet forth to the fight of al indifferent Readers, in the new Teftament: that al the world may fee that the Apoftles curfe is fallen vpon them, and may beware of them.

The curfe againft adding or diminishing is againft Heretikes, not Catholike expofitours.

20 Come Lord Iefus.) And now ô Lord Chrift, moft iuft and merciful, we thy poore creatures that are fo afflicted for confeffion and defenfe of the holy, Catholike, and Apoftolike truth, contained in this thy facred booke, and in the infallible doctrine of thy deare fpoufe our mother the Church, we crie alfo vnto thy Maieftie with tenderneffe of our harts vnſpeakable: COME LORD IESVS QUICKLY and iudge betwixt vs and our Aduerſaries, and in the meane time giue patience, comfort, and conftancie to al that fuffer for thy name, and truſt in thee, ô Lord God our only helper and protectour, tarie not long. AMEN.

A breefe petition vnto IESVS Chrift, to come quickly, as S. Iohn here ſpeaketh, and to iudge the caufe of Catholikes & Proteſtants.