

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 these things, refufeth to be adored of him. 14. He telleth him that the iuft shal enter into the citie, but the reft shal be caft forth. 18. Laftly, he protefteth and threatneth againft them that shal prefume to adde to this prophecie, or take away from the fame.

water of life,

And he fhewed me a riuier of ‘liuing water,’ cleere as cryftal, proceeding from the feat of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middes of the ftreat thereof, & on both fides of the riuier, ^athe 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 fhall be any more: & the feat of God & of the Lamb fhall be in it, & his feruants fhall ferue him. ⁴ And they fhall fee his face: and his name in their foreheads. ⁵ And night fhall be no more: and they fhall not need the light of lamp, nor the light of the funne, becaufe our Lord God doth illuminate them, and they fhall reigne for euer and euer.

Apo. 21.

Efa. 60.

⁶ And he faid to me: Thefe words are moft faithful & true. And our Lord the God of the fpirits of the Prophets, fent his Angel to fhew his feruants thofe things which muft be done quickly. ⁷ And behold I come quickly. Bleffed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecie of this booke.

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Apo. 19, 10.

⁸ And I Iohn which haue heard, and feen thefe things. And after I had heard and feen, I fel downe ^bto adore before the feet of the Angel which fhewed me

^a Chrift is our tree of life; in the Church, by the B. Sacrament; & in heauen, by his vifible prefence and influence of life euerlafting both to our bodies & foules: of whō Salomon faith, *The tree of life to al that apprehend him. Prou. 3.*

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

these things; ⁹ and he said to me: See thou doe not, for I am thy fellow-seruant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them that keep the words of this booke. Adore God. ¹⁰ And he saith 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 iust, ^a)let him be iustified yet: and let the holy be sanctified yet. ¹² Behold

Ro. 2, 6.

Apo. 1, 8.

21, 6.

I come quickly. And my reward is with me, to render to every man ^b)according to his workes. ¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. ¹⁴ Blessed are they that wash their stoles: 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 vnchaste, and murderers, and seruers of Idols, & every one that loueth and maketh a lie.

Ef. 55, 1.

¹⁶ I IESVS haue sent mine Angel, to testify to you these things in the Churches. I am the root and stocke of Dauid, the bright and morning starre. ¹⁷ And the Spirit & the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that thirsteth, let him come: and he that wil, let him take the water of life, gratis.

¹⁸ For I testify to every one hearing the words of the prophecie of this booke, ♪If any man shall adde to these things, God shall adde vpon him the plagues written in this booke. ¹⁹ And if any man shall diminish of the words of the booke of this prophecie: God shall 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 saith he that giueth testimony of these things. Yea I come quickly: Amen. ♪Come Lord IESVS. ²¹ The grace of our Lord IESVS Christ be with you al. Amen.

^a Man by Gods grace & doing good workes, doth increase his iustice.

^b Heauen is the reward, hire, & repaiment for good workes, in all the Scriptures, yet the aduersaries wil not see 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 prouided anfwerable punishment for them.

18 If any man shal adde.) The Authour of the *commentaries vpon this booke, bearing the name of S. Ambrofe*, faith thus of this point. *He maketh not this proteftation 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.

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 vnfppeakable: COME LORD IESVS QUICKLY and iudge betwixt vs and our Aduerfaries, and in the meane time giue patience, comfort, and conftancie to al that fuffer for thy name, and truft in thee, ô Lord God our only helper and protectour, tarie not long. AMEN.

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

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