

- A gracious invitation.** "I Jesus have sent My angel for him solemnly to declare these things to you among the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come;' and whoever hears, let him say, 'Come;' and let those who are thirsty come: whoever will, let him take the water of Life, without payment. 16
- This Book to be neither added to nor taken from.** "I solemnly declare to every one who hears the words of the prophecy contained in this book, that if any one adds to those words, God will add to him the plagues spoken of in this book; and that if any one takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take from him his share in the tree of Life and in the holy City—the things described in this book. 17 18 19
- The Lord was at hand.** "He who solemnly declares all this says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.'" Amen, come, Lord Jesus. 20
- Benediction.** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people! 21

16. *Morning Star*] Cp. ii. 7, n. ; ii. 28.

19. *Take away any of the words*] So we must not interpret the time limits laid down in i. 1, 3, 19; iii. 11; xxii. 7, 10, 12, 20; in such a way as practically to rob them of their significance.

20. The New Testament which records Christ's first advent, closes, anticipating, desiring, beseeching His second. 'Amen, come, Lord Jesus.' (W. Archer Butler.)