**Revelation 22**

Throughout Revelation God has taught us many precious truths by way of metaphors and visions. In Revelation 21:16ff we see description of God’s Holy City as a perfect cube.

12,000 is a number that suggests all of God’s people are there.

12 is the number for the people of God.

1000 is the number of completeness.

From the Old Testament we know the holy of holies was a perfect cube (1 Kings 6:20). The ark of the covenant was kept there. Access was limited to the high priest one day of the year, the Day of Atonement. “Regular” worshippers remained in the outer court. As we consider the end of the Book of Revelation we rejoice in the fact that even now we have access to God through the blood of Jesus Christ, but one day we will dwell in God’s presence.

1. The river and tree of life
   1. In Ezekiel’s vision there is river that flows from the temple:
      1. Ezekiel 47:7
         1. In that vision there are also trees that never cease bearing fruit (Ez. 47:12).
         2. Psalm 1:1-3 describes how blessed a person is who meditates on God’s Word by comparing such a person to a tree planted beside a stream.
   2. The tree of life
      1. In the garden of Eden.
         1. Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden as a result of their sin.
            1. The tree of life would have sealed Adam and Eve’s fate.
   3. Worship the Lord
      1. In the presence of God, we will worship Him.
         1. Working the garden.
   4. No night
      1. There will be no sin, ignorance or death.
2. The epilogue
   1. Invitation
      1. Rev. 22:17
   2. Urgency
      1. “I am coming quickly” verse 20
   3. Prayer
      1. Come, Lord Jesus