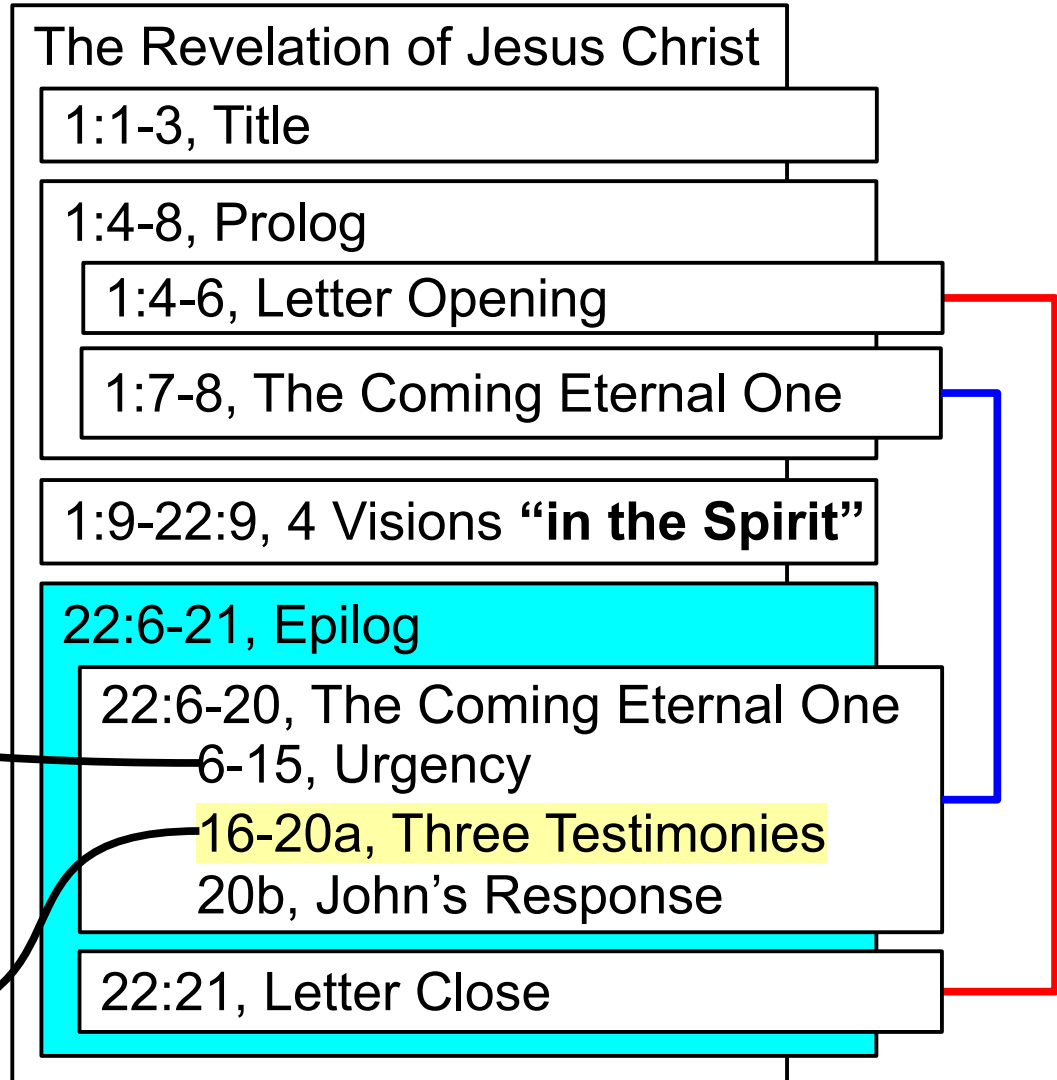


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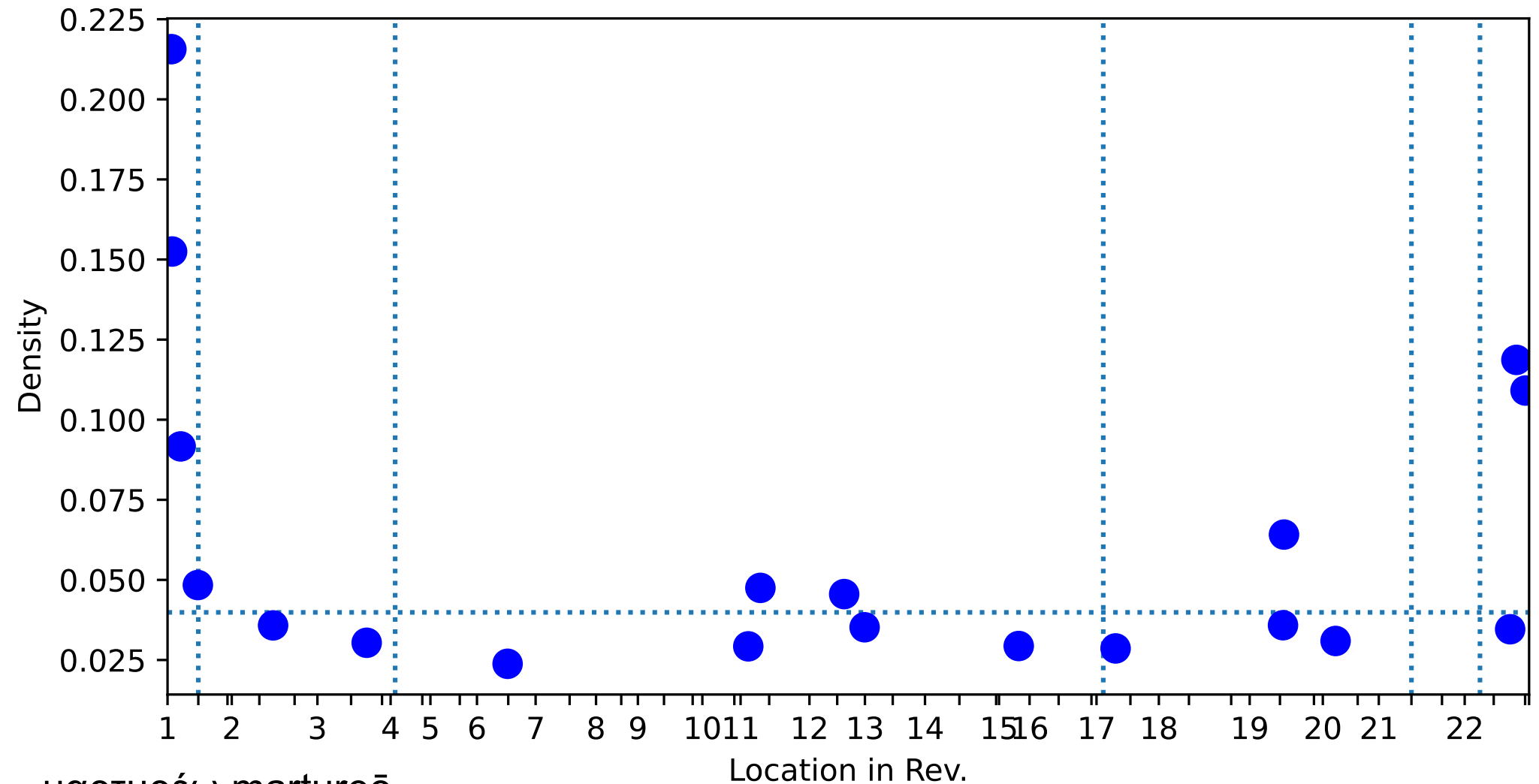
Rev 22:16-17

22:6 And he said saith unto me,	22:10 And he saith unto me,
These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done .	Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand (1:3). 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
7 Behold, I come quickly:	12 And, behold, I come quickly ; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.	14 Blessed are they that do his commandments , that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.	



Ref	Who?	What?
22:16-17	Angel	Invitations
22:18-19	John?	Warning
22:20	Lord	I come

Three Final Testimonies



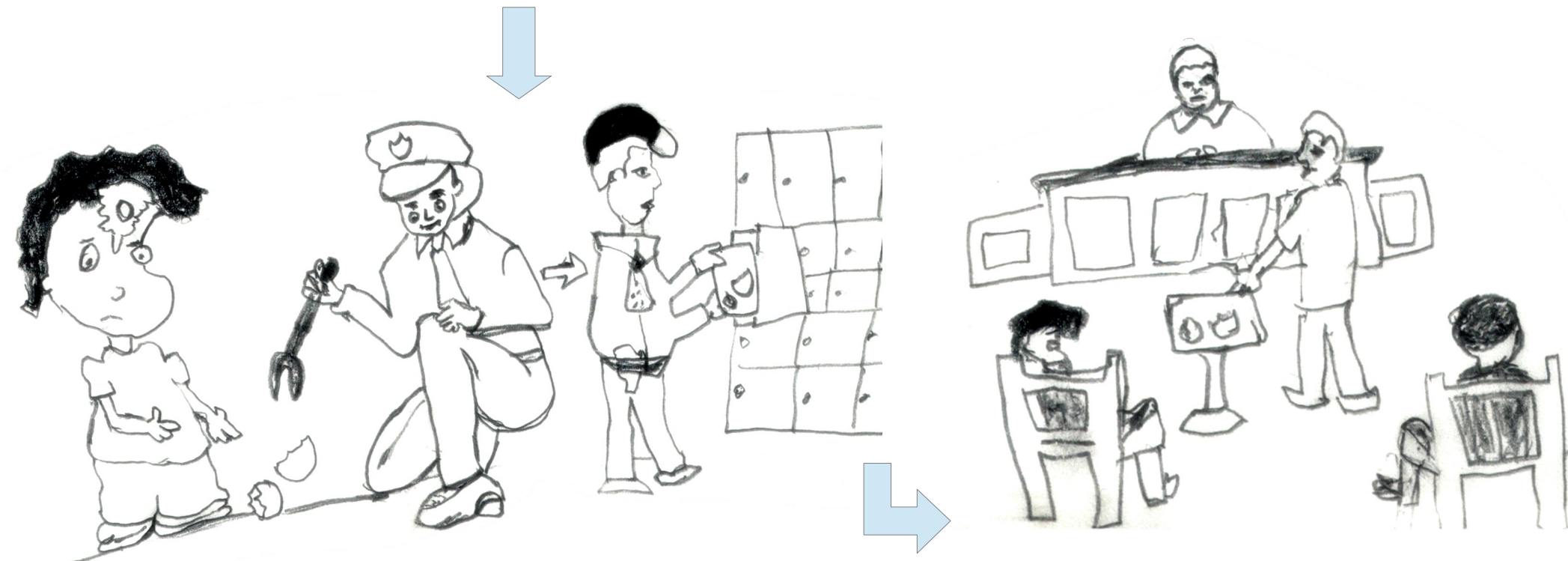
μαρτυρέω martureō
 G3140 “to testify” and
 cognates μαρτυρία
 G3141, μαρτύριον
 G3142 “testimony,”
 μάρτυς G3144 “a
 witness”

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.



Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to **testify** unto you these things in the churches... 18 For I **testify** unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book,... 20 He which **testifieth** these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

What name is given to the Lord Jesus in Rev 1:5?



22:16, Authenticating the First Testimony (1)

I have sent mine angel

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
unto you (plural) ... in the churches ...

Rev 1:4 John to the seven **churches** which are in Asia: Grace be unto **you**, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

I am the root and the offspring of David

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

The Lion of Judah ... the offspring of David

Gen 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from **Judah**, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and **a Branch shall grow out of his roots:**

Jer 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

22:16, Authenticating the First Testimony (2)

The root of David

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a **root of Jesse**, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Mat 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 **If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?**

the bright and morning πρωϊνός star

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings ...

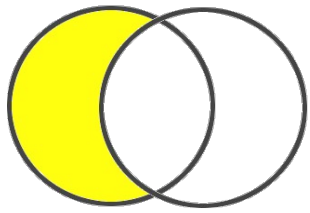
Luk 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring ἀνατολή *anatolē* G395 from on high hath visited us,

Num 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come ἀνατέλλω *anatellō* G393 a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Root of David	Pre-incarnate Creator
Morning Star	First advent, “kingdom of heaven is at hand”
Lion of Judah, Offspring of David	Second coming to rule over the earth

22:17, Three Invitations to Come





First Invitation: from the Spirit & the Bride, to the Lord

Summarizing Paul's teaching in Romans 8:

Anticipation of the Lord's return to fix creation

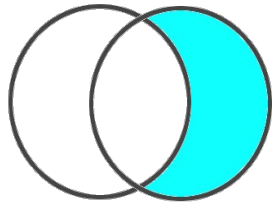
Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Bride says, "Come"

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The Spirit says, "Come"

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but **the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered.

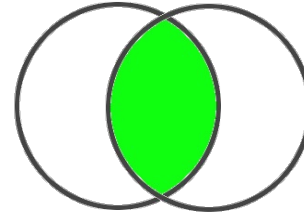


Third Invitation: from the Lord, to Unbelievers

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Jhn 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jhn 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.



Second Invitation: from those who hear to unbelievers, to hasten the Lord's return

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to **us-ward**, not willing that any should perish, but **that all should come to repentance.**

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and ~~hasting unto~~ **hastening** the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?