

Deacon's Beacons

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He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20

These are the final words of the New Testament Rendering in Aramaic, it is "Marana tha." This is a fitting invitation the One Who in Matthew's Gospel promises to with us until the end of the age. The Book of Revelation is not a prophetic book but an apocryphal one. That means it is not foretelling the future as some would have you believe but addressing (allegorically) the current situation of persecution. Its central message is that those who persevere will see the rewards promised by the Lord. That is why the final words are so very appropriate. We believe that Jesus will come again at the end of time. But for those who have died, has that not already occurred? And if our final prayer is Marana tha, we will be ready.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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