

# **“The Amen Sermon”**

Lesson Text: **Revelation 22:18-21.**

– Definition Of Amen: Transliteration of Hebrew word signifying something as certain, sure and valid, truthful and faithful. It is sometimes translated “so be it.” In the OT it is used to show the acceptance of the validity of a curse or an oath, to indicate acceptance of a good message, and to join in a doxology in a worship setting to affirm what has been said or prayed.

“Amen” may confirm what already is, or it may indicate a hope for something desired. In Jewish prayer “amen” comes at the end as an affirmative response to a statement or wish made by others, and is so used in the NT epistles.

(*Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (pp. 56–57). Holman Bible Publishers).

## **I. The Use Of Amen In The Old Testament.**

- Occurs 30 Times In The Hebrew Old Testament.
- **Deuteronomy 27:15-26.**
  - It Used As Response Of Warning And Agreement To Curses For Unfaithfulness.
  - **Jeremiah 11:5.** Jeremiah Reminds The Of This Agreement They Did Not Keep.
- **Nehemiah 5:13.** Amen In Response To The Call not To Extort The People.
- An Affirmation Of A Blessing, Prayer, Song, Or Praise To God:
  - **1 Chronicles 16:36.** David Praises And Thanks God.
  - **Nehemiah 8:6.** Ezra Reads The Law And The People’s Response.
  - **1 Kings 1:36-37.** Benaiah Amens Solomon As The New King.
  - **Jeremiah 28:6.** Jeremiah Gives An Amen, Then Corrects Him With Truth.
  - **Psalms 41:13; 72:19; 89:52; 106:48.** 7 Times In 4 Places For Praise To God.

## **II. The Use Of Amen In The New Testament.**

- Occurs 129 Times In The New Testament (99 Times In Gospels).
- Jesus’ Use Of “Amen.” *“truly I say to you” or “in truth I tell you”*

“Amen” is most commonly used in the New Testament as Jesus’ acknowledgment of the truth and authority of His teachings, statements, or corrections of religious law (Osborne, *Gospel of John*, 40).

  - **John 8:34; 8:51; 10:7; 13:16.** *“Amen, Amen...”*
  - **Revelation 3:14.** Jesus Is Personified As *“The Amen.”*
- An Affirmation Of A Blessing, Prayer, Song, Or Praise To God:
  - Praise To God- (**Rom 1:25; 9:5; 11:36; 15:33; 16:27; Gal 1:5; 6:18; Eph 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; Jude 1:25; Rev 1:6; 5:14; 7:12; 19:4.**)
- **1 Corinthians 14:16.** In Agreement With What Is Said/Prayed In The Assembly.
- **2 Corinthians 1:20.** The Promises Of God Are All True And Sure.
- Almost All The New Testament Books End With “Amen.”
  - The Exceptions are James And 3 John.