The REVELATION of Jesus Christ

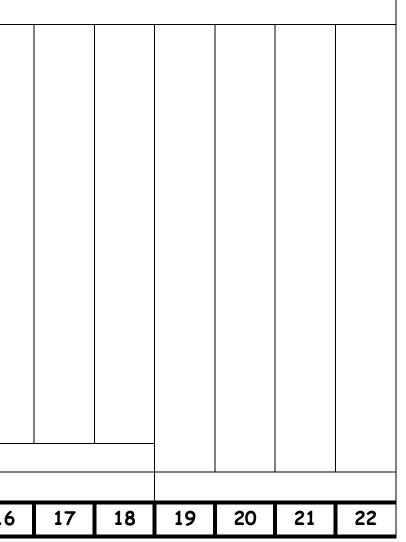
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 The revelation: unveiling disclosure of truth of JESUS CHRIST <u>THE PURPOSE</u>: to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place quickly, speedily suddenly He communicated it to signify, to indicate by means of signs or symbols <u>THE PROMISE</u> Blessing to those who read, hear and heed the 	John sees the glorified Christ	Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira	of Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea	24 elders. 4 living creatures worship	The Lamb is worthy to open the 7-sealed scroll	The Lamb breaks the first six seals	144,000 Israelites sealed – great multitude in heaven	7^{th} seal is broken $\rightarrow 1^{st}$ to 4^{th} trumpets are sounded	5^{th} trumpet sounded = 1^{st} woe / 6^{th} trumpet is sounded	Strong angel – a little book – John eats it – sweet & bitter	Two witnesses – 6 th & 7 th trumpets – 2 nd & 3 rd woes	2 signs in heaven: a woman and a great red dragon				
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Why is it important to study prophecy?

- 1. A knowledge of prophecy is essential to understanding the Bible
 - a) Bible literacy is at an all-time low
 - b) 23 of 27 NT books

 - d) 21 times Jesus
 - e) for every mention of Jesus' 1st coming there are <u>eight</u> of the 2nd
 - f) over 50 times believers are exhorted to be ready for His coming
 - g) prophecy and its fulfillment proves the Bible's truth and reliability
- 2. Prophecy demonstrates the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ
- **3.** Prophecy proves that God is the true God and that He is in control of everything that happens. This can give us great peace of mind

- 4. Prophecy has some practical benefits! It encour
 - a) live by faith \rightarrow living by faith strengthens
 - b) have an eternal perspective to "lay up transformed to the second second
 - c) remember that we will stand before the Ju
 - d) purify ourselves; to live holy and godly (2
 - e) have hope in a hopeless age (Heb.
 - f) encourage one another
 - g) comfort one another
- 5. Prophecy protects us from false teachers and t
- 6. Prophecy is a powerful tool for sharing the gosp



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2 Cor. 5:9-10; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Jo. 3:3)					
11:1; Rom. 8:24-25; 1 Jo. 3:2-3)					
	(Heb. 10:25)				
(1 Th	ess. 4:13-18)				
heir heresies	(Matt. 24:4-5)				
pel of salvation					