

Write: <u>the things</u> :	seen	... that are	... which shall take place after these things																				
- The <u>revelation</u> : = unveiling = disclosure of truth of JESUS CHRIST  <u>THE PURPOSE</u> : - to show His bond-servants the things which must <u>soon</u> take place = quickly, speedily = suddenly  - He <u>communicated</u> it = to signify, to indicate by means of signs or symbols  <u>THE PROMISE</u> Blessing to those who read, hear and heed the words of this prophecy  <b>THE TIME IS NEAR</b>	John sees the glorified Christ	Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira	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 <sup>th</sup> seal is broken → 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> trumpets are sounded	5 <sup>th</sup> trumpet sounded = 1 <sup>st</sup> woe / 6 <sup>th</sup> trumpet is sounded	Strong angel – a little book – John eats it – sweet & bitter	Two witnesses – 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> trumpets – 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> woes	2 signs in heaven: a woman and a great red dragon	2 beasts, an image and the mark of the beast	144,000 in heaven – the hour of judgment has come	Victors over the beast – 7 angels with 7 plagues	The 7 bowls of the wrath of God poured out	The harlot riding the beast	The fall of Babylon, the great city	The marriage of the Lamb / the glorious return of Jesus	Satan bound / 1,000-year reign / white throne judgment	New heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem	"I am coming quickly – My reward is with Me"	
		Messages to the churches	Before the throne of God	Seals, trumpets, woes and bowls of wrath															The marriage of the Lamb / the glorious return of Jesus		Satan bound / 1,000-year reign / white throne judgment	New heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem	"I am coming quickly – My reward is with Me"
					7 years = 70 <sup>th</sup> week of Daniel 9:24-27																		
					2 <sup>nd</sup> coming to eternity																		
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>		

### Why is it important to study prophecy?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A knowledge of prophecy is essential to understanding the Bible                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible literacy is at an all-time low</li> <li>23 of 27 NT books</li> <li>1 in 30 NT verses</li> <li>21 times Jesus</li> </ol>                     } refer(s) to the coming of Jesus                      e) for every mention of Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming there are <u>eight</u> of the 2<sup>nd</sup>                      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                 </li> <li>Prophecy demonstrates the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prophecy has some practical benefits! It encourages us to:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>live by faith → living by faith strengthens faith (John 13:19; 14:29)</li> <li>have an eternal perspective – to "lay up treasures in heaven" rather than live for earthly pleasures (Matthew 6:19-20)</li> <li>remember that we will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ</li> <li>purify ourselves; to live holy and godly (2 Cor. 5:9-10; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Jo. 3:3)</li> <li>have hope in a hopeless age (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 8:24-25; 1 Jo. 3:2-3)</li> <li>encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)</li> <li>comfort one another (1 Thess. 4:13-18)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Prophecy protects us from false teachers and their heresies (Matt. 24:4-5)</li> <li>Prophecy is a powerful tool for sharing the gospel of salvation</li> </ol>
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