# The REVELATION of Jesus Christ



| Write: the things: | seen | … that are | | … which shall take place after these things | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| - The revelation: (Apokalypse) = unveiling = disclosure of truth of JESUS CHRIST<br><br>THE PURPOSE:<br>- to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place = quickly, speedily = suddenly<br><br>- He communicated it = to signify, to indicate by means of signs or symbols<br><br>THE PROMISE<br>Blessing to those who read, hear and heed the word of this prophecy<br><br>THE TIME IS NEAR | John sees the glorified Christ | Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira | Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea | 24 elders. 4 living creatures worship | The Lamb: worthy to open the sealed book | The Lamb breaks the first six seals | 144,000 Israelites sealed – great multitude in heaven | 7th seal is broken → 1st to 4th trumpets are sounded | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Messages to the churches | | Before the throne of God | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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
   - **c)** 1 in 30 NT verses } refer(s) to the coming of Jesus
   - **d)** 21 times Jesus
   - **e)** for every mention of Jesus' 1st coming there are eight of the 2nd
   - **f)** over 50 times believers are exhorted to be ready for His coming
   - **g)** prophecy and its fulfillment prove 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 gives us peace of mind
4. Prophecy has some practical benefits! It encourages us to:
   - **a)** live by faith → living by faith strengthens faith (John 13:19; 14:29)
   - **b)** have an eternal perspective – to "lay up treasures in heaven" rather than live for earthly pleasures (Matthew 6:19-20)
   - **c)** remember that we will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ
   - **d)** purify ourselves; to live holy and godly (2 Cor. 5:9-10; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Jo. 3:3)
   - **e)** have hope in a hopeless age (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 8:24-25; 1 Jo. 3:2-3)
   - **f)** encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)
   - **g)** comfort one another (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
5. Prophecy protects us from false teachers and their heresies (Matt. 24:4-5)
6. Prophecy is a powerful tool for sharing the gospel of salvation