

Write: <u>the things</u> : - The <u>revelation</u> : = unveiling = disclosure of truth of JESUS CHRIST  THE PURPOSE: - 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  THE PROMISE Blessing to those who read, hear and heed the words of this prophecy  <b>THE TIME IS NEAR</b>	seen  John sees the glorified Christ	... that are  Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira  Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea	... which shall take place after these things  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	Messages to the churches  Before the throne of God	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Why is it important to study prophecy?	
1. A knowledge of prophecy is essential to understanding the Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bible literacy is at an all-time low</li> <li>b) 23 of 27 NT books</li> <li>c) 1 in 30 NT verses</li> <li>d) 21 times Jesus</li> </ul> } 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	4. Prophecy has some practical benefits! It encourages us to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) live by faith → living by faith strengthens faith (John 13:19; 14:29)</li> <li>b) have an eternal perspective – to "lay up treasures in heaven" rather than live for earthly pleasures (Matthew 6:19-20)</li> <li>c) remember that we will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ</li> <li>d) purify ourselves; to live holy and godly (2 Cor. 5:9-10; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Jo. 3:3)</li> <li>e) have hope in a hopeless age (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 8:24-25; 1 Jo. 3:2-3)</li> <li>f) encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)</li> <li>g) comfort one another (1 Thess. 4:13-18)</li> </ul>
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	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