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- 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 THE TIME IS NEAR	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 th seal is broken → 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	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																									
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Why is it important to study prophecy?

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