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Why Study Prophecy?

28% of the Bible was prophetic when revealed.

- 15% of the Bible is still unfulfilled prophecy.
- 18% of the New Testament epistles, 1 out of every 5 verses is unfulfilled prophecy.
- 1 in 12 verses in the New Testament refer to the Second Coming of Christ.
- 1 in 10 verses in the epistles refer to the Second Coming of Christ.
- 60% of verses in the New Testament are affected by eschatology issues to be properly understood.

Prophecy is Designed to Motivate Believers

<u>1 Corinthians 7:29</u>, "But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened [time has been contracted, compacted], so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none;

<u>1 Corinthians 7:30</u>, "and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;"

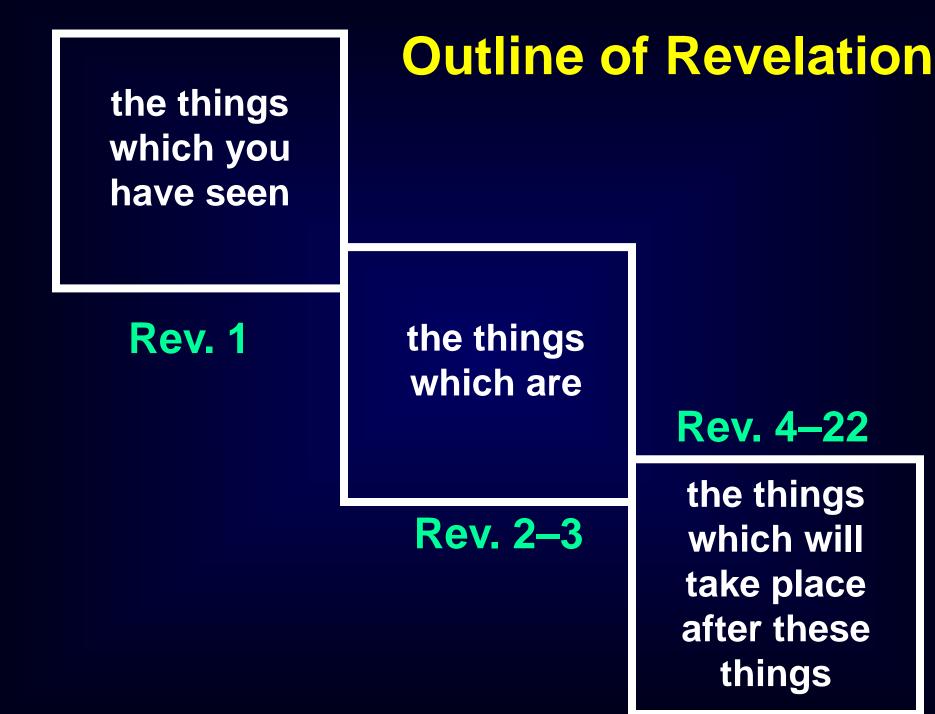
<u>1 Corinthians 7:31</u>, "and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away. 1 Corinthians 7:32, "But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;"

Philippians 4:5, "Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near" [έγγύς, engus].

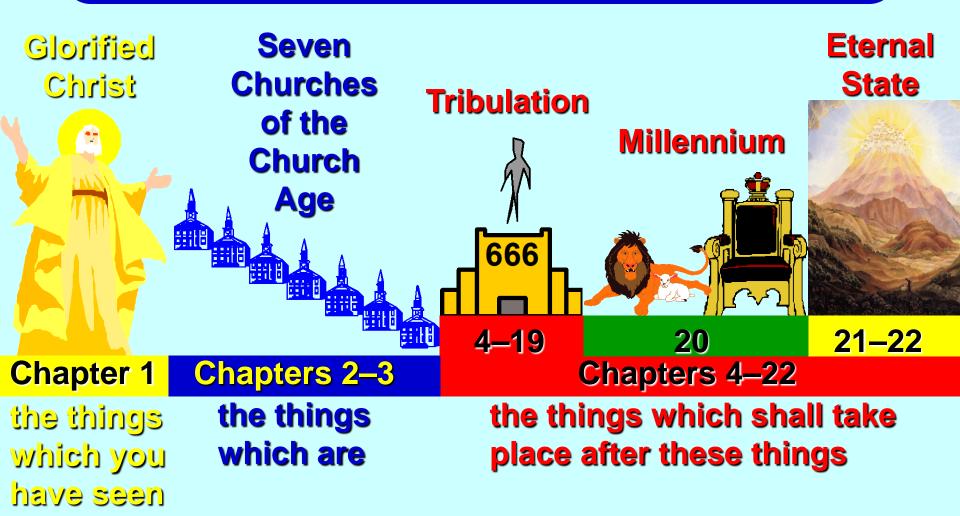
1 Thessalonians 5:4, "But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; **1** Thessalonians 5:5, "for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; **1** Thessalonians 5:6, "so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober."

Hebrews 10:24, "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" [ἐγγίζω, engizo].

James 5:8, "You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near" [ἐγγίζω, *engizo*]. <u>1 Peter 4:7</u>, "The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer." <u>1 John 2:18</u>, "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour." Revelation 22:10, "And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near' " [ἐγγύς, engus].



OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION "Write therefore the things which you have seen, the things which are, the things which shall take place after these things." — Revelation 1:19 —



- I. The Past Preparation: ch. 1: "The things which you have seen."
- II. The Present Preparation of the Church: ch. 2–4; "The things which are"
- III. The Prophecy of the Coming Judgments and Judge: ch. 5–22 "The things which will take place after this."
 - A. The Rapture of the Church and the Opening of the Scroll (4–5)
 - B. The Seven-Year Tribulation: seal, trumpet and bowl judgments (6–18)
 - C. The Coming of the Judge: The Glorious Appearing of Christ (19)
 - **D.** The Establishment of the Kingdom (20)
 - E. The New Heavens and Earth and Eternity (21–22)

Revelation 1:1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,"

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Objective Genitive: Revelation about Christ

Subjective Genitive: Christ's revelation or the revelation Christ gave