

WHAT MUST SOON TAKE PLACE



A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

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II. REVELATION PREDICTS THE FUTURE

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21 "Present the case for your idols,"
says the Lord.

"Let them show what they can do,"
says the King of Israel.

22 "Let them try to tell us what happened
long ago so that we may consider the
evidence.

ISAIAH 41:21-24 NLT

Or let them tell us what the future holds,
so we can know what's going to happen.

²³ Yes, tell us what will occur in the days ahead.
Then we will know you are gods.

In fact, do anything—good or bad! Do something
that will amaze and frighten us.

ISAIAH 41:21-24 NLT

24 But no! You are less than nothing and can do nothing at all.
Those who choose you pollute themselves.

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III. REVELATION PROMISES A BLESSING

³ God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

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Revelation is the only book of the bible that has a direct and unique **promise** of **blessing** to those who read, listen to, and obey this message.

The more you read and study this book, the more you discover God's plan and realize that He **wins** and Satan **loses!**

IV. REVELATION REVEALS

JESUS

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APOKALUPSIS

ἀποκάλυψιν

**"to uncover or unveil;
a revelation."**

Revelation contains the only description of Jesus's physical **appearance**.

¹³ And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. ¹⁴ His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were

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like flames of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. ¹⁶ He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.

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Everything in this vision of Jesus speaks of strength, majesty, authority and righteousness. We like to think of Him as He **was**, not Jesus as He **is**. But the Jesus that John saw is the **real** Jesus, the Jesus that lives and reigns in heaven today.

V. REVELATION SHOWS US THE LOCATION OF GOD THE FATHER

¹ After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will

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show you what must take place after this.”² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.

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⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes,

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in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

*" 'Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.'"*

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⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."

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