



"The Words of the Prophecy"

Revelation 1:1-3

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INTRODUCTION:

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1. God the Father _____ honor and glory to Christ.

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The Father gives...

1) ...the revelation _____ His Son.

✳ Christ _____ to show you...

☪ ...the glory of His _____.

- 4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. [Jhn 17:4-5 NASB95]

☪ ...the glory that Christ is _____ with you.

- 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; [Jhn 17:22 NASB95]
- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of [the] divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. [2Pe 1:2-4 NASB95]

☪ ...the beauty of the _____ Christ. v12-19

The Son gives...

2) ...the revelation _____ His Father's plan.

✳ Christ _____ the prophetic will of the Father to those who serve Him.

- 27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 in no way alarmed by [your] opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that [too,] from God. 29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, [Phi 1:27-29 NASB95]
- 17 The world is passing away, and [also] its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. [1Jo 2:17 NASB95]

2. Christ communicates things which must _____.

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1) Things _____ take place to seal up vision and prophecy.

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy [place.] [Dan 9:24 NASB95]

✳ Daniel's prophecy by way of _____ dream communicated...

☪ ...there would be ages of Gentile _____.

- 29 "As for you, O king, [while] on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place. [Dan 2:29 NASB95]

✳ Christ's _____ discourse communicated...

☪ ...there must be wars then global wars, famines, and earthquakes.

- 6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for [those things] must take place, but [that] is not yet the end. 7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 "But all these things are [merely] the beginning of birth pangs. [Mat 24:6-8]

✳️ **Christ's revelation to _____, ... progressively _____ God's plan for judgment and redemption.**

- 1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door [standing] open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like [the sound] of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." [Rev 4:1 NASB95]
- 6 And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place. [Rev 22:6 NASB95]

2) Things anticipated since the beginning must happen _____.

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✳️ **Two views of "soon".**

(1) The speed of the events means at a potentially _____ time.

- 8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" [Luk 18:8 NASB95]
- 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ... 10 "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. ... 13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour. [Mat 25:1, 10, 13 NASB95]

(2) Time is "soon" in a chronological _____ time frame.

- 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, Or [as] a watch in the night. [Psa 90:4 NASB95]
- 8 But do not let this one [fact] escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. [2Pe 3:8-9 NASB95]
- The presence *en tachei* in 1:1 show that a for the first time the events predicted by Daniel and foreseen by Christ stood in readiness to be fulfilled. Therefore, John could speak of them as imminent, but earlier prophets could not. *Revelation an Exegetical Commentary by Robert L. Thomas, pg118*

3. The last _____ given to the last Apostle.

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1) Jesus sent and _____ by an angel ?

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The apocalypse is...

- ✳️ **...the _____ of God.**
- ✳️ **...the _____ of Jesus.**
- ✳️ **... _____ John saw.**
- ✳️ **...made up of _____ signs and symbols.**

2) What was the _____ question the disciples asked Jesus?

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" [Act 1:6 NASB95]

3) What happened to Daniel's _____ week?

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4) Which view has the best answers

✳️ **The 70th week is identified by a _____ Israel makes with a world leader.**

- 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations [will come] one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." [Dan 9:27 NASB95]

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✳ In the middle of the week the _____ of desolation occurs.

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✳ He _____ covenant mid-week after [31/2 years] and is given _____ for 42 months or 31/2 years = 7 years.

- 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. [Rev 13:5 NASB95]

✳ He blasphemes God and _____ God's people for a time, times, and a half time.

- 25 "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. [Dan 7:25 NASB95]

✳ The two witnesses _____ for 1260 days = 3 1/2 years.

- 3 "And I will grant [authority] to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." [Rev 11:3 NASB95]

✳ The nations _____ Jerusalem under foot for 42 months = 31/2 years.

- 2 "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. [Rev 11:2 NASB95]

5) Strong historic evidence stands for Revelation's date being early _____ AD.

✳ Hegesippus [ca. A.D. 120 - 190]

- Hegesippus is significant to the present study because he was cited as a source by Eusebius two times in the section of Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History where the banishment of John to Patmos under Domitian was presented. Mark Hitchcock

✳ Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons [A.D. 120-202]

- "We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of the Antichrist; for if it were necessary that his name should be distinctly revealed in this present time, it would have been announced by him who beheld the apocalyptic vision. For that was seen no very long time since, but almost in our day, towards the end of Domitian's reign. Irenaeus Against Heresies 5.30.3

- Irenaeus says that the "apocalyptic vision" "revelation," or "the apocalypse" was seen toward the end of Domitian's reign that is, in A.D. 95 or 96 since Domitian was assassinated in Rome in September 18, A.D. 96. Mark Hitchcock's *Dissertation A Defense of the Domitianic Date of the Book of Revelation*

- *For while I was still a boy I knew you [Florus] in lower Asia in Polycarp's house when you were a young man of rank in the royal hall...for what we learn as children grows up with the soul and is united to it, so that I can speak even of the place in which the blessed Polycarp sat and disputed, how he came in and went out, the character of his life, the appearance of this body, the discourses which he made to the people, how he reported his intercourse with John and with the others who had seen the Lord, how he remembered their words, and what were the things concerning the Lord which he had heard from them, and about their miracles, and about their teaching, and how Polycarp had received from the eyewitnesses of the word of life, and reported all things in agreement with the Scriptures.*

4. Heed the words of this prophecy and be _____.

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. [Rev 1:3 NASB95]

1) Read this book for good _____.

11 "Blessed are you when [people] insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [Mat 5:11-12 NASB95]

2) Hear what it says and be _____ blest.

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. [Mat 7:24 NASB95]

3) Heed the instruction and become _____ happy.

7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book." [Rev 22:7 NASB95]

4) The urgency of what is prophesied here is declared to be _____.