



Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

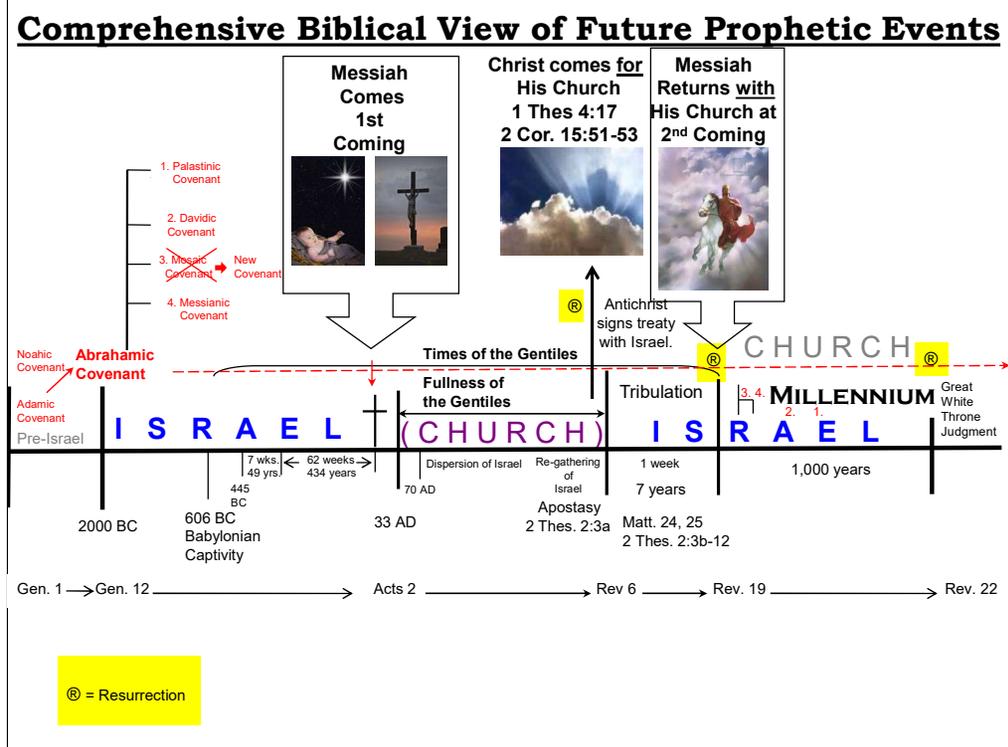
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Part 2

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Language:

Date:

Imagery - visually descriptive or figurative language.

Symbols - a thing that represents or stands for something else.

Metaphors - a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object.

Figures of speech - a word or phrase used in a figurative sense.

Connotative Language – uses figures of speech – truth is expressed graphically. “Figurative Literal”

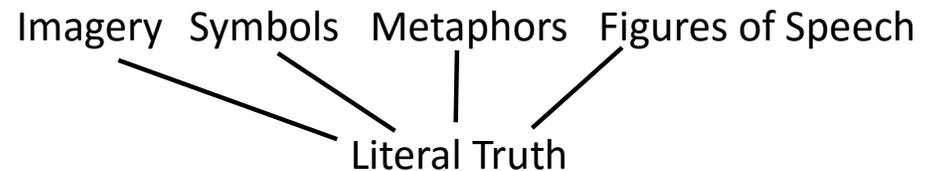
Luke 13:31-32

31 Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, "Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You."

32 And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.'

Denotative Language – does not use figures of speech. “Plain Literal”

“Go tell that sly one . . . “



Kicked the bucket Pushing up daisies Gave up the ghost
Met his Maker Passed away

Someone died

Alpha and Omega
Altar
Amen
Angel
Apollyon/Abaddon
Armageddon
Balaam
Balak
Blood
Book of Life/Scroll of Life
Brimstone/Sulfur
Crown (of Gold)
Diadems
Dragon/Original Serpent
Elders
Euphrates
Eyes
False Prophet
Fine Linen
First Beast (out of the Sea)
Fornication
Gog and Magog
Great Harlot/Mystery Babylon

Harvest of the Earth
Heads
Hidden Manna
Horns
Horsemen (of the Apocalypse)
Image of the Beast
Incense
Jezebel
Kingdom
Lamb
Lamb's Bride/Wife
Lampstands/Candlesticks
Lake of Fire
Living Beings/Living Creatures/Beasts
Locusts
Lord's Day
Man Child

Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Number of the Beast
Paradise (of God)
Priests
Rod of Iron
Sackcloth
Scales/Balances
Scrolls
Second Beast (out of the Earth)
Second Death
Sodom
Spirits of God
Sword

Tabernacle of God
Tree of Life
Two-edged Sword
Vials/Bowls
Virginity
War in Heaven
Waters
White Robes
Winepress of God's Wrath
Wilderness
Wings of the Great Eagle
Woman Clothed with the Sun
Wormwood

Zech 14:1-5

- 1 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.
- 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.
- 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.
- 4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.
- 5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

The Mount of Olives is a symbol of the human heart. Thus, the enemy forces surrounding Jerusalem represent the evil in the world that surrounds the human heart. When a person receives Jesus as his Lord and Savior, his heart (the Mount of Olives) breaks in contrition, and on that day, Jesus becomes the king of his life.

Therefore the passage is not talking about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, but about individual salvation.

Were these prophecies in Zech. fulfilled literally or figuratively?

The Messiah will come humbly, riding on a donkey (9:9).

He will be hailed as a king (9:9).

He will be betrayed by a friend (13:6).

He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (11:12).

The betrayal money will be used to purchase a potter's field (11:13).

The Messiah will be forsaken by His disciples (13:7).

The Messiah will be pierced (12:10 & 13:6).

"If the plain literal sense makes good sense seek no other sense lest it result in nonsense."

- Anon.

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Language: Imagery, symbols, metaphors, and figures of speech are all designed to give the reader a richer, deeper, more meaningful understanding of the thoughts being conveyed, rather than using simply plain literal language. They are descriptive cloaks or garments containing a literal truth which the reader has the responsibility to research and discover. If you abandon literal interpretation, you have no idea what the intent of the author was and you have destroyed communication.

Date:

When the book of Revelation was written is more important to the interpretation of this book than any other book in the N.T.

2 Primary Dates for the Book of Revelation

Early Date • 65 A.D. (Neuronic)

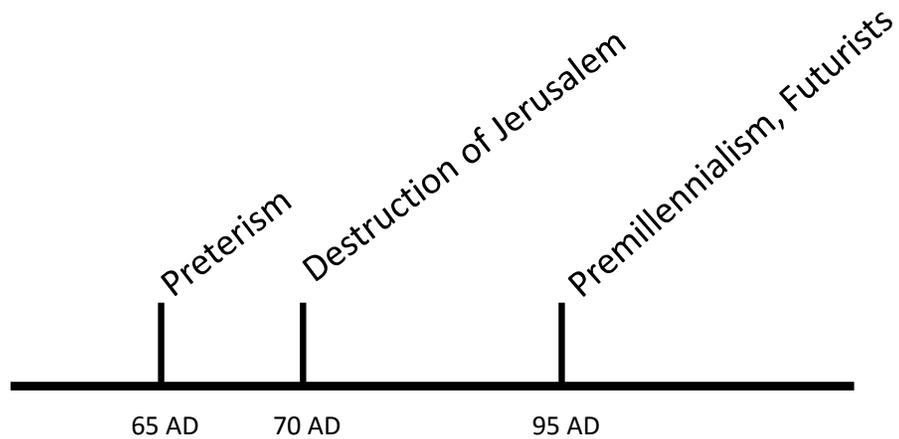
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If the book was written after A.D. 70, then its contents manifestly do not refer to events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem.

Sproul, R. C. *The Last Days According to Jesus*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1998. 140.

Kenneth L. Gentry

If the late date of around A.D. 95-96 were accepted, a wholly different situation would prevail. The events of the mid- and late 60s of the first century would be absolutely excluded as possible fulfillments.

Gentry, Kenneth L. *The Beast of Revelation*. Tyler, TX: Institute for Christian Economics, 1989. 86.

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The burden for preterists then is to demonstrate that Revelation was written before A.D. 70.

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Domitian (51-96 A.D.)

Titus Flavius Caesar Domitianus Augustus was Roman emperor from 81 to 96 A.D.

Domitian was the third and last emperor of the Flavian dynasty.

Temple of Domitian (Ephesus, Turkey)



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Roman Bronze Coin Featuring Domitian



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Altar to Domitian



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Iraeneus (130-202 AD) who wrote in the second century said that, “John wrote a revelation the 14th year of the Roman Emperor Domitian who ruled from 81 to 96 A.D.”

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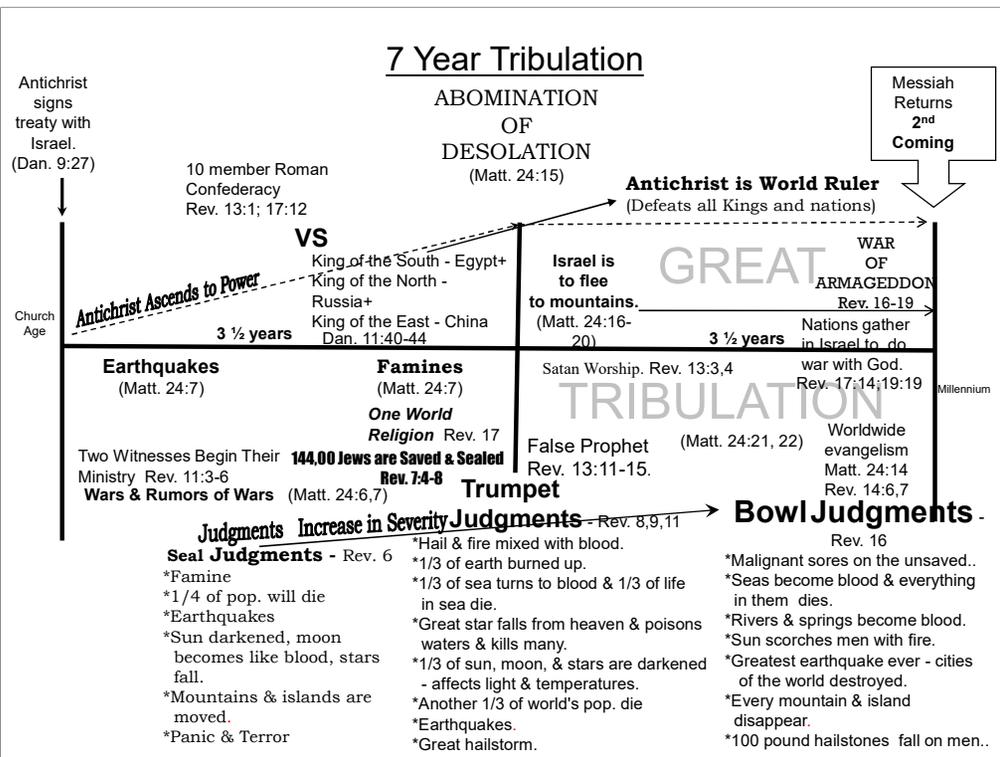
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Early Church Testimony to the Late Date

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- Irenaeus
- Clement of Alexandria
- Tertullian
- Victorinus
- Eusebius
- Jerome

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4. On top of that you got some 'splaining to do as to how are we now living in the glories of the Millennium and Satan is bound.
5. Not enough time for John's reputation to grow quickly enough to have him banished.
6. Not enough time for the new churches to decline that fast.
7. No where is it recorded that Nero banished people to an island, however Domitian did.

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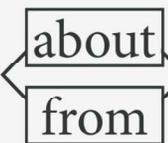
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Revelation

ἀποκάλυψις [ap·ok·al·oop·sis]

To cause something to be fully known
'to reveal, to disclose, to make fully known, revelation.'

Used 18 times in the N.T. And when used of a person it means "to become visible."

The Revelation  Jesus Christ

Christ in Revelation

1. In the gospels Christ is presented in His humiliation.
In Revelation Christ is presented in His exaltation.
All descriptions of Christ in Revelation are of His majesty, power and glory.
2. 1:5-20 – Revealed in His ascended majesty.
Ch. 2,3 – Revealed as the exalted Lord of the Church.
Ch. 4-22 – Revealed as the sovereign victor, conqueror, and King, who has defeated all of His foes and secured the eternal Kingdom of God for His people for all eternity.

Phil 2:5-11

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.
8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

There are 35 names
and titles for Jesus
Christ in the book of
Revelation.

Names for Christ in Revelation:

- "the faithful witness" (1:5);
- "the firstborn of the dead" (1:5);
- "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5);
- "the Alpha and the Omega" (1:8; 21:6);
- the one "who is and who was and who is to come" (1:8);
- "the Almighty" (1:8);
- "the first and the last" (1:17);
- "the living One" (1:18);
- "the One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands" (2:1);
- "the One who has the sharp two-edged sword" (2:12);
- "the Son of God" (2:18);
- the One "who has eyes like a flame of fire, and . . . feet . . . like burnished bronze" (2:18);
- the One "who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars" (3:1);

- the One "who is holy, who is true" (3:7);
- the holder of "the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens" (3:7);
- "the Amen, the faithful and true Witness" (3:14);
- "the Beginning of the creation of God" (3:14);
- "the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah" (5:5);
- "the Root of David" (5:5);
- the Lamb of God (e.g., 5:6; 6:1; 7:9-10; 8:1; 12:11; 13:8; 14:1; 15:3; 17:14; 19:7; 21:9; 22:1);
- the "Lord, holy and true" (6:10);
- the One who "is called Faithful and True" (19:11);
- "The Word of God" (19:13);
- the "King of kings, and Lord of lords" (19:16);
- Christ (Messiah), ruling on earth with His glorified saints (20:6);
- "Jesus . . . the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star" (22:16).

“The first time our Lord came into this world, He came in the veil of our flesh. His deity was covered over with His manhood. His Godhead was hidden by His humanity. Just once in a while did His deity shine through, as on the Mount of Transfiguration, or as in His miraculous works. But most of the time the glory, the majesty, the deity, the wonder and the marvel of the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, were veiled. These attributes were covered over in flesh, in our humanity. He was born in a stable. He grew up in poverty. He knew what it was to hunger and to thirst. He was buffeted and beaten and bruised. He was crucified and raised up as a felon before the scoffing gaze of the whole earth.

The last time that this world saw Jesus was when it saw Him hanging in shame, misery and anguish upon the cross. He later appeared to a few of His believing disciples, but the last time that this unbelieving world ever saw Jesus was when it saw Him die as a malefactor, as a criminal, crucified on a Roman cross. That was a part of the plan of God, a part of the immeasurable, illimitable grace and love of our Lord. "By His stripes we are healed." But then is that all the world is ever to see of our Saviour--dying in shame on a cross? No! It is also a part of the plan of God that some day this unbelieving, this blaspheming, this godless world shall see the Son of God in His full character, in glory, in majesty, in the full-orbed wonder and marvel of His Godhead. Then all men shall look upon Him as He really is. They shall see Him holding in His hands the title-deed to the Universe, holding in His hands the authority of all creation in the universe above us, in the universe around us, and in the universe beneath us; holding this world and its destiny in His pierced and loving hands."

- **W.A. Criswell**

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Authorship of Revelation

God ➡ Jesus Christ ➡ Angel ➡ John ➡ Believers

Angels: Messengers of the Word of God:

1. To MOSES (Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2)
2. To Daniel (Dan. 7:16-27+; 8:16-26+; 9:20-27+; 10:1+-12:13+)
3. To Zechariah (Zec. 1:9; 2:3; 4:1, 5; 5:5; 6:4, 5)
4. To Zacharias (Luke 1:11-20)
5. To Mary (Luke 1:26-38) and to Joseph (Mat. 1:20-21)
 - * Angels are found in every chapter of Revelation except 4 and 13.
 - * The words angel or angels are used seventy-one times in the book of Revelation--more than in any other book in the Bible.

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Why prophecy is important:

1. Prophecy occupies one-fifth (20%) of Scripture; and the Second Coming occupies one-third of that one-fifth.
2. Of the 333 prophecies concerning Christ, only 109 of them were fulfilled in His First Coming, leaving 224 yet to be fulfilled in His Second Coming.
3. Of the forty-six OT prophets, less than ten of them speak of events in Christ's First Coming, while 36 of them speak of events connected with His Second Coming.
4. There are a total of 1,527 OT passages referring to the Second Coming.
5. There are 7,959 verses in the NT, 330 of which refer directly to the Second Coming (1 out of 25).
6. Next to the subject of faith, the subject of the Second Coming is the most dominant subject in the NT.
7. For every time the First Coming is mentioned in the Bible, the Second Coming is mentioned 8 times.
8. For every time the Atonement is mentioned once, the Second Coming is mentioned twice.
9. The Lord refers to His return 21 times.
10. Believers are exhorted over 50 times to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ.

7 "blessings" given in the book of the Revelation

Rev 1:3

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Rev 14:13

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

Rev 16:15

15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

Rev 19:9

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

Rev 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection;

Rev 22:7

7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

Rev 22:14

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

In Genesis the earth is created,

in Revelation it passes away.

In Genesis there is the first rebellion,

in Revelation the final rebellion.

In Genesis sin enters the human race,

in Revelation sin comes to its end.

In Genesis the curse begins,

In Revelation the curse is banished.

In Genesis death begins,

in Revelation death is banished.

In Genesis man is banished from the garden,

in Revelation man is brought back into the garden.

In Genesis the dominion of man is removed over the earth,

in Revelation man is restored to the divinely intended dominion over the earth.

“I have read the Book of Revelation every six weeks in my life as a Christian because I did not want to miss that blessing.”

- L.W. Munhall

Evangelist of the late
19th century and early
20th century

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“immediate” –

1. occurring or accomplished without delay; instant: an immediate reply.
2. following or preceding without a lapse of time: the immediate future.
3. having no object or space intervening; nearest or next:

“imminent” -

1. about to happen
2. ready to occur at any moment;
3. Impending
4. close at hand

Luke 12:35-40

- 35 "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.
- 36 "Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.
- 37 "Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.
- 38 "Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
- 39 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
- 40 "You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

Rom 13:12

12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near.

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet;

1 Thess 4:15

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

Heb 10:25

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.

James 5:7-9

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

1 Peter 4:7

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

1 John 2:18

18 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.

“must soon take place” “the time is near”

Rev 2:16

16 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

Rev 3:11

11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Rev 11:14

14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Rev 22:6-7

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.

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Rev 22:12

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me,

Rev 22:20

20 He who testifies to these things says, "I am coming quickly." Amen.

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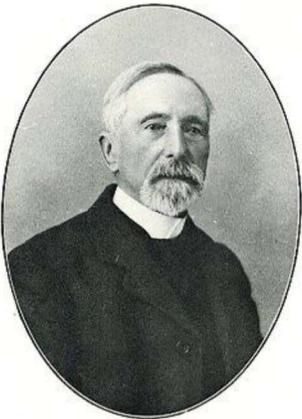
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χρονος - sequential time - second, minute, hour, day, week, year. Calender time.

καιρος - seasons, eras, epochs. Large chunk of time.

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Samuel Trevor Francis
1834-1925

Samuel Trevor Francis – was the son of a London merchant and artist. Francis published a number of hymns in religious newspapers and periodicals. He belonged to the Plymouth Brethren congregation in London, and served as an open air preacher. His hymns and poems appeared in *The Life of Faith* and other papers and periodicals.

I AM WAITING FOR THE DAWNING

1. I am waiting for the dawning
Of the bright and blessed day,
When the darksome night of sorrow
Shall have vanished far away—
When for ever with the Savior,
Far beyond this vale of tears,
I shall swell the song of worship
Through the everlasting years,
Through the everlasting years

2. I am looking at the brightness—
See, it shineth from afar—
Of the clear and joyous beaming
Of the Bright and Morning Star.
Through the dark gray mist of morning
Do I see its glorious light;
Then away with every shadow
Of this sad and weary night,
Of this sad and weary night.

3. I am waiting for the coming
Of the Lord who died for me;
Oh, His words have thrilled my spirit,
I will come again for thee.
I can almost hear His footfall,
On the threshold of the door,
And my heart, my heart is longing,
To be with Him evermore,
To be with Him evermore.