

## It's The End Of The World As We Know It - Pt. 4

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In Revelation 1 and 22, we read repeatedly that these things will "soon" or "shortly take place." Why do some people not accept the plain meaning of these words?

Time Indicators in Revelation 1.

Revelation 1:1

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what **must soon take place**. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.

Revelation 1:7

"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, **even those who pierced him**"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen.

Time Indicators for Revelation 22

Revelation 22:6-7

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that **must soon take place**." "**Look, I am coming soon!** Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

Revelation 22:10

Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because **the time is near**."

Revelation 22:12

"Look, **I am coming soon!** My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what he or she has done."

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "**Yes, I am coming soon.**"

Is there anywhere in Scripture that "soon" or "shortly take place" do not have an imminent fulfillment? **NO!!!**

What is the Mark of the Beast?

Revelation 13:16-18

It [the beast] also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.<sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

Gematria (Letters Have Numerical Equivalent)

Neron Kaiser = 1005 in Greek but 666 when transliterated to Hebrew and 616 when transliterated from Latin (Nero Caesar) to Hebrew.

Are there some parts of Revelation that apply to our future?

Revelation 1:19

Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

Where is the rapture mentioned or suggested in Revelation? Anywhere else in Scripture?

Revelation 4:1

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 show you what must take place after this."

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Where does the idea of purgatory come from?

2 Maccabees 12:39-45

On the next day ... Judas and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen and to bring them back to lie with their kinsmen in the sepulchres of their fathers. Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jam'nia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. So, they ... turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin .... He also took up a collection of two thousand drachmas of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.