The new millennium is here—and with it a new interest in prophecy. Millions wonder: What will happen next? Where are we headed? Interest in the future is at an all-time high. One expert says that over the past 30 years more scholarship has been devoted to last day events than in the last 300. People are desperate for answers. But seers and psychics like Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, and others have utterly failed to deliver dependable prophecies. At best, the psychics are guessing the future. At worst, they are demon inspired.

Yet the Bible has proven reliable throughout the centuries. Its prophecies have been fulfilled with uncanny accuracy for thousands of years. In fact, one of the clearest evidences of the Bible's divine inspiration is its ability to foretell future events. Fulfilled Bible prophecy verifies the authenticity of God's Word.

One of God's greatest attributes is His unique ability to foretell the future. God does not guess—He knows! We read in Isaiah 46:9-10 - “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done.”

The prophet Amos adds these incredible words: “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7. That word “surely” means certainly, definitely, without a doubt. God's Word is sure. We can safely trust Him!

Of all the books of the Bible which shed light on the last days, the Bible's last book, Revelation, is the most complete. In Revelation God unfolds amazing last-day events that will dramatically affect you and me. Revelation’s incredible predictions guide us through the maze of false prophecies so common today.
Note how the book of Revelation opens in chapter 1, verse 1. It’s called “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.” Did you notice the divinely appointed chain of communication? Look:

Where did Jesus get it? From God!
Who did Jesus give it to? His angel.
What did the angel do with it? Brought it to John.

Then John wrote it in his book called Revelation to show God’s people what “must shortly come to pass.” Revelation 1:1-2.

Thus the book of Revelation is not mere personal opinion or human guesswork. It’s not some psychic’s view of the future. Its prophecies come directly from God. It bears the signature of heaven and reveals God’s final message for this world. The Lord Himself offers a triple blessing for those who study His book: Revelation 1:3 promises, “Blessed is he who reads, and hears, and keeps the things which are written in it.”

The central theme and major focus of Revelation is Jesus—the One “who is and who was and who is to come.” Revelation 1:4. We can trust Him who conquered death and is coming to take us home. All history is moving to one grand climax. All creation is standing on tiptoe awaiting the coming of the King. That’s the theme of the Bible’s last book.

This planet has a date with destiny. Revelation 1:7 tells us: “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.” Those lacking this end-time hope need to be reminded we are not cosmic orphans. Earth won’t be reduced to some spinning globe of ash from a nuclear holocaust. Famines and earthquakes won’t dash our hopes of a happy tomorrow. Revelation can lift our spirits and gladden our hearts, giving us hope to hold onto in a hopeless world.

Every one of Revelation’s prophecies end in the same place—with hope. The book of Revelation is a revelation of hope. For beyond natural disasters, beyond conflict between nations, beyond ethnic hatred and escalating worldwide political tension, beyond an uncertain economy, there is hope:

Hope in a new kingdom.
Hope in a new society.
Hope in a new Leader.
Hope in the Coming of the Lord!

Revelation thirteen foretells the rise of the powerful Antichrist/Beast. It unfolds a time when no man can buy or sell. It discusses the Mark of the Beast and the mysterious number 666. But in Revelation 14:14, at the end of this sequence, the Apostle John shouts for joy, “And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.” John looks away from the Beast and sees his loving Lord returning in glory.

Revelation 7:14-15 pictures those “who have come out of great tribulation, and . . . are before the throne of God.” The tribulation does not destroy them. They come through unscathed with their faith stronger, praising God. The Seven Last Plagues are not directed at God’s people, and when they’re over, a voice from heaven proclaims, “It is done!” Revelation 16:17, 21:6. Earth’s heartaches are over. Divorce, disease, and disaster are over! Worry, war, and want are over! Pain and pollution, sickness and sorrow, death and dying are all over! And the Almighty God triumphantly declares throughout the whole universe: “Behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5. The God who will create a new world can make all things new in your life—new joy, power, and purpose—a new heart and happiness.
1. God’s *foreknowledge* is part of His claim to *divinity*: “I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the ________ from the ____________, and from *ancient* times things that are *not yet* done.” (*ISAIAH 46:9-10*)

2. On the lines at the left, **NUMBER** the correct **ORDER** of the five links in heaven’s *chain of communication* that brought us the divine Book of Revelation. 

   **(REVELATION 1:1-3)**

   ______ A. Jesus Christ, God the Son
   ______ B. The Apostle John
   ______ C. God the Father
   ______ D. The angel messenger of Jesus
   ______ E. Us—the church—from reading the Bible’s final book.

3. When God had to warn the world about the coming Flood, He told _______________. When He wanted to announce Jesus’ First Advent with a message of repentance, He told ___________the_______________.

   When He had a message of coming Judgment to prepare a people for Christ’s Second Coming, He told the Apostle___________________.

   **(GENESIS 6:13, MATTHEW 3:1-3 & 11, REVELATION 1:1)**

4. Though some feel Revelation is a puzzling and confusing book, God leads us to believe it’s a most revealing and rewarding one when He opens it by saying: “_________________ is he that___________________.” **(REVELATION 1:3)**