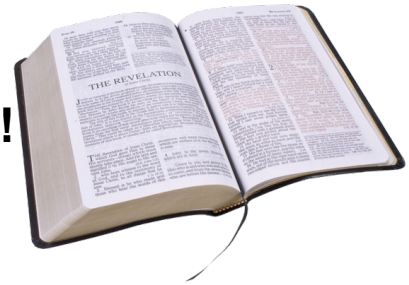
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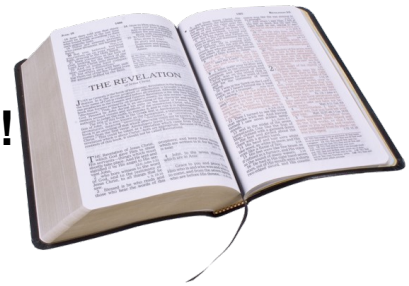
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The word ***"words"*** or ***"sayings"*** (Greek Logoi) occurs six times in this chapter
(v. 6 - "sayings"; v. 7 - "sayings"; v. 9 - "sayings"; v. 10 - "sayings"; v. 18 - "words"; v. 19 - "words").

The word ***"prophecy"*** (referring to the written future events) occurs four times.

The word ***"book"*** (Biblion - meaning scroll) occurs seven times.

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After hearing the amazing wonder of the events yet to come (i.e. the awesome nature of the miracles, signs and judgments about to come [Rev. 4-19]; and the splendor of our eternal home [Rev. 21-22:5] -- the skeptics might sneer and doubt the validity of such promises.
It is because of such cynical skepticism, as well as to bolster our faith, that words of assurance follow in Rev. 22:6ff.

"He said unto me" - the same angel which revealed to John the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9;
cp. 22:8).

"These sayings are faithful and true" -

> ***"Sayings"*** - lit. words (the preceding prophecies as written)
>
> ***"Faithful"*** - worthy of trust; dependable; you can place "full faith" in these sayings
>
> ***"True"***- free from falsehood. The basis for the "faithfulness" of God's Word is the "trueness" of it. Nothing is worthy of anyone's faith unless it is absolutely true.

The prophecies of Revelation are called "true and faithful" also in 21:5.

And the reason they are "faithful and true" is because their Author is! [Jesus is named "the Word of God" (19:13), who is called "faithful and true" (3:14; 19:11), and He is the Revealer of the "Apocalypsis" (1:1; 22:16)]

"The Lord God of the holy prophets" - The same God who spoke in the Old Testament through Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, etc., is the One who spoke in the book of Revelation. Just as many of God's prophecies in the O.T. were fulfilled at Christ's first coming, so His prophecies will be fulfilled prior to, during, and after Christ's second coming.

v. 6

NOTE: Another proof of the deity of Christ:

cp. ***"The Lord God ... sent His angel"*** (v. 6)
"I Jesus have sent my angel" (v. 16)

"His servants" - lit. His bondslaves (doulois - cp. I Cor. 4:1)

God's slaves are Christians who serve Him in local churches (22:16).

The book of Revelation has direct bearing on local churches today! It is not merely a book for "Tribulation saints." God wants you to know this book, because its events could take place in your lifetime!

"The things which must shortly be done" -

> ***"Must"*** = lit. It is necessary.
> God does not say the prophecies "will" merely take place, but that they must take place. Thus God shows the absolute certainty of fulfillment.
> In a context of prophecy, Jesus said, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away"* (Mt. 24:35). Also Jesus stated in Matthew 5:18 - *"For verily I saw unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."*

II. The Book of Revelation Contains: IMPORTANT WORDS (v. 7-9)
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V. 7

"Blessed" = to be blessed is to be showered with God's benefits of strength, wisdom, and joy (all of which will be needed by the generation that enters the 70th week of Daniel — commonly called the Tribulation)

"Keepeth" — to hide the Word (in your heart) and heed the Word (by obeying it).

"The prophecy of this Book" = cp. Rev. 1:3. The book of Revelation is the only book of the Bible that specifically promises a blessing to those who read and heed its message.

V. 8
"I John" — John is overwhelmed at the thought that he personally had the privilege of seeing (with his eyes) and hearing (with his ears) the panoramic preview of End time events.

Being awestruck, he again (perhaps a bit irrationally) falls down before the angel who revealed God's prophecies to him, as he did before in Rev. 19:10, only to be rebuked.
V. 9
The angel is quick to reject ***"worship"*** and gives 3 reasons why:

1. Angels are only God's servants (***"fellow servant"*** — lit. "fellow slave")
2. Angels are no better than God's prophets (the saints will one day judge angels — I Cor. 6:3)
3. Angels are in a similar class as those who obey God's Word, being subject to God's Word themselves.

"Worship God" — Christ is worshipped many times in Scripture
(by angels — Heb. 1:6; by men — Mt. 14:33; by all — Phil. 3:10).
We must never worship anything or anyone other than God!

III. The Book of Revelation Contains: URGENT WORDS (v. 10)
(They are soon to be fulfilled)

"Seal not" = to "seal" a book means to securely close it up so that its contents cannot be read or tampered with until an appointed time.
(EX: "According to Roman law, a testament or will was sealed with seven seals by seven witnesses" - Reinecker, p. 824).

By telling John not to seal up the book of Revelation, the angel is telling him that this book is not a closed book. It is a book that God wants read, studied, memorized, understood, applied, and obeyed.

God's reason for not sealing the book is clearly stated: ***"For the time is at hand"*** (the season or specific point of time for fulfillment is near!)

"The prophet Daniel was commanded to seal his book (Dan. 12:4), because the time was not yet ready. John's book was an "apocalypse"—an unveiling (Rev. 1:1)—and therefore, it must not be sealed" (Wiersbe, p. 625).
Daniel was a sealed Book until its companion Book (Revelation) was written.

SEE Verse 6 - ***"The things which must shortly be done"***
"shortly" - quickly or speedily.

Two ideas:

1) The events in Revelation will occur with speed once their prophecy begins to be fulfilled (EX: the Tribulation is only 7 years long).

* 2) The events in Revelation will soon be fulfilled. The time is near! NOTE: the frequent references to time and imminent expectancy in Rev. 22 -

a) "Shortly" (v. 6)
b) "I come quickly" (v. 7)
c) "The time is at hand" (v. 10)
d) "I come quickly" (v. 12)
e) "Surely I come quickly" (v. 20)

The same way Jesus begins the book of Revelation speaking about its soon fulfillment (Rev. 1:1), so He ends the book.

IV. The Book of Revelation Contains: SPECIFIC WORDS (v. 18-19)
(They are not to be altered)

V. 18

"I testify" - the One who bears testimony (witness) to this warning is Jesus Christ (He is the subject of the context - v. 16)

"Unto every man" - This warning is for all who hear. God wants all to know the seriousness of tampering with His Word.

"that heareth the words" - NOTE: The warning applies not merely to scribes and Bible translators, but to everyone who even *"**hears** the word of the prophecy of this book."*

In John's day, the book of Revelation was read aloud. If those who heard it expanded on what was said and claimed that God had said more than He actually said, they would be held culpable by God. (ex. allegorical interpretations; reading into the text what is not really there)

"If any man" - This warning is to all -- to fear. No one, regardless of position or power will be excluded from paying for their additions to God's Word.

"Unto these things" - the things in the book of Revelation.

"The plagues" - the Trumpet Judgments (Rev.8-9), Bowl Judgments (Rev. 15:8-16), particularly death (Rev. 18:8), and the Lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).
Those who add their words to written Revelation and claim that their words are on an equal par are heading for disaster!

V. 19

"If any man" - again pointing to the universality of the warning.

"Take away" - to delete, omit, etc. God intends for all of his written message to be preserved so that no one will miss any details that they will need to survive the coming Tribulation.

To add or take away from God's Word is to alter its faithfulness and trueness (v. 6), which is something God has providentially safeguarded through the centuries.

The Lord is not only referring to a deletion of written Scriptural text, but, if anyone denied any of the details that God said in this book, they will also be considered guilty.

> --The Liberals deny God's Word by minimizing the importance of the very words of this book.
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> --Others, among mainline denominations "allegorize" the Word and explain away its true meaning (Epp, p. 445)

"The book of life" - Rev. 20:15

NOTE: This does not indicate that a person is saved and then lost. But rather it indicates that the person was not a believer in the first place or else he would not have tampered with the Word of God" (Epp, 445).

"The Holy City" = New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1-22:5).

"The things which are written" - the blessings awaiting the believer (Rev. 21:1-22:5).

God is serious about His Word! Even in the O.T., God sternly warned against additions or omission to His Scripture. --

> *Deut. 4:2 - "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."*
>
> *Deut. 12:32 - "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."*
>
> *Prov. 30:6 - "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."*