

PROPHETIC GUARANTEE

[John]:

⁶And he said to me,

[Angel]:

'These words are trust-worthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place'.

[Risen Christ]:

⁷See, I am coming soon!

[Angel]:

Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

These verses parallel 1:9-11. The words of the Apocalypse are trustworthy and true,¹ because they express the truth of what God is doing in human history through Christ. John repeats his opening statement that the angel was to show his servants what must soon take place (1:1). 'I am coming soon' reinforces the certainty of Christ's coming.² The sixth of John's seven beatitudes³ is reserved for those who keep the words of the prophecy of this book.⁴

¹ Compare 3:14; 19:11; 21:5.

² See 2:5; 3:11.

³ 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6. The final beatitude occurs in 22:14.

⁴ Re prophecy, see 1:3; also 10:11; 22:10,18,19.