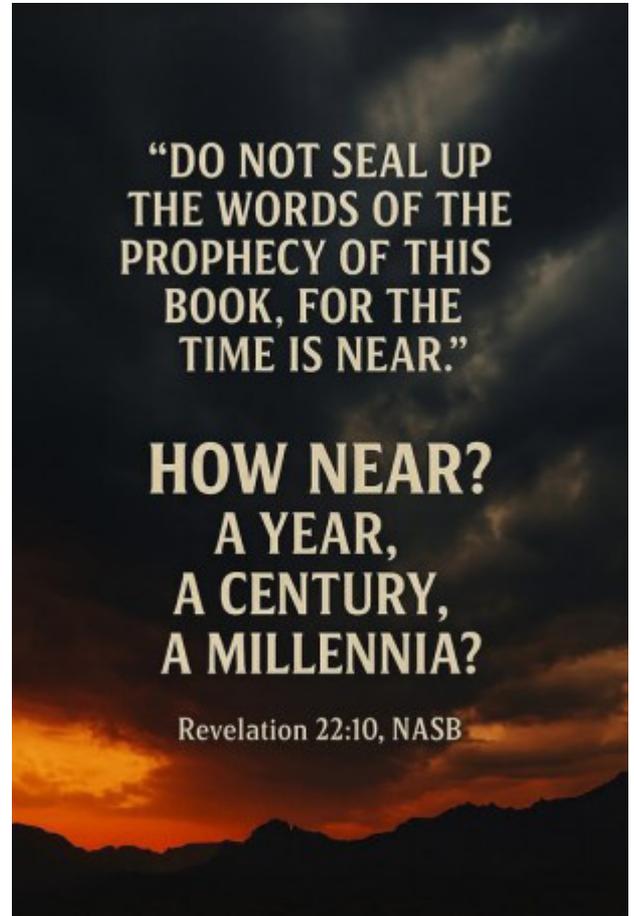


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Revelation - Revelation 22:10 says, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book,



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Revelation 22:10 says, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near." This directly contrasts with Daniel 12:4, where Daniel was told, "But as for you, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time."

Daniel's prophecy was sealed because its fulfillment was far off. Revelation, however, was not sealed, because its fulfillment was near. The Greek word for "near" is engus, meaning close in

proximity or time. It never means 2,000 years later.

If the time was genuinely near when John wrote this, then the events of Revelation had to be fulfilled in the 1st century, not in our future. Otherwise, John would be misleading his readers, who were told to obey the words of the prophecy (Revelation 1:3), because the time was at hand.

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