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## Contemporaries



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John was right there with his contemporaries. He wrote to seven actual churches. The Events John writes about actually happened in the first century.

Remember audience relevance? What would the original readers have thought when they read this? John told the seven churches to expect these things at any moment.

Jesus has John tell the seven churches in Asia Minor, that he is going to come very soon to them. To THEM. Does "Behold I AM

COMING QUICKLY" sound like it means 2,000 years, TO THEM? Jesus' Coming was just like the Fathers when He came in judgment in the Old Testament and every time it was spiritual, never bodily.

He promised his return would be within the lifetime of his contemporaries (Matthew 23:36) His Apostles (Matthew 24:34), and the 1st-century Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:64).

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