



***The revelation from Jesus Christ, which
God gave him to show his servants what
must soon take place.***

LONGER VERSION OF PREVIOUS QUESTION

Revelation 1:1 talks about things that "must soon take place." Was John just assuming that, but ended up being wrong? Or has it happened already? Could the phrase translated as "soon" be translated as "quickly" or "imminent" (and if so, why is "soon" used in many translations)? Could all of Revelation be some kind of metaphor for the human life experience (or for death/afterlife), and "soon" is a "life is short" kind of soon? I think I've heard an explanation that God is outside of time so the way He talks about time is different from how we talk about time - but how could that be since this is explicitly from Jesus... I would expect Jesus to know how to phrase a revelation in a way that we'd understand (although I can't rule out that the angel sent to deliver the message used awkward wording).

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