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- c. *The things which shall be **hereafter**.* These things are described in chapters 4-22 and are events that will happen in the future.

4. Epic prophetic events foretold in Revelation

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