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II. Why are they special?

A. They are eternal from Heaven.

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B. They will most surely come to pass in its totality.

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III. What purpose are the scriptures to Man?

A. For God to reveal Himself to man.

Hebrews 1:1–2 — *"¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days **has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."*

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C. The scriptures are given for our instruction.

Romans 15:4 — *"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*

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2 Timothy 3:15 — *"and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to **salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

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