

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 4-5 – The Rapture and Events Taking Place at the Throne of God

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN – REVELATION 4-5

Our studies in the _____ section of Revelation (Chapters 1-3) have brought us up to the conclusion of the church age, which was represented by the seven letters to the seven churches of Chapters 2-3.

Chapter 4 brings us to the _____ section of Revelation (Chapters 4-19:10), initiated by the *open door* of verse one. This is the first time in the book that a door opens in heaven with someone going up. (The _____ section begins in Chapter 19:11 when someone comes down – see attached addendums).

The terms “*after this*” and “*hereafter*” indicate events that will take place _____ the church age is complete—after Rev. 3:22 the *church* is _____ mentioned again by name until Chapter 22:16. This should be obvious because we are gone. What we are about to read in Chapters 4-5 describe the rapture of _____ age saints and events taking place at the throne of God, things we will experience firsthand *when we all get to heaven*.

1. Understanding the text of Chapter 4

a. The throne of God – Revelation 4:1-8

- A rapture to the _____ – verses 1-2

The very first thing he sees is the throne of God

- The one seated on the throne – verse 3a

Jehovah, God the Father – He was to look upon _____ a jasper and a sardine stone – John 1:5; 1 Timothy 6:16; Ps. 104:2; Rev. 3:1; 21:10-11

- Things surrounding the throne – verses 3b-4

A rainbow – like an _____

24 elders – with white raiment and crowns of gold on their heads

- Things proceeding out of and before the throne – verses 5-6a

Lightnings, and thunderings, and voices

Seven lamps of fire which are the seven Spirits of God – Isaiah 11:2

- 1) The Spirit of the Lord
- 2) The Spirit of Wisdom
- 3) The Spirit of Understanding
- 4) The Spirit of Council
- 5) The Spirit of Might
- 6) The Spirit of Knowledge
- 7) The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

A sea of glass, like crystal – Gen. 1:6-9; Job 9:5-9; 26:7-10; 37:14-38:11; 38:30; 41:31-32; Ps. 104:2-3; 148:4; Pr. 30:4

- Things in the midst of the throne – verses 6b-8

Four beasts full of eyes – they are cherubim, signifying all that is supreme in creation on earth and in heaven – Ezek. 1:10; 10:14-22; 28:14

Lion – king of the wild beasts

Calf/Ox – king of domestic beasts

Man – ruler of earth's economies

Eagle – king of the skies

b. The worship of God – Revelation 4:9-11

- The praises to God

The beasts give glory and honor, and thanks...

The elders fall prostrate casting their crowns before the throne saying:

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

2. Understanding the text of Chapter 5

a. The book of God – Revelation 5:1-7

- The position of the book – verse 1
- The power of the book – verses 2-4
- The owner of the book – verses 5-7

b. The worship of the Lamb – Revelation 5:8-14

- It includes everyone present:

The four beasts, the 24 elders, the angels, unnumerable saints, and every creature present

Again, the four beasts say: _____

Again, the 24 elders again fall prostrate and worship Jesus Christ

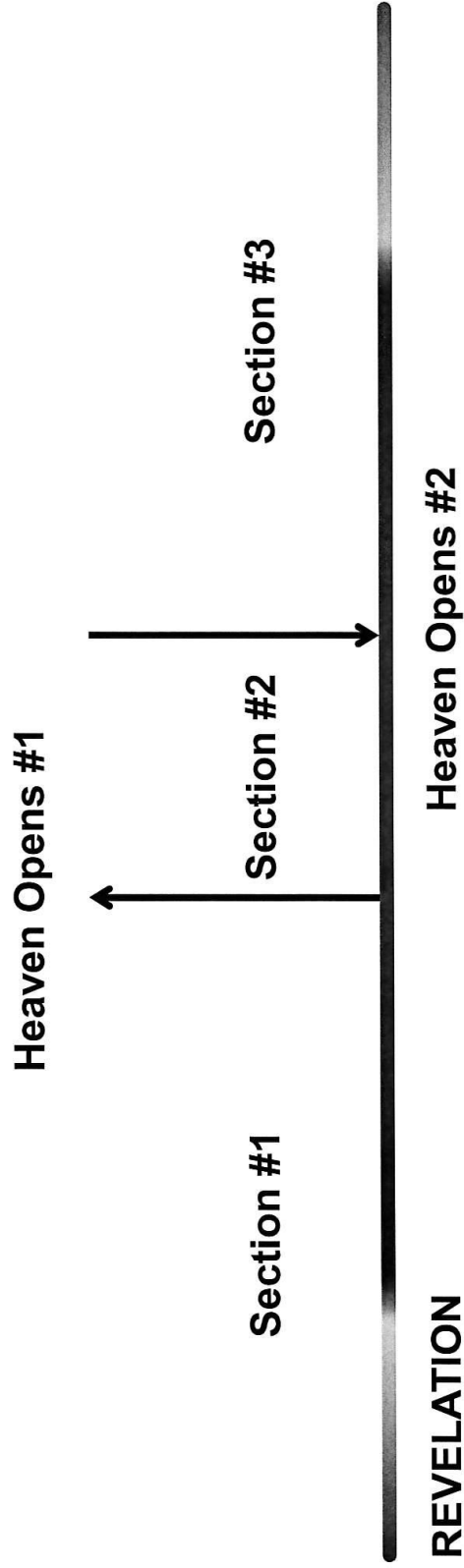
3. Conclusion – an application for today

- Key ingredients to any genuine worship service

1) The Throne – acknowledging we are in God's presence

2) The Book (our source of power and victory) – believing what it says by _____

Divisions of Revelation



These 2 divisions create 3 distinct sections

Addendum #1

Outline of Revelation

