

In the Throne Room of God Revelation 4, 5

I. Invited into Heaven – 4:1

1. Chapter 4 announces a scene change
Rev. 1-3 we see Jesus as Lord of the Church
In 4-5 we see Him upon the Throne in Heaven
“After this” brings us to a change
2. A door was open to Heaven
We move from churches on earth to Heaven
3. A Trumpet like voice invites him to enter
John enters the control center of the universe
4. There is also a change in viewpoint
“I will show you things which must be hereafter”
5. There are things which must be hereafter
Note the imperative – they “must” happen
God must judge sin & the wickedness of man
Satan and his forces must be defeated
All rebellion against God must be destroyed
The exalted Christ must return to earth
God’s kingdom must be established
Righteousness and peace must prevail
God’s plan & purpose must come to fulfillment

II. The Lord Upon His Throne – 4:2-6

1. Must focus on the One on the Throne - 2
To understand what is to happen we must see
The Lord upon His throne
We must see things from God’s perspective
2. God’s glory described as precious gems - 3
Like brilliant gem stones – jasper and sardius
Compare the description in Ezekiel 1:26-28
3. There was a rainbow around the Throne – 3
God is Light and the rainbow is light refracted
4. View of the Throne was awesome – 5
Lightning, thunder and voices – Exodus 19:16-19
5. Seven lamps of fire burning before the throne
These represented the sevenfold Spirit of God
God’s Spirit in all of His fullness
6. Before the Throne was a Sea of Glass – 6
This sea is clear as crystal reflecting all the
beauty that is radiated from God’s glory
7. John tries to describe the radiance for us
How can you describe what is indescribable?

III. Those around the Throne – 4:4,6-8

1. Twenty four elders seated on thrones – 4
Their description help us to identify them
Elders are representatives of God’s people
They are seated on thrones – cp. 3:21
Clothed in white raiment – cp. 3:5; 19:8
Gold crowns on their heads – 2:10;3:11
Word for crown, not “diadem” but “stephanos”
They are victors crown
2. Four Living Creatures – 4:6-8

Living beings are unlike anything in our world
Full of eyes – great discernment, understanding
Faces are like a lion, a calf, a man and an eagle
Attributes seen in earthly beings in creation
Each had six wings – able to move swiftly
Compare Isaiah 6:1-2 & Ezekiel 1:5-10
Ezek. 10:15, 20-22 identifies them as Cherubim
Cherubim were present in Tabernacle & Temple
God’s Throne Room on earth
They continue to celebrate God’s holiness

IV. Worship before the Throne – 4:9-11

1. Cherubim lead in worshipping God – 9
Give glory, honor, thanks to Him who sits upon
the throne and who lives forever and ever.
As a cherub (Lucifer) led rebellion against God
Cherubim lead in praise and worship of God
2. 24 Elders join in worshipping God – 10-11
Fall down before the One on the Throne
Worship the One who lives forever and ever
Cast their crowns before the Throne
He is worthy to receive glory, honor, power
God created all things & they are for His pleasure

Worthy is the Lamb **Revelation 5**

I. The Challenge – 5:1-4

1. Scene continues in Throne room of God – 1
Focus is on the One who sits upon the Throne
2. He has a scroll in His right hand – 1
There is writing on both sides of the scroll
3. The scroll is sealed with 7 seals – 1
Scroll contains eternal plan & purpose of God
God is about to unveil, bring His plan to completion
Scroll contains “Things which must be hereafter”
4. Angel calls for someone to open the scroll - 2
Who is worthy to open the scroll, loose its seals?
5. No human responds to this challenge – 3
God’s plan, for man to have dominion – Gen 1:26
No one worthy, in heaven, on earth, under earth
No one is worthy to even look on this scroll
6. John weeps because no one is worthy – 4
No creature of God is worthy to carry out His plan
Deal with sin and bring redemption
Defeat Satan and his kingdom
Destroy man’s kingdom & establish God’s
None can fulfill God’s creative plan and purpose
Cause for weeping if God’s plan is thwarted

II. The Champion – 5:5-7

1. John is comforted by an elder – 5
There is One who is worthy to open the scroll
2. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is worthy – 5
He is of the Root of David –Kingly line – Messiah
He has prevailed – Victory at cross qualifies Him
He is worthy to bring God’s plan to completion
3. As John looked for a lion he saw a lamb – 6
Lamb of God that was slain as a sacrifice
Lamb is in the midst of the Throne – He is Lord
Lamb is in the midst of the Elders – He is Lord
He has seven horns – supreme power
He has seven eyes – infinite discernment
He has seven-fold Spirit of God – full authority
4. The Lamb took the scroll from God’s hand – 7
By His triumph He is worthy to fulfill God’s plan
The rest of the Book reveals what’s on the scroll
Christ opens the seals – 6:1,3,5,7,9,12
Lamb is exercising all authority – Matt. 28:18

III. The Celebration – 5:8-14

1. As the Lamb takes the scroll all praise Him – 8
Much yet to happen on earth but result is sure
The Lamb has prevailed and the Lion will rule
All Heaven resounds with praise and adoration
2. Cherubim & Elders praise the Lamb – 8-10
Cherubim lead but focus is on the elder’s praise
They praise the Lamb for His redemptive work

- They praise Him with harps and voices
They praise Him for answered prayer
Prayed, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done”
Praise Him from every nation, tongue & people
They praise Him because of their position – 10
He has made us a kingdom of priests
We shall reign with Him on earth
3. Angels in Heaven praise the Lamb – 11, 12
Angels join with the cherubim and the elders
Number is an infinite number
10,000x10,000 + thousands of thousands
Loudly praise the Lamb as One who is worthy
Redemptive work qualifies Him for honor – Phil. 2
Power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory,
blessing
 4. Every created being will praise the Lamb–13-14
In heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea
All will praise the Father & the Lamb forever – 13
Cherubim say amen & elders fall down to worship