

## CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE – THE THRONE AND THE BOOK

### THE SCENE IN HEAVEN – AN OVERVIEW OF CHAPTERS 4-5

So far our study of Revelation has brought us up to the conclusion of the church age, which was symbolized by the seven letters to the seven churches of chapters 2-3. These letters represented not only the practical condition of each particular church in approximately 90 AD and the applicational state of various churches throughout the entire church age, but also the prophetic details that took place during church history from 90 AD to our present time of 2007.

Chapter 4 brings us to the second section of Revelation (signified by the “open door” of verse one). The terms “after this” and “hereafter” indicate events that will take place \_\_\_\_\_ the church age is complete. It is interesting to note that after Rev. 3:22 the church is not mentioned again by name until chapter 22:16. This is no surprise because the details that we read from here on describe events that have not yet happened and will not begin to unfold until the church age saints are supernaturally “caught up” in the air to meet Jesus Christ in the clouds.

The events that we are about to read here in chapters 4-5 describe the scene in \_\_\_\_\_. This is the scene that we will one day experience firsthand as we enter into the physical presence of God. This morning we will look forward at that day, by faith, with hope, as we seek to commune in a special way with our loving Saviour.

### A HEAVENLY WORSHIP SERVICE

1. The first thing that is seen in heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 4:1-2
  - The particulars – Rev. 4:3-8
    - One seated on the throne – Rev. 4:2-3  
\_\_\_\_\_ – He was to look upon \_\_\_\_\_ a jasper and a sardine stone - John 1:5; 1 Ti. 6:16; Ps. 104:2; Rev. 3:1; 21:10-11
    - Surrounding the throne – Rev. 4:4  
A \_\_\_\_\_ – Like an emerald  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elders – with white raiment and crowns of gold on their heads
    - Proceeding out of the throne – Rev. 4:5  
\_\_\_\_\_, and thunderings, and voices – Ex. 19:16; Ezk. 1:13; Ps. 77:18; Rev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:18
    - Before the throne – Rev. 4:6a  
Seven lamps of \_\_\_\_\_ which are the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirits of God – Isaiah 11:2  
  
A \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- In the midst of the throne – Rev. 4:6b-8  
\_\_\_\_\_ beasts – They signify all that is supreme in creation on earth and in heaven...

- The praises – Rev. 4:9-11

- The beasts give \_\_\_\_\_ and honor, and \_\_\_\_\_...
- The elders fall prostrate casting their \_\_\_\_\_ 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. The next thing that is seen in heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 5:1

- The particulars – Rev. 5:1-7

- The position of the book – Rev 5:1
- The power of the book- Rev. 5:2-4
- The owner of the book – Rev. 5:5-7

- The praises – Rev. 5:8-14

- The beasts and 24 elders fall prostrate before the \_\_\_\_\_...
- The beasts and 24 elders sing a \_\_\_\_\_ song:

*Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ around the throne along with the beasts and elders say with a loud voice:

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

- Every \_\_\_\_\_, everywhere said:

*Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

- And the four beasts said:

*Amen.*

- And the four and twenty elders fall prostrate and \_\_\_\_\_ him that liveth forever and ever.