

TEXT: Revelation 4-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parent Commissioning will be taking place on Mother's Day. Sign up at RedeemerChurch.com
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BIG IDEA: We hope in the Sovereign King

Ground Rules:

1. *This is a letter written to 7 churches*
2. *There is almost nothing new here*
3. *The book is full of imagery and is NOT chronological: This is apocalyptic literature. That does not mean the end of world literature. It means "that which was concealed is being revealed." In keeping with this style of writing, each image has a meaning - stars = angels. Dragon = Satan, lamp stands/torches = churches. And the appearance of these images isn't always in chronological order. One theologian describes it as walking through an art gallery. Nothing is arranged in chronology, but more so by style and content.*
4. *We are in the End Times: Heb. 1:1-2 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ² In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through him.*
5. *We must read with humility: If your understanding of Revelation is dependent upon the current news cycle for your interpretation - you're wrong. How do I know? Give it a week and you'll see. Everyone who has used the news cycle to interpret Revelation has been proven wrong because they rely on speculation. Hear me: Speculation is the enemy of biblical interpretation.*

Ice Breaker: What do you ascribe worth to (people, places, things)?

Revelation 4:1-5

- What does it mean that John was in the Spirit? Why is this important as we continue to look at this text?
- Who is seated on the throne in heaven?
- What are Jasper and Camelian stones?
- Who is seated on the 24 thrones?
- What do the 7 spirits of God represent?

What does this mean for the church today?

Revelation 4:6-8

- What does the sea represent in the ancient world?
- What does the glass represent?
- What do the creatures around the throne represent?

Even when the world feels like chaos is there any sign of it in the throne room of God? Why is that significant to us today?

Revelation 5:1-5

- What does the scroll contain?

Revelation 5:6-14

- What do the 7 horns represent?
- What do the 7 eyes represent?
- What do the 7 spirits represent?



What does this passage teach us about Jesus that we may normally not see in other parts of the Bible?

How can we Worship the Worthy and Sovereign King in our lives today and furthermore?

Related Scriptures

Hebrews 1:1-2

Quotes

Failure to worship consigns us to a life of spasms and jerks, at the mercy of every advertisement, every seduction, every siren. Without worship we live manipulated and manipulating lives. We move in either frightened panic or deluded lethargy.... If there is no center, there is no circumference. People who do not worship are swept into a vast restlessness, epidemic in the world, with no steady direction and no sustaining purpose. - Eugene Peterson

...maybe you're weeping. Your heart is broken. The pressure or the loss is overwhelming. We've got to read the "Weep no more" with the "Behold". This is not a call to get a grip and pull yourself together. John is not telling you off if you cry into your pillow tonight. He's inviting you to "behold"—to see the Lamb on the throne. He's inviting you to look at the great power in the universe, the One who reigns over history, and see the One who loved you and gave himself for you. And he invites you to see in the enthronement of the Lamb that your story is not yet over. There's another chapter, and that chapter is glory. - Tim Chester