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# The Book of Revelation (4)

4:1-5:14

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

# Tonight's Plan

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

How?

# Who?

Who?

# 1. John

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2. The One on the throne

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3. The 24 elders
4. The four living creatures

## Ezekiel 1:4-6, 10 ESV

As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures...

And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings.

## Isaiah 6:1-3 ESV

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

# Who?

1. John
2. The One on the throne
3. The 24 elders
4. The four living creatures
5. The Lamb

## Genesis 49:9 ESV

Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

## Isaiah 11:1, 10 ESV

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit...

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

# Who?

1. John
2. The One on the throne
3. The 24 elders
4. The four living creatures
5. The Lamb
6. Minor: angels and creatures

# What?

What?

# 1. Worship

What?

1. **Worship**
2. **Enthronement**

## Daniel 7:9-14 ESV

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

## Daniel 7:9-14 ESV

As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## Daniel 7:17-18, 21-22, 27 ESV

These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever...

As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom...

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

## Ephesians 2:4-7 ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

What?

1. **Worship**
2. **Enthronement**
3. **Opening a scroll**

# When?

When?

# 1. 4:1 and the futurist case

When?

1. 4:1 and the futurist case
2. Concurrent to John

# When?

1. 4:1 and the futurist case
2. Concurrent to John
3. The whole church age

# Where?

Where?

# 1. Heaven - God's abode

Why?

Why?

# 1. Our reality is in heaven

Why?

1. Our reality is in heaven
2. God is on the throne, in control

How?

How?

# 1. The sacrificial death of the Lamb

## How?

- 1. The sacrificial death of the Lamb**
  - a. The focus is on his death**

## How?

1. The sacrificial death of the Lamb
  - a. The focus is on his death
  - b. His death is an ironic victory

Putting it  
together

Revelation 4-5 is a transitional vision wherein John sees the throne room of heaven. In this throne room vision, God is at the center of the universe, sovereignly reigning over all things. We also see the ironic victory of the Lamb-King, who overcame through his death, accomplishing redemption for his people. It is by this ironic victory that the Lamb has all authority to both judge his enemies and protect his people, which is the message of the following visionary portion of the book of Revelation (6:1-22:6). Though this victory was won on the cross in 33 A.D., its effects were felt at the end of the 1st century, are felt today, and will be felt into eternity.

## Application

1. Public Worship
2. Real Life is in Heaven
3. Christ's death was a victory
4. God's sovereignty
5. God-centered view of the universe