

Book of Revelation Chapters 4 and 5

Introduction: Imponderables - Trinity, Incarnation, Eternity.

There are 22 chapters in Revelation. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew Aleph-bet.

This chapter gives us the fullest view of the throne of God seen anywhere in the Bible.

Jesus shows John future things as though they had already happened.

Chapter 4.1 "In Heaven" means in the invisible realm as well as where God's Throne is.

Some believe "Come up here" is reference to the Rapture.

Some basic prophesy information:

There are 7 annual Jewish feasts. (All point toward the future: a.k.a. eschatology)

1. Passover Feast. Fulfilled at Last Supper.
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread. Fulfilled through Crucifixion of Jesus.
3. Feast of First Fruits. Fulfilled through Resurrection.
4. Feast of Pentecost. Fulfilled on Day of Pentecost.
5. Feast of Trumpets. Fulfilled at Rapture.
6. Feast of Yom Kippur. Fulfilled at second coming of Jesus.
7. Feast of Tabernacles. Fulfilled at Millennium.

4.2 "In the Spirit" means John was seeing in the Spiritual realm.
God looks in on time from the realm of eternity – we cannot grasp that.

4:4-8 Four things John sees:

1. 24 Elders
 - a. **body of Angels**
 - b. **all believers**
2. Lightning and Thunder
3. Sea of glass.
4. Four living creatures. (Also in Ezekiel 1:5 and Isaiah 6:2)

They are called **Cherubim** and they are **worship leaders** in Heaven.

This was also **Lucifer**.

4:10 They cast their crowns before the throne. All **authority** is derived from **God**.

God is worthy of praise as the **creator** In 5:9 He is worthy as the **Redeemer**.

Praise and **adoration** are the eternal activity of all God's creatures.

Chapter 5

5:1 Father God sits on the Throne holding a scroll. The scroll is the central document of the whole book of Revelation. The seven seals are opened, seven trumpets are sounded and seven bowls of wrath are poured out. This is the process of how Jesus lays claim to earth and vanquishes evil.

Only Jesus has the right to break the seal because of **His redemptive sacrifice**.

The scroll is the **title deed** to the earth.

5:6 Lamb = **Jesus** Horns = **Authority** Eyes = **Wisdom**

5:9 They sang a new song. Worship always precedes **judgement** in Revelation.

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