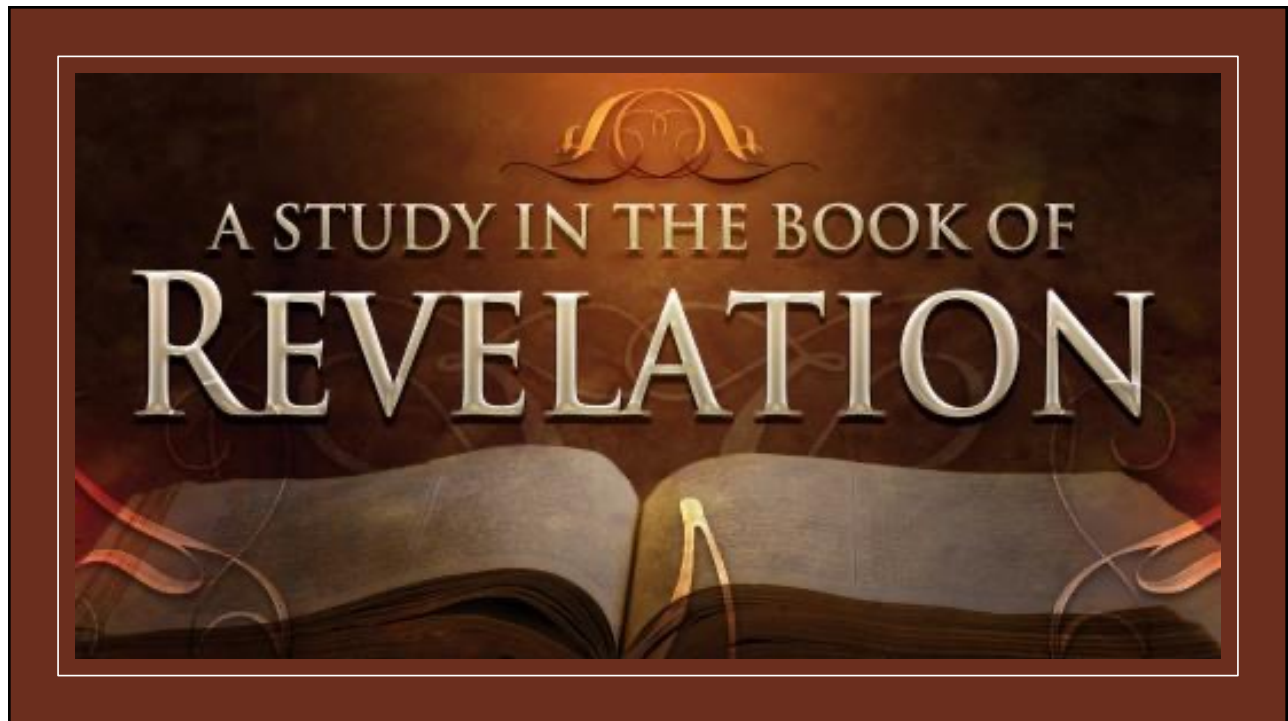




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INTRODUCTION

- Rev. 4-5 comprise a transitional unit (The Great Transition)
- Transition occurs at 4:1 and shifts our focus into the future
- The message of the glorified Christ (1) → 7 Churches (2-3) → The Great Tribulation/Daniel's 70th Week (6-19)
- Abrupt change from earth to heaven
- Picture of Christ in 3:21 → vision of Christ in 4-5.

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THE OUTLINE

“Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.”

~ Revelation 1:19



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THE OUTLINE AND THEME OF THE BOOK

Outline

Part	Chapter	Theme
1	1	Christ <i>(Past)</i>
2	2-3	Church <i>(Present)</i>
3	4-22	Consummation <i>(Prophetic)</i>

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HEAVENLY SCENE

- Heavenly scene provides a backdrop and understanding for the beginning of the judgments that God unleashes on the earth
- “After these things...” (4:1a)
 - See also 7:9; 15:5; 18:1
- “A door open in heaven...” (4:1b)
 - See also Ez. 1:1; Matt. 3:16; Mk. 1:10; Lk. 3:21; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 19:11

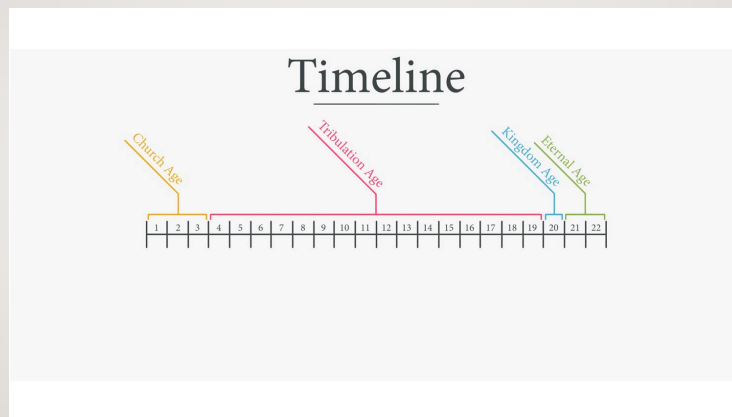
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HEAVENLY SCENE

- Heaven = the abode of God
- The door was open and was standing open
- The veil of the Holy of Holies has been removed by Christ (Heb. 10:19-20)

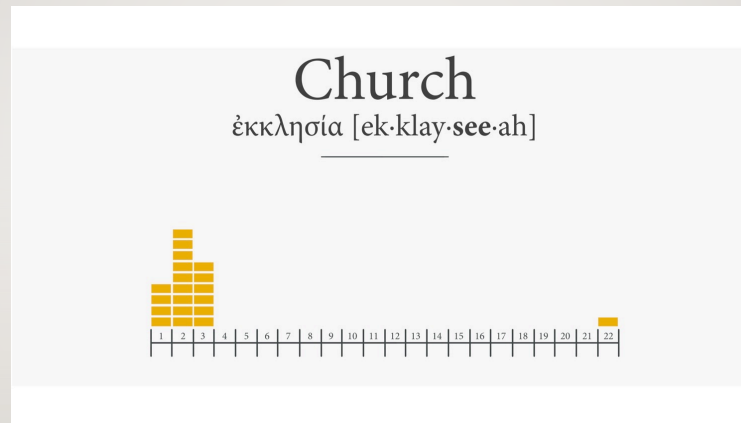
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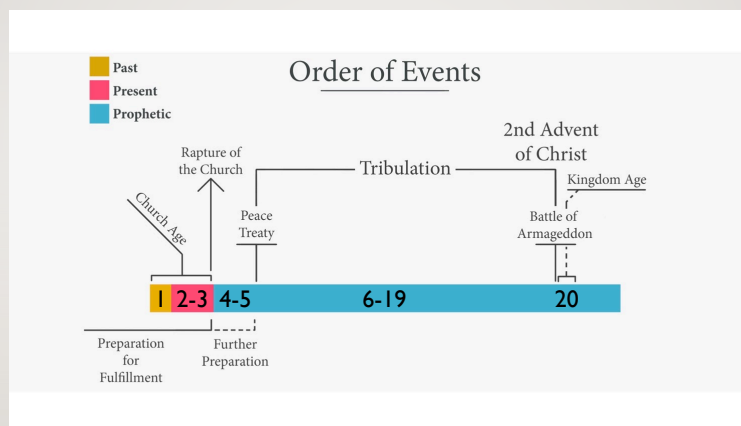
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ABSENCE OF THE CHURCH IN 4-19:7 APPEARS AGAIN IN 22:16 – SYMBOLIZED IN 4-5



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ORDER OF EVENTS



Things Yet Future...

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CHURCH VS. ISRAEL

- The church is prominent in 1-3
- The church is symbolized in heaven with Jesus in 4-5
- The church is absent in 6-19
- The focus is Israel in 6-19
 - Women who delivers the male child (Christ) in 12:1-2
 - The 144,000 sealed Jewish evangelist (7)
 - Temple of God (11:1-2)
 - Two Witnesses (11:3-12)
 - Jerusalem (11:13)
 - Jews persecuted by Antichrist (12:17)

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CHRISTOLOGY

- Revelation constantly ascribes the attributes of God to Christ
 - Christ as Alpha and Omega (22:13)
 - Christ as Mediator of Creation (3:14)
 - Christ as Mediator of Redemption (5:9)
 - Christ as Mediator of the final Kingdom (19:11)
 - Christ as Word of God (19:13)
 - Christ as Lamb of God (5:6)
 - Christ as joint ruler with the Father (God and the Lamb as a unity) (22)

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VISION OF HEAVEN

- 2nd vision in Revelation (1st vision is 1-3 and is now complete)
 - See also Ez. 1:1, 4-28; Is. 6:1; 1 Kgs. 22:19; Dan. 7:9
- The 2nd vision (in heaven) is Jesus and events surrounding His return
- Transition to (time of preparation for Daniel's 70th Week)
 - Greater volume of scripture dedicated to this than any other event
 - Revelation 6-19 focuses on this time (the "Blood & Guts")

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BEGINS WITH AN INVITATION (4:1-2)

- Come up here (4:1)
 - After the Church Age
 - Door open...in heaven
 - Things that must take place
- Voice (1:10) – the risen Christ
- In the Spirit (4:2)
 - See also 1:10; 17:3; 21:10; 2 Cor. 12:3-4

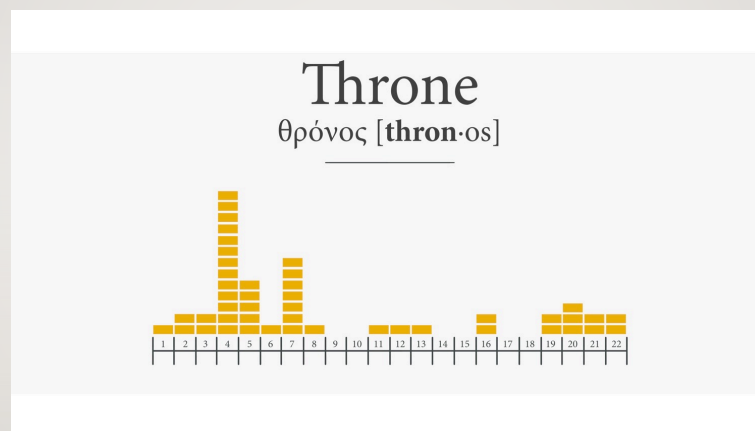
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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:2B-6A)

- Really beyond description but John tries to explain what he is seeing
- Throne in heaven (2b-3)
- Someone sitting on the throne (2b)
 - Creator of all
 - Human language fails
 - Appearance of Jasper and Sardius (see also Ez. 1:26-28)
- Rainbow (see also Gen. 9:13-16; Ez. 1:28; Rev. 10:1)
- Overall other thrones
 - See also 2:13; 13:2; 16:10 for thrones of limited power

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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:2B-6A)



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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:2B-6A)

24 ADDITIONAL THRONES

- Dressed in white = purity/holiness/righteousness
- Victor's crowns
- Likely representative of the church (See also 5:9-10)
- Doubling of 12 = 24 = the Church in all its fullness
- Symbolic of all the redeemed

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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:2B-6A)

24 ADDITIONAL THRONES

Revelation 4:4

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

Revelation 3:21b

to sit down with Me on My throne

Revelation 2:10b

I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 3:5a

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments

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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:2B-6A) CROWNS

- Five crowns in the NT
 - Imperishable wreath (1 Cor. 9:25) = Faithful endurance wins a heavenly reward
 - Crown of Life (James 1:12) = Those who love God and long to be with Him
 - Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19-20) = God will wipe away every tear...no more suffering!
 - Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:1-4) = For those who suffer well for Jesus
 - Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8) = Those longing for and waiting for the Rapture

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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:5-8) BEFORE THE THRONE

- Seven Lamps of Fire
 - Seven Spirits of God = the Holy Spirit
- Crystal Sea
 - Great gulf fixed between God and man (see also 2 Chron. 4:2-6; Lk. 16:26)
- Four Living Creatures
 - Lion, calf, man, eagle (see also Ez. 1:10)
 - Some believe symbolizes Christ in the gospels but likely seraphim
 - Full of eyes = divine knowledge and wisdom
 - Access to "all knowing" wisdom of God to carry out His commands and judgments
 - They continually worship God

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THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD (4:9-11) INTENSE RESPONSE FROM THE 24 ELDERS (CHURCH?)

- They worship Him who lives forever and ever
- They give Him glory, honor, and thanks
- They express faith in Him
- They worship in song
 - Creation song (4:11)
 - Similar to redemption song (5:9)

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TAKE A-WAYS FROM CHAPTER 4

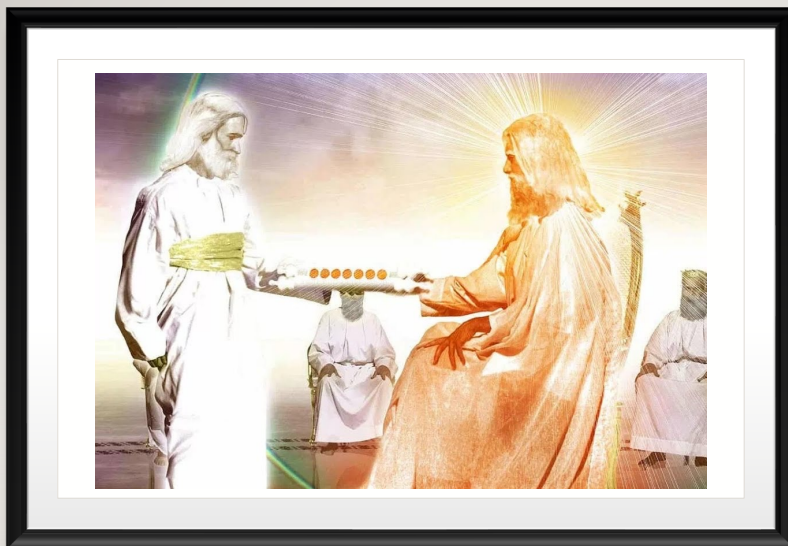
- Events connect with the end of the world “must take place”
- The sights and sound surrounding God’s presence in heaven are beyond human ability to describe in writing
- God is on His throne
- Some heavenly beings were created solely to worship God forever
- Worship magnifies holiness
- Worship magnifies God’s work in creating all things

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APPLICATION FROM CHAPTER 4

- Trust your future to the one sitting on heaven's throne
- God is completely holy – you be holy, too
- Grow in worship
- Worship in heaven is corporate worship (no private worship)
- Who is on the throne of my life?

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Chapter 5

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THE LAMB AND THE SCROLL

- Where is the future headed? (to Jesus!)
- Until then, realize...
 - The Lamb is being worshipped perfectly in heaven
 - Our prayers are present there
 - All creatures will one day worship God—willingly or unwillingly

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THE LAMB AND THE SCROLL

I. THE SCROLL WITH 7 SEALS (5:1-5)

- Appearance (5:1)
- Angel's question and negative response (5:2-3)
- John's response (5:4)
- Positive statement from an elder (5:5)

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THE LAMB AND THE SCROLL

II. THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAUGHTERED (5:6-8)

- His appearance (5:6)
- His action (5:7)
- He is worshipped (5:8)

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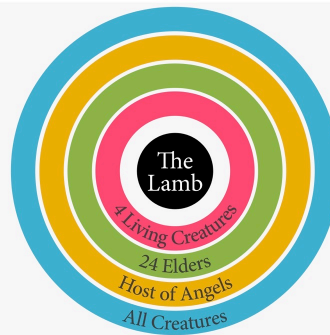
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III. WORSHIP SONG IN HEAVEN (5:9-14)

- Living creatures and elders (5:9-10)
- Thousands of angels (5:11-12)
- Every creature (5:13-14)

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THE LAMB AND THE SCROLL WORSHIP OF THE LAMB



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THE LAMB AND THE SCROLL LAMB THEME IN SCRIPTURE

The Lamb Theme in Scripture

Where is the Lamb	Behold the Lamb	Worthy is the Lamb
Old Testament	New Testament	Revelation

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IDENTITY OF THE 7-SEALED SCROLL (BOOK)

- **Title deed to the earth**
- Doomsday book
- Book of Redemption
- Record of the sins of mankind
- A testamentary disposition

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IDENTITY OF THE 7-SEALED SCROLL (BOOK) JESUS IS RECLAIMING HIS INHERITANCE

Inheritance	Text
Given	Genesis 1
Lost	Genesis 3
Decreed	Psalms 2
Offered and Rejected	Matthew
Conferred	Revelation 5
Realized	Revelation 20-22

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APPLICATION FROM CHAPTER 5 (AND 4, TOO)

- Eschatology → Doctrine of Last Things
- Christology → Doctrine of Jesus
- Soteriology → Doctrine of Salvation
- Missiology → Doctrine of Missions and Evangelism
- Worship → Doctrine of Worship

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WHERE IS HISTORY HEADED

*“And they sang a new song, saying,
‘Worthy are You to take the book and to
break its seals; for You were slain and
purchased for God with Your blood men
from every tribe and tongue and people
and nation.’”*

~ Revelation 5:9



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WHERE IS HISTORY HEADED

Revelation				
5:9	Tribe	Language	People	Nation
7:9	Nation	Tribe	People	Language
10:11	Peoples	Nations	Language	Kings
11:9	People	Tribe	Language	Nation
13:7	Tribe	People	Language	Nation
14:6	Nation	Tribe	Language	People
17:15	Peoples	Multitudes	Nations	Language

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BE A BEREAN

“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

~ Acts 17:11



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LESSON TEN

DANIEL 9

The Backbone of Bible Prophecy

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