

The Book of Revelation

Scenes in Heaven During the Great Tribulation

Lesson VI

REVIEW

1. Rev. Chapter one The Glorified Christ

John describes the glorified Christ as He appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-8. As He NOW appears in Heaven Hebrews 9:24 As He WILL yet appear when He returns to earth. 2 Peter 1:16-18.

In the Book of Revelation, John tells us what He (Jesus) is doing NOW. What He will do immediately *before* He returns. Then John describes His *revelation* and *return*. And concludes the book by telling us what Christ *will do* after His glorious return.

This book has to do with Christ.

The Devil hates Christ and thus he hates this last book of the Bible

2 Revelation Chapters two and three. “Christ amid the Churches. “7” represents the universal Church. Christ is observing for the purpose of rewarding. In these letters He tells us what He is looking for and therefore what will be rewarded. Revelation 22:12, 1 Corinthians 4:5. Hebrews 10:35, 2 John 8, Colossians 3:23-25 James 1 :12, 2 Timothy 4:8-10 cf 1 Corinthians 4:2

OUR LESSON TODAY

REVELATION FOUR AND FIVE SCENES IN HEAVEN

1 NOTE TWO WORDS

1. “AND” from Chapter 5:1 to Rev. 22:1 We want you to notice that all the chapters from Chapter 5 to 22 begin with the word “and” Note the word “AFTER” chapter 4:1, 7:1, 18:1, 19:1. Now if the word “and” indicates a connection, for it is a conjunction, the word “after” indicates a chronological order.

The events of Chapter 19 could not take place before the events of chapter 18 because they are “after” those events. Likewise ,the events of Chapter 18 could not take place before the events of chapters 7 to 17 because the events of chapter 18 are *after* those events. Thus the events of Chapters 4 and 5 are *after* the events of chapters 2 and 3. To say that another way: The events of chapters 7 to 17 are *after* the events of chapter 6 The events of chapter 18 are *after* the events of chapter 17 The events of chapter 19 are *after* the events of chapter 18. Thus there is a chronological order to the Book of Revelation. We *can see* this more plainly when we consider chapters 6 to 18.

First are the seal judgments. The seventh seal introduces the seven-trumpet judgments. Chapter 8:1,2 Then the fourth trumpet introduces three woes. 8:12,13 The woes follow in a proper order. Revelation 9:1 cf verse 12, Revelation 10:7 cf 11:14. Revelation 12:12 “woe” It is not named as being the third woe, but as it is the only time the word is used again, we must be intended to see it as the third woe, which will only be finished when the Devil is bound.

11 REV.4:1 “AFTER THIS” SURELY MEANS AFTER THE TIME OF THE CHURCH ON EARTH,AS IN CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

1. A door opens in Heaven to let John *into* Heaven. In Revelation 19: 11 all Heaven opens to let the armies *out* of Heaven. Revelation 19:14 “armies” plural. Zechariah 14:5 all the saints. Matthew 25:31 all the Holy angels.
2. A voice says, “come up.” 1 Corinthians 12:28 The Apostles -were first in the Church. Cf Ephesians 2:20. John certainly is part of the Church and here, in a vision he is raptured to Heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 All of the Church will one day be raptured. From Revelation 4:1 John sees the rest of the revelation looking down on earth from his place in Heaven. So will we!

In Revelation 2 and 3, the Church is on earth. In Revelation 4 and 5, the Church, with John is caught up to Heaven.

111 REVELATION 4:1 “HEAVEN”

1. HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE

Hebrews 10:34, 2 Corinthians 12:1-4,

2 Jesus came from Heaven and returned to Heaven .

John 6:38,41,42,50,51,58,62, Acts 1:10,11

3 Heaven ,therefore, is as real as Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:22, Hebrews 9:24

IV REVELATION 4:2 The Throne set

1. This is *not* the Great White Throne of Revelation. 20:11 The Great White Throne has to do with eternal punishment.
2. This throne is set to judge the earth *in time* before eternity begins . Revelation chapters 6 to 18 will describe these judgments *on earth*. Matthew 11:24 teaches that “time” judgments are not the final judgments. Sodom is still to be judged.

V REVELATION 4:3 ROUND RAIN BOW

1. In Genesis 9:13,14 the bow appeared *after* the flood.
2. In Ezekiel 1:28, the bow appeared *after* the captivity.
3. In Revelation 4:3 the bow appears *after* the Church has been judged.
4. The lesson? In judgment God is faithful Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20.

V1 REVELATION 4:6 A SEA OF GLASS

The wicked are like the troubled sea (Isaiah 57:20)

1. A sea of glass indicates perfect peace in Heaven even in a time of judgment.

V11 THE WHOLE SCENE IS THAT OF WORSHIP

Revelation 4:9-11, Revelation 5:8-14

V111 CONCLUDE :THE LAMB IS THE ATTRACTION IN HEAVEN

1 Chapter 5:1-8 HE takes the Book of judgment.

2. Chapter 5:12 All join in singing “worthy” is the Lamb