

Revelation 4-5

- Rev. 4-22 is future. *The things that will take place after this* (church age)
- Rev. 4-5 = scene in Heaven after the rapture – *Come up here*

REVELATION 4 – What did John see?

- The Lord seated on a throne (2)
- Rainbow surrounding the throne (3)
- 24 elders on thrones – in white – crowns of gold (4) = Church & OT saints
- Lightening
- 7 lamps of fire before the Lord (5) = completeness of H.S. (H.S. spoke 7 times to the 7 churches in Rev. 2-3). The church & HS went to Heaven at the rapture
- Sea of glass (6) = calm & peace compared to the judgments on earth
- Four living creatures = angelic beings. (7-9) – Ezekiel 1:5-25; Isaiah 6:1-4
- 24 Elders (9-10)
 - Worshipped God
 - Cast their crowns before the throne
JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:9-15)
 - Acknowledge that humans were created for His good pleasure

REVELATION 5 – Preparations for the judgments of the Tribulation

- 2 major subjects: (1) a seven-sealed book (2) Who can open the book
- **Question:** Does anyone have a right to open the book (title deed) (1-4)
- **Answer:** The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (5-7)
 - Jesus created the earth & gave Adam dominion over it
 - Adam sinned & Satan took dominion, becoming “god of this world”
 - Earth & man are under Satan’s dominion
 - Satan has occupancy, but he doesn’t have the title deed
 - Jesus has the authority to judge the earth for 2 reasons:
(1) Creation (2) Redemption
 - Jesus stood up & took the title deed from the Father (7)
 - The blood of Jesus was the redemption price for earth & man
 - During the Millennium the earth will be restored. Jesus will reign
 - The Tribulation is a judgment on the earth because of the rejection of God & His Christ (Psalm 2)

- Jesus will open the title deed of the earth, releasing the judgments of the Tribulation
- When the Lamb took the book, the 4 living creatures & 24 elders knelt & worshipped Him.

JESUS DESERVESE TO BE WORSHIPPED:

1. Because of *who* He is.
 - He is the Lion of Judah (5) (Gen. 49:8-10)
 - He is the Root of David (5) (Isa. 11:1)
 - He is the Lamb (mentioned at least 28 times in Revelation)
2. Because of *where* He is (6)
 - He is in Heaven on the throne. All creation is centered in Him
3. Because of *what* He will do (7-10)
 - He will open the seals & judge the earth
 - He will take back occupancy from the god of this world
4. Because of *what* He has (11-14)
 - Power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor & glory & blessing