

Small Group

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Revelation Chapters 4 & 5: The Lion Is A Lamb

John gets to see what few this side of heaven get to see...a glimpse into the throne room of God. The curtain is pulled back and John sees beyond the dimension of the here and now. The world of the spirit and eternity is not some future reality off in the distance. It is real and alive and happening now right around us. What does John see? He sees a throne and One sitting on the throne, high and exalted. Circled around the throne are 23 other thrones with elders sitting on them. There are also four beasts there, one with the face of an ox, one with the face of a lion, one with a face of an eagle and one with a face of a man. They throw themselves before the throne and cry out in worship "Holy, Holy, Holv...Is the Lord almightv. who was and is

Bible Study Questions



. Read Revelation 4 & 5

1. Compare what John experienced on the Island of Patmos in Revelation 4:1 – 6 with what Moses experienced on Mount Sinai Exodus 19:16 – 19:

“On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain ¹⁹trembled violently. ¹⁹As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

What are similarities and differences? What do these images say about the presence of God?

2. How do the heavenly beings (elders, creatures, angels) respond to God’s presence? What are some things they are specifically giving praise and thanksgiving for in chapters 4 & 5?

a. What is the “new song” that is sung? What is its significance?

3. Many believe that the sealed scroll that is held by the One who sits on the throne contains past, present and future realities of the Kingdom of God. Why does John weep when he sees that no one is worthy to open the scrolls?

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4. John is told by one of the elders



Personal Application Questions

Please answer the questions below as they best apply to you personally. Speak in the “I”. There is no obligation to answer any question.

1. What speaks most to you personally in these two chapters? Discuss a particular verse that you relate to at this time.
2. We see that in the realm of the heavenly, worship is constant and continual. How do you keep worship at the center of your life?
3. We don’t “begin” or “end” worship time, because it is continual and we just get to “join in with the heavenly chorus” or “exit from the heavenly chorus.” How do you prepare to

enter the worship experience each Sunday?

4. How can putting on “Revelation 4 & 5 glasses” change your everyday perspective?

5.. How are you experiencing the book of Revelation so far? How is God coming to you through this book?

6. **Assignment:** Read Revelation chapters 6 & 7.

Revelation 4

1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits^[a] of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,⁹^[a]
who was, and is, and is to come.”

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹“You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”

Revelation 5

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits^u of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign^u on the earth."

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

13 And I heard every creature saying, "Blessed be the Lamb who was slain, who is worthy to receive these things and to do these things."

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and
worshiped.