



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

10. A door standing open in Heaven...

Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear**
the words of this prophecy,
and **keep those things which are written in it;**
for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)

Who will persevere
to the end?

Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

Behold, He is
coming with clouds
(Revelation 1:7)

I know your works...

1:9 – 3:22

The vision of Christ, then His messages to the seven churches

He who
overcomes...

He who
has an ear,
let him hear...

The next section...

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals



For whom was Revelation written?

“He who has an ear to hear...”

Ephesus

Repent and do the first works... (Revelation 2:5)

Smyrna

Be faithful until death... (Revelation 2:10)

Pergamum

You hold fast to My name... (Revelation 2:13)

Thyatira

Hold fast what you have till I come. (Revelation 2:25)

Sardis

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain... (Revelation 3:2)

Philadelphia

You have kept My command to persevere... (Revelation 3:10)

Laodicea

Be zealous and repent. (Revelation 3:19)

Understanding the Visions

Apokalypsis = disclosure, manifestation, unveiling

✓ “The revelation of Jesus Christ...” (Revelation 1:1)

✓ The first vision

▪ “...out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...” (Revelation 1:16)

▪ “The mystery of the seven stars...” (Revelation 1:20)

Symbolism

✓ Chapters 4-5

Also Revelation 1:10

▪ “Immediately **I was in the Spirit**; and behold...” (Revelation 4:2)

▪ “Seven lamps of fire ... **which are** the seven Spirits of God.” (Revelation 4:5)

Symbolism

Understanding the Visions

I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's Day...
(Revelation 1:10)

X NOT like space travel to another place

Rather:

- ✓ Unveiling the spiritual truth of things
- ✓ Using images shown to earlier prophets
- ✓ Using symbols – some are explained

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The next section... (Part 1)

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

4:1 – 5:14

...and behold, **a throne** set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

(Revelation 4:2)



And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
a scroll written inside and on the back, **sealed with seven seals.**

(Revelation 5:1)



Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David,
has conquered to open the scroll...

(Revelation 5:5)

A door standing open in heaven...

Also Revelation 1:19

*“Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place **after this**.”* (Revelation 4:1)

To what does **after this** refer?

- ? Immediately after the visions – that is, in the first century?
- ? During some particular time or times during the church age?
- ? At or after the end of the church age?
- ? During the whole of the time from Pentecost up to the Lord’s return?

The first sight...

...who dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or can see.

(1 Timothy 6:16)

The Throne of God

...having the glory of God.
Her light was ...
like a **jasper** stone,
clear as crystal.

(Revelation 21:11)

- Jasper
- Carnelian
- Emerald

(See Revelation 4:3)

Red

Green

And from the throne
came lightnings,
thunderings,
and voices.

(Revelation 4:5)

The first sight...

The Throne of God

*You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and
honour and power...*

(Revelation 4:11)

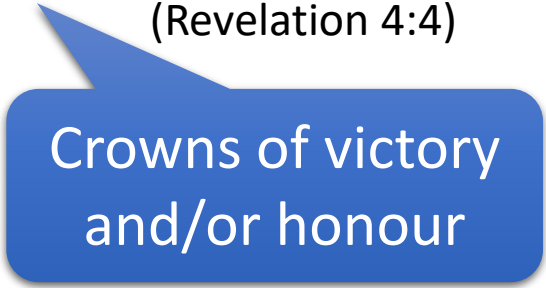
*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is
and is to come!*

(Revelation 4:8)

What about the elders?

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones,
and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders,
clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

(Revelation 4:4)



Crowns of victory
and/or honour

Who are the Elders?

- ? Angels?
- ? Old Testament saints?
- ? Old and New Testament saints?

What about the four living creatures?

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

- the first living creature like a **lion**,
- the second living creature like an **ox**,
- the third living creature with **the face of a man**, and
- the fourth living creature like **an eagle in flight**.

...each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within...

(Revelation 4:6-8)

What are the living creatures?

Isaiah 6:1-2:

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne...
Above it stood seraphim;
each one had six wings...

Ezekiel 1:10:

As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a **man** ... the face of a **lion** ... the face of an **ox** ... the face of an **eagle**.

The Throne of God is the centre...

*You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honour and power
for You created all things,
and by Your will
they existed and were created.*
(Revelation 4:11)

***Holy, holy, holy,**
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is
and is to come!*
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The Throne of God is the centre...

In the beginning,
God created
the heavens and the earth.

(Genesis 1:1)

The scroll...

And I saw in the right hand
of Him who sat on the throne
a scroll written inside and on the back,
sealed with seven seals.

(Revelation 5:1)



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Jeremiah 32:7-15
or
Daniel 12:4?

- It is in the **right hand** of the One on the throne
- It is written on both sides
- It is **sealed**
- It is very important that it be opened
- **The Lamb alone** is worthy to open it



The Lamb **alone** is worthy to open it

The Lion of the
tribe of Judah,
the Root of David

And between the throne
and the four living creatures
and among the elders
I saw a Lamb standing,
as though it had been slain,
with seven horns and with seven eyes...

(Revelation 5:6)

Matthew 28:18

The seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.

And when He had taken the scroll...

...the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb,
each holding a harp, and **golden bowls full of incense...**

(Revelation 5:8)

The prayers
of the saints.

What is written
in the scroll concerns
the redeemed...

You are worthy ...
for You were slain, and by Your blood
You ransomed people for God
... and You have made them
a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.

(Revelation 5:9-10)

*You shall be to Me
a kingdom of priests
and a holy nation.*

(Exodus 19:6)

And when He had taken the scroll...

And every creature
which is in heaven
and on the earth
and under the earth
and such as are in the sea,
and all that are in them...

Blessing and honour
and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb,
forever and ever!

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Revelation chapters 4 and 5

What have we seen?

- ✓ The throne of God – the Creator reigns
- ✓ The purpose of God – the scroll
- ✓ The Lamb – the conquering Redeemer
- ✓ The beginning of the completion of “*the mystery of God*”

Revelation 10:7