

The King's Reign over Everything – April 17, 2016

Revelation Series #2

Chapters 4 & 5

I. A Quick Review:

The Book of Revelation

The Book is:

- ☞ A summary of all of Scripture!
- ☞ A summary of all of God's purposes and plans in the created order
- ☞ The clearest picture of Christ and his place in the eternal purposes of God

How Should We read and Interpret the Book?

1. *It is an "apocalypse"*: The readers are intended to recognize some of the figures, to be surprised at some of the figures and to finally work some of them out.
2. *It is prophecy*: (a) We look first to the OT to understand its images, (b) the book deals with things past, present, and beyond John's time.

II. Get Your Bearings

1. An Open door in heaven
2. "What must take place after this....."

III. The King! (vv. 2- 3)

v. 2 – A throne....

The Nature of the King –

The Alpha & Omega:

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1)

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22)

He dwells in timeless eternity:

"is, was, is to come" 1.4, 1.8, 11.17, 16.5

His works were finished from the foundation of the world (Heb 4:3).

The Almighty:

v. 3 – One seated on the throne

The Nature of his reign –
Never needs to do battle!

Never needs to explain

God speaks (1.8) - "I am the Almighty"
God Speaks again (21.6) - "It is done!"

v. 3 - Jasper, Carnelian, and the Emerald Rainbow

The Nature of his Character

IV. The King's Court (vv. 4-8a)

V. The King's Due Worship (vv. 8b-11)

Something about numbers.... Three's & Seven's

VI. The King's Purposes (vv. 5.1-5)

vv. 1 & 2 - A Scroll

v. 4 & 5 - The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

VII. The Conquering Lamb (vv. 5.6-10)

VIII. The Lamb's Full Praise (vv. 5.11-14)

¹²"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5)

IX. Facing These spiritual Realities in Everyday life

- a. God and His mission
- b. God and His sovereign control
- c. God and His care
- d. God and your problems

What is the Content of the Letter?

The History & Future of Everything!

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	The Origin and Hermeneutic of What Follows
1:1-3	Origin, Authenticity & Authority of What Follows
1:4 - 22:21	A Letter to the Churches:
2-3	The Ethical Mandate of the History of Everything
4-5	God's Reign Over the History of Everything
6-11	Characterization of the (Current) History of Everything
6	Six Seals: #1-4 The Horsemen #5 Martyrdom #6 Earthquake
7	First Interlude - Comfort for the Church a. The 144,000 Chosen out of the Jews b. The Multitude Chosen out of the Nations Seventh Seal (---> Seven Trumpets)
8-9	Six Trumpets: #1-4 Natural Disasters #5 Demonic Forces from the Abyss (<i>First Woe</i>) #6 2,000,000 Calvarymen (<i>Second Woe</i>)
10-11	Second Interlude - Comfort for the Church from Christ Himself The Angel & the Little Scroll: a. Measuring the (True) Temple b. The Two Witnesses Seventh Trumpet (---> Seven (Last) Bowls of Wrath) (<i>Third Woe</i>)
12-14	The Explanation for the History of Everything
12	Satanic Opposition to the Eternal Plan of God
13	The Origin of the Mock Trinity
14:1-5	The Pure Redeemed Saints
14:6-15:4	The Certainty of Final Judgment
15-21	The Future of the History of Everything
15-16	Seven (Last) Bowls: #1-4 Epidemiological and Natural Disasters #5 The Dark Kingdom Cursed #6 Deception leading to Destruction #7 Total Destruction (---> leading to judgment, Final Events)
17-21	The Final Events: a. Judgment of the Great Harlot/Babylon b. Destruction of the Anti-Christ and his Allies c. The Serpent Bound d. The 1000 Year Reign e. The Final Judgment f. The New Heaven and the New Earth
22	Promises Concerning the History of Everything

The Strange Structure of the Revelation:

STRUCTURE OF THE REVELATION TO JOHN

