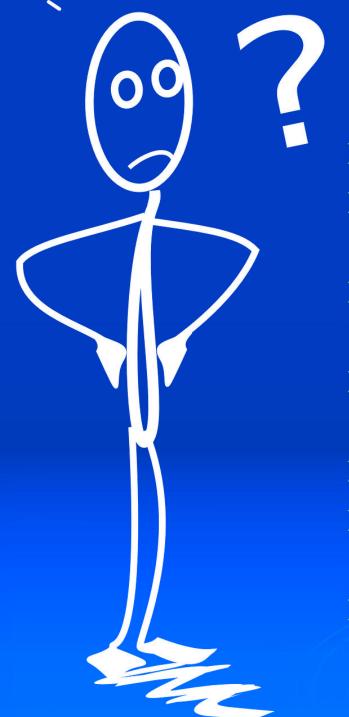


- Revelation consists mostly of unfulfilled prophecy
- > Rev. 4, the next recorded vision.
- ➤ Rev. 1 3, the first vision and the letters to 7 Believing congregations in Asia
- John's visions are received in the early 90's A.D., 2 decades after the Temple destroyed, and 4 decades after the Jerusalem Council

- John was certain that the end was very close.....it wasn't
- Because of fulfilled prophecy we can be sure the end is not far off in our time
- Rev. 1 − 3 God was evaluating the spiritual temperature of the 7 congregations in Asia
- Difficult outcome of the 7 letters is that the divine narrator never identifies Himself by name or title
- Some attributes typify Christ, others more typify the Father

## SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE



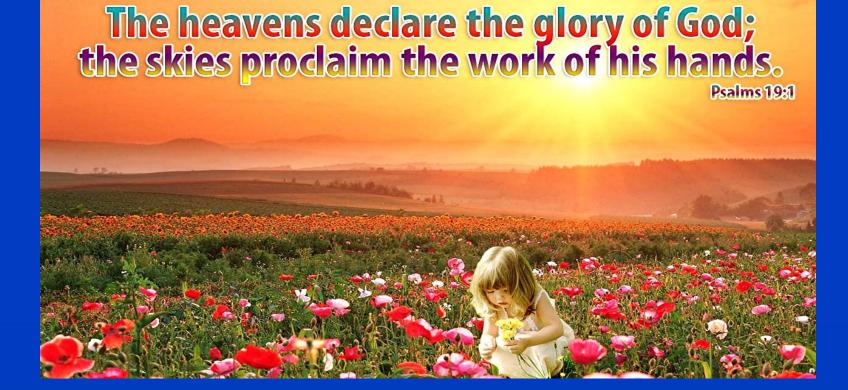


## NO ANSWER CAN BE BETTER THAN A GUESS

- Chapter 4 visions:
- 1) Did they come to John in the order they are recorded?
- 2) Do the events within the vision occur in the order given?
- Decision creates a doctrine that predetermines much of Rev.
- Chapters 4 & 5 work together
- Daniel's prophecies play key role in Rev. 5
- The Heavenly throne room is the setting, and the glory of God and Christ is the emphasis



- > 24 Elders are the 24 courses of Priests and Levites
- Ezekiel 44 says Priests and Levites will serve God
- Acts 6:7 "...a large crowd of cohanim (priests) were becoming obedient to the faith..."
- 4 living creatures with faces of man, Ox, eagle, lion same as the symbols for the 4 leader tribes of Israel

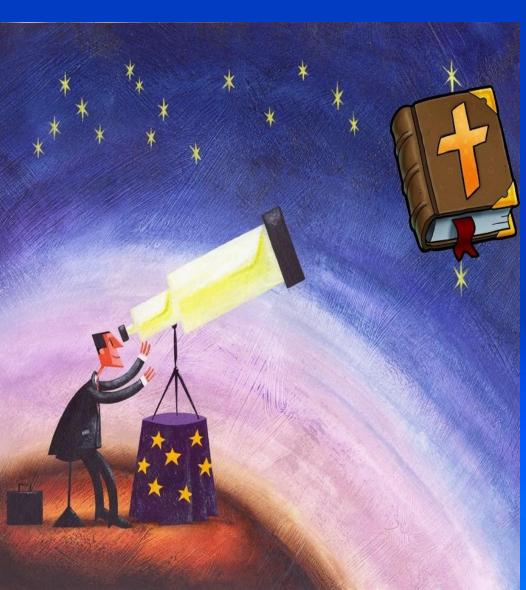


- God is to be glorified due to His sovereignty and holiness
- The fundamental purpose of humanity is to glorify God
- Humans that refuse to glorify God are marked for eternal destruction because they don't fulfill their purpose
- ▶ Praise words of the 4 living beings taken from Isaiah 6:1 3
- Adonai Tzva'ot = Yehoveh of Hosts

- "....who is to come..." is usually limited to Christ
- Zech. 14 says YHWH will step foot on the Mount of Olives
- When 4 living beings sing out praise, the 24 Elders sing out a different praise
- The praise is that God's will created everything
- All happens according to God's plan



## REVELATION CHAPTER 5



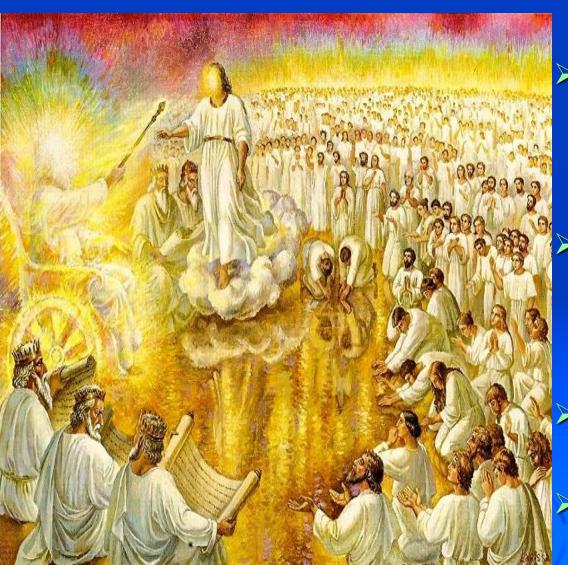
- Chapters 4 & 5 shouldn't be divided
- A transition from ideal perfection in Heaven, to chaos and sin on Earth
- Inauguration of God's sovereignty in its fullest and most awful
- Process begins that Believers must dread and welcome
- OT: deliverance <u>from</u> death
- NT: deliverance through death

- False teaching: Prosperity Doctrine
- False teaching: Believers will not experience discomfort, tribulation and death
- NT does NOT glorify death!
- Because of Yeshua's death and resurrection we don't have to fear death
- Our hope is in Christ, and we can have joy in the midst of troubles





## DANIEL CHAPTER 7



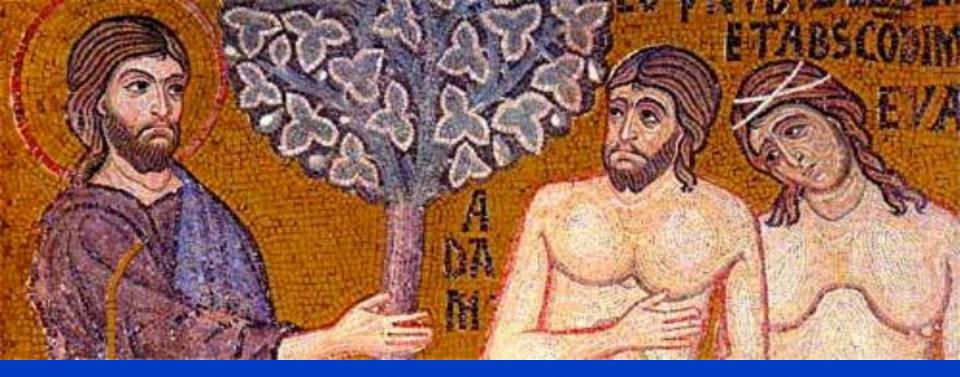
No break between Revelation 4 & 5

Ancient One gives son of man rulership

- One like son of man in Daniel 7 =
  Lamb that was slain in Revelation 5
- Ancient One in
  Daniel 7 = the One
  sitting on the throne
  in Revelation 5
- Ancient One is the Father
- Lamb is the Son



- Biblion = writing materials
- > Dan. 12:4 "...seal up the book until the time of the end.."
- John, and Believers, have known the contents of this book for 1900 years!!
- A two-step process: <u>first</u>, the unveiling of the contents, and <u>second</u>, the carrying out of what is revealed



- > 7 a sacred number, therefore since the scroll was in Heaven, 7 seals is appropriate
- "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"
- > Genesis 1:26 28 "...let them rule....over all the earth.."
- Yeshua rescued the divine promise, becoming the new Adam