

The Second Vision-The Seven Seals-Revelation 4-7

After John wrote by dictation the seven Letters to the seven Churches, John looked and saw a door opened in heaven. John was allowed to see the throne of God in heaven, and then was told about events that would take place before the end of the world. God informed him that believers in Christ would be victorious in the end, that their robes had been washed clean by the blood of the Lamb.

Read Revelation 4

1. How did God appear to John as He sat on His throne? (*cf. vs. 3-6*)
2. Who are the 24 elders and who are the four living creatures? (*cf. vs. 4, 6*)
3. Describe the four living creatures that surrounded the throne.
4. Explain the significance of the six wings of the living creatures? (*cf. vs. 6*)
5. Explain the white clothing and gold crowns? (*cf. vs. 4*)
6. What is the sea of glass? (*cf. vs. 6*)
7. Show how we see the Trinity in the use of three's. (*cf. vs. 8*)

His Word in My Life

We know that God is not made of jasper or emerald. In 4:3 how does John make sure we understand what he is describing is figurative language? What do these beautiful pictures tell us about God?

Read Chapter 5

God, the Father, is on the throne in heaven with a scroll in his right hand. Scrolls were usually written on one side, but this one had writing on both sides. Seven seals keep the scroll from being read.

1. What does the scroll represent?
2. Why do you think it was/is important for Christians to know some things about the future?
3. Explain who the Lion of Judah and the Root of David is? (Genesis 49:9-10; Isaiah 11:1,10)
4. Where do we see the Trinity at the one throne? (vs. 1-7)
5. What is the new song? (Psalm 98:1-3)

His Word in My Life

Jesus makes us victors while we are here on earth. Explain from 5:8-10 how we honor Jesus in our lives, other than singing praises to Him.

Read Chapter 6

Instead of outward peace and prosperity, the church must expect its share of suffering and grief at the hands of sinful men before the final judgment. Chapter 6 emphasizes the truth of Scripture that “we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” Note how the signs of the end times mentioned in Matthew 24 are

repeated here.

1. Explain the significance of the rider on the white horse?
2. What is the significance of the Red Horse?
3. What is the significance of the Black Horse?
4. Who is the pale horseman?
5. What is the difference between “Hades” and “Hell”?
6. What does it mean that the pale horse was given authority over a ¼ of the earth?
7. What are the souls of the martyrs asking while in heaven?
8. What does the sixth seal reveal will happen before Judgment Day?
9. What similarities did you notice between these verses and Matthew 24?

Chapter 6 ends with Judgment day arriving, and the unbeliever attempting to hide, but to no avail. The unbeliever cannot stand the thought of facing the God of the Universe and his judgment.

His Word in My Life

Why do you think John in Revelation pictures the souls of those who died in faith under an “altar” in heaven (6:9)?

Read Chapter 7

1. What is the significance of the number 4?
2. Why are the four angels commanded not to harm the land and the sea yet?
3. Who are the 144,000?
4. What is the great tribulation that these believers have come out of? See Acts 14:22

These words in Chapter 7 are meant to be a source of encouragement, comfort and hope for Christians as they suffer in this present time, and wait for the glory that will be revealed in them.

His Word in My Life

Why may we view the last days with anticipation rather than in fear? Look at 7:9-17. What will be the focus of our worship and joy in heaven? How do you understand the description of heaven in 7:15-17?