

Introduction:

- In Revelation 1-3, there are 34 majestic terms used of Jesus to describe Him. You will also find 22 rewards mentioned in chapters 2-3 to those who overcome. All 56 of these things are to encourage the church/bride/us in her relationship with her Groom, Jesus!
- Having a vision of Jesus and knowing who He is will empower the church to overcome sin, compromise, persecution, and geo political pressures at the end of the age.
- God in His wisdom, gives us sight and insight to who the Lamb of God is and allows us to see Him before the judgements of the Book of Revelation are released. You can overcome if you can keep your eyes on this one called Jesus!
- In Revelation chapter 4, the Holy Spirit gives us a view of the throne of God. It starts the setting of the stage for the Main Event! The movement of the One who has all power and authority to deliver to the Father the "dream" He carries in His heart.
 - John hears the voice speaking to him (vs1) and like 1:10, instantly he is in the Spirit. What he sees is the vision of the Father's throne, the appearance of the Lamb and the leadership of Jesus in summing up the end of the age.

I. The Vision of The Throne! Chapter 4 We see the beauty of God! *"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth."* (Psalm 50:2, ESV)

- A. The view through the door—what John sees. Let's note it and then go back to understand it. It matters what is at the center of your world and what you keep as the center of your world.
1. He sees a throne and someone sitting on it. Throne speaks of authority.
 2. The one sitting on it was as brilliant as gemstones. Colors shown forth from Him.
 3. 24 thrones surrounded Him and on the thrones sat 24 Elders clothed in white, with gold crowns
 4. From the throne came flashes of lightning with loud peals of thunder.
 5. In front of the throne were 7 burning torches/the 7 fold spirit of God. Is 11:2-3
 6. And in the center around the throne were the four living creatures.
 - a) they had six wings
 - b) they were covered with eyes inside and out
 7. John is looking at all of this with a keen eye for detail!
- B. It matters where you are positioned!
1. John is given a position to see through the door. It all starts on the Lord's day as he is in the spirit. He is positioned to:
 - a) See - the lightening – is revelation! It lights up what was dark!
 - b) Hear - the thunder, the worship, the songs, etc. The thunder is the resonance of the revelation echoing through the age and throughout all eternity.
 - c) Experience - the changing colors,
 - d) The Spirit is moving!
 2. The four creatures are positioned incredibly close to God! Their only response is Holy, Holy, Holy! The closer one gets to God the more they will desire and experience the holiness of God. They give to God:
 - a) Glory

- b) Honor
- c) Thanks
- 3. The 24 Elders are positioned to receive the 'blast' of glory and worship from the creatures.
 - IE. It is like the 'wave' that you see in stadiums...it proceeds from the throne to the creatures, to the Elders to the people (sea of glass)
 - a) Fall down
 - b) Worship
 - c) Lay their crowns down
 - d) And, they say, "You are worthy!"
- 4. It matters where you are positioned!
 - a) They are positioned to receive and experience God.
 - b) John, the creatures, the elders the sea of glass...they all respond to the revelation flowing from the throne.
 - c) The creatures being the 'first responders' sing...Holy, Holy, Holy.
 - d) Their worship in turn affects the Elders who...
 - (1) Worship
 - (2) Cast down their crowns
 - (3) and they too sing
 - e) They experience the beauty of God and at the same time are being 'set up' for chapter five: The Revelation of the Lamb!!! Right when you think it cannot get any better than this!

II. The Appearance of the Lamb

What John sees in chapter 4, continues to unfold in chapter 5.

- A. The view zooms in! 5:1
 - 1. John sees a scroll in the Hand of God!
 - 2. There was writing on both sides and it was sealed with 7 seals.
 - 3. As he is looking he hears a loud voice coming from a strong angel saying, "Who is worthy to break the seals on the scroll and open it?" It is the question of the ages!
 - a) No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.
 - b) John begins to weep...bitterly.
 - c) But an Elder says to him, "STOP!" Pay attention...look!
- B. The Lamb appears! *"And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.""* (Revelation 5:5, ESV)
 - 1. Jesus' leadership appears and is made known!
 - a) The Lion - courage and strength!
 - b) Of Judah - the tribe of Messiah!
 - c) Root of David - Not only does he come out of David's lineage, but God himself is the Root of David. David comes out of something that already is!
 - d) And HE, Jesus, has conquered! Is victorious!
 - e) Because of who He is and what He has done... He alone is worthy!

- C. The Lion of Judah is a Lamb!
1. He hears the Lion of Judah but he sees a Lamb.
 2. A Lamb that was slain but lives. Only the God-man, Jesus, can take the scroll. If God took it there would only be judgement. It had to be Jesus who by his own blood defeated death hell and the grave entered into the holy of holies and sprinkled His won blood not the altar.
 3. And He is positioned between the throne and the creatures—between the throne and all of creation!
 4. With seven horns (authority) and seven eyes (the seven fold spirit of God)
 5. And He moves and takes the scroll!
 6. Note: He moves and takes the scroll, and the creatures and the elders fall down before him and they have in their hands a harp and a bowl (vs. 8) which are the prayers of the Saints.
 - a) Jesus is moving in the end of the age!
 - b) And all heaven responds with worship at His movement!
 - c) And Jesus moves in response to our worship! 6:1 And breaks the first seal.

III. The Beauty of Jesus Leadership

- A. *"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"* (Revelation 5:11-12, ESV)
1. Note: Jesus is receiving something from the Father!
 2. Power - all political power and authority.
 3. Wealth - all financial resource will be His.
 4. Wisdom - all intellectual wisdom is His to govern the nations and be fruitful.
 5. Might - all the strength to carry out the will of God and bring all into subjection to Him.
 6. Honor - all nations will come and bow down. To honor him is to obey and follow willingly.
 7. Glory - all supernatural power will be at His disposal!
 8. Blessing - *"May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!"* (Psalm 72:17, ESV)

Conclusion:

- Yes! I can follow a God like Jesus.