

REVELATION 4; December 30; What John Saw In Heaven!

ANALYSIS::

1. Where did the Apostle John see a door opened, _____
and what was said to him? _____
2. What did John see? _____
3. What do the four beasts say? _____
4. How do the 24 elders respond when they hear the beasts?

5. What is the Lord worthy to receive and for what reasons?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

“The things which shall be hereafter” (1:19), appear to begin with this chapter. After some disheartening revelations about the spiritual state of seven local churches, we see God is still on His throne! While His form is not described, the gems mentioned certainly point to a most glorious sight. Future chapters reveal our God in total control of all things on this earth. We also see the “Lamb as it had been slain,” which shows our Lord Jesus Christ to be the one on the throne. “The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof” (Ps 97:1).

Knowing we shall personally stand before the judgment seat of Christ (II Cor 5:10), we are bound to live soberly and obediently to our High King of Heaven. Our lives are passing by very fast, and we ought to make every day count toward the praise of our Lord Jesus, or face Him in “terror” (II Cor 5:11) and “shame” (1 John 2:28; Luke 9:26).

HELP:

1. In heaven. “Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter” (v 1).
2. A throne set in heaven and one on the throne (v 2), 24 seated elders around the throne (v 4), lightnings and thunderings and voices came from the throne (v 5), seven lamps of fire burning before the throne (v 5), a sea of glass before the throne (v 6), four beasts in and round about the throne (v 6).
3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come (v 8).
4. They fall down before Him and worship Him who sits on the throne and cast their crowns before the throne and give Him praise (vs 10-11).
5. The Lord is worthy of “glory and honor and power” because He created all things and for His pleasure they are and were created (v 11).