

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 11 (5-6:11)

Introduction: The Word of God needs preaching. People need Bible doctrine. Nothing will feed the one's heart like the Word of God. The last study found John being taken up to heaven and allowed to "peep" in. John saw seven things:

1. He saw God sitting on His throne.
2. He saw 24 major angels sitting on 24 lesser thrones.
3. He saw the judgments of God.
4. He saw the Church at rest.
5. He saw four living creatures
 - A lion
 - An ox
 - A man
 - An eagle
6. He saw a book.
 - There are three books mentioned in the Bible
 - The Book of Life - every human being's name written here.
 - The Lamb's Book of Life - every believer's name written here.
 - The Book of Works - an account of what every person did during his/her lifetime.
7. He saw a scroll - the seven years of Tribulation judgments are described.

Chapter 5

v 1 - He saw Jesus Christ (God) on the throne.

v 2 - "strong" - endowed
- "loose" - break

v 4 - John begins to weep/cry while looking into heaven. NOBODY is going to cry in heaven and an angel stops John
- "weep" - kept on crying.

v 5 - "elder" - one of the twenty four
- "weep not" - stop crying (imperative) there is a time for weeping (weddings, funerals, etc.) and there is a time NOT to cry, such as when you get to heaven, there is no crying/weeping there.
- "lion" - technical name of Jesus Christ (2 Samuel 7:17, 18; Psalm 89:22-36).

- Lion of David (humanly speaking title)

- "root" - offspring of David (human) also Son of God (deity)

v 6 - "beasts" - living creatures
- "stood a lamb" - why standing? Tribulation was coming and people would be martyred.
- "had been slain" - received spiritual death. Had died twice, once physically, deliberately giving up life and then spiritually while on the cross, God forsook Him.
- "seven horns" - perfect power (seven is the number of perfection)
- "seven eyes" - perfect intelligence (eyes stand for intelligence)
- "seven spirits" - the total essence (character) of God

v 8 - Begins a "parenthesis" an interjection.
- A worship service begins

v 9 - "saying" - a type of changing, no melody but lyrics, words. (Think of the difference in that and today's music)
- "wast" - passive voice - had happened (was)
- "us" - them - angels are not redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

v 10 - "us" - them

v 12 - "saying" - words to the intellect, music to emotions. Songs move people emotionally, give intellect to those who are singing or listening.
- "loud voice" - unison
- "riches" - blessings

v14 - The end of the parenthesis.

Chapter 6

v 1 - Jesus Christ starts breaking the seals and the Tribulation events are described.

v 2 - "white horse" - stands for victory (Kings, emperors and others like Napoleon, great generals rode white horses)
- "conquering to conquer" - seven nations than only three during the Tribulation.
- A ten nation league will be formed.

v 3 - "war" - the last seven years will be war.

v 5 - "black" - Lamentations 4, 5 and Jeremiah 5 - famine, no food stamps, one quarter of the world will starve.

v 6 - "oil and wine" - diet of the rich but the poor will get poorer.

v 7 - "pale horse" - millions will die - one quarter of the world's population

v 9 - "altar" - cross of Jesus Christ - martyrs die during the Tribulation

v 10 - "how long" - will judgment last

v 11 - "rest a while" - a waiting period

This is a very brief summary of this passage of scripture, but the next study will review in more detail this study. You may want to put this study together with the next one, Study # 12.