

# **Revelation**

# **Open Door**

4-22-18

Revelation 4:1 (ESV) **O/H**

After this I looked, and behold, **a door standing open in heaven!** And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place **after this.**”

**We are going to walk through this open door in heaven and see only things that God knows. God’s purpose is to give us understanding of the incomprehensible. We are going to see the things that must take place after the ministry of the churches shown to us in C.2 and 3. Let us read through C.4 and see into heaven!**

Revelation 4:2–11 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

<sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

<sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

<sup>6(b)</sup> And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:  
<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

**It is important that you read through these verses!**

**Here are some highlights: O/H**

**God’s Throne – Majesty**

**24 Thrones/24 Elders – White Garments/Crowns**

**4 Living Creatures – Lion/Ox/Man/Eagle**

The first thing we see in verse 2 is the **Throne** and One seated on the Throne. This is God the Father seen as King of all creation. All power and authority come from God on HIS Throne in Heaven.

In verse 4, the next thing we see is **24 thrones with 24 elders** seated around the Throne of God. These elders are dressed in white and they have crowns of gold on their heads. Who are these Elders? The term Elder is used throughout the Bible. However, the office of Elder has its prominence in the New Testament church. Also Rev.3:21-22 gives us more insight.

Revelation 3:21-22 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, **I will grant him to sit with me on my throne**, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

This evidence seems to indicate that the **24 elders** represents the New Testament church and all the believers of the churches. In heaven, we see the Throne of God and all believers seated around the Throne of God.

In verses 6 and 7, we see **4 living creatures** around the throne. One looks like a lion, one an ox, one a man, one an eagle; representing all living things. Similar appearances in Is.6:3, Eze.1:5-25, 10:1-22.

**These 4 living creatures** never cease to say,

**“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”**

**In verse 10 and 11, we see that whenever these living creatures give honor to God, the 24 elders fall down before God and worship him and they cast their crowns before the throne, saying,**

**“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”**

**In C.4 we see that all is well and at peace in heaven!  
However, things are not well on planet earth.**

### **#1 Wickedness abounds:**

Romans 1:18 (ESV)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

### **#2 Satan still reigns:**

1 John 5:19 (ESV)

The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

### **#3 The earth groans under the corruption due to sinful man.**

Romans 8:22 (ESV)

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

**The redemption of man through Jesus Christ is completed! God is now going to finish what remains to be completed. God is going to restore the physical earth and eradicate evil!**

Revelation 5:1 (ESV) **O/H**

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne **a scroll** written within and on the back, sealed with **seven seals**.

**The scroll is the deed to earth. It is the deed to the dirt! The 7 seals are the requirements necessary to open the deed to the earth/dirt and take possession of the earth and eradicate evil. The redemption of man has already been accomplished; not an issue!**

Revelation 5:3–5 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

<sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

<sup>5</sup> 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.”

**This weeping is not over the salvation of man. Jesus has already taken care of that. The weeping is over the abounding evil and the fallen creation. Now we have found out who is going to open the deed to the earth/dirt and eradicate evil. It is the Lion of Judah, the root of David. Jesus is identified by HIS earthly name is going to take possession of the deed for the earth/dirt.**

**After being identified as the Lion of Judah, the root of David, we now see Jesus identified as the sacrificial Lamb, the One who died for our sins on the cross.**

Revelation 5:6 (ESV)

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**The sacrificial lamb was killed by cutting its throat. This image of Jesus is one of a lamb with HIS throat cut. This is a picture of Jesus after HE had already completed HIS eternal purpose of reconciling man to God. Therefore the redemption of man is not an issue concerning the scroll and the seals! As the ONE who already redeemed man, Jesus now takes the scroll, the deed to the earth, as the ONE who has the authority to restore the earth and eradicate evil.**

Revelation 5:7 (ESV)

And he (the Lamb) went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

**Now the 4 living creature and the 24 elders praise and worship the Lamb offering up the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song. The song is new because it is about something new, the restoration of the earth and the eradication of evil.**

Revelation 5:8–13 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

**Pay attention to verse 10 of chapter 5:**

<sup>10</sup> and you have **(already)** made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and **(now)** they shall reign on the fully **(restored)** earth.”

<sup>11</sup> **(NIV)** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:



“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in  
them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever  
and ever!”

**When the Lamb takes the scroll, ecstatic praise and  
worship breaks out because the Restoration of the  
earth and the Eradication of evil is about to begin!**

Revelation 5:14 (ESV) **O/H**

And **the four living creatures** said, “Amen!” and **the  
elders** fell down and worshiped.

**God will restore the earth and eradicate evil. The  
responsibility of the church now is clear!**

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) **O/H**

The Spirit and the Bride **say, “Come.”** And let the one  
who hears **say, “Come.”**

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current  
situation or impact the future***