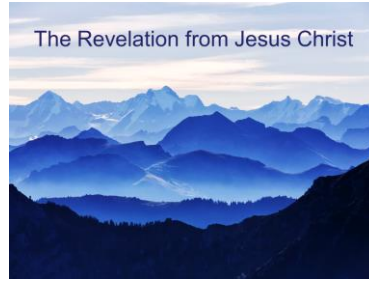




You're Welcome Here!



Series – Revelation

Study Guide 4: 7 Seals (Part A)

Week Commencing 26th May 2019

Please read **Revelation chapters 4 & 5** aloud if possible.

*Jesus' letters to the 7 churches calls for passionate and single-hearted faith. It is only when we hear what the Spirit is saying to us, humble ourselves, repent and obey Jesus authoritative Word, that we receive the call to 'come up here' through the open door in Heaven (**Revelation 4.1-2**). Then we will see all things through Heaven's eyes – with new spiritual sight.*

1. How does this inspire you and challenge you?

The vision of the throne draws heavily from images used in the book of Ezekiel and the description of the articles made for the Tabernacle and Temple. (See notes below for further reading on these images). In this scene there are 24 elders, 4 living creatures, multitudes of angels, every living creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea ... but only ONE is worthy of all their worship. The Lamb on the central Throne arrives on the scene with great honour because Jesus' sacrifice is the reason why the people have been saved and all of creation is being made new.

2. How confident do you feel in proclaiming that Jesus ALONE is the only one (for all peoples everywhere) who is worthy of our worship - that He ALONE is the way, the truth and the life? How does this revelation of the throne room help give us confidence?
3. The Judge of the Living and the Dead (See **2 Timothy 4.1**; **2 Corinthians 5.10**) is the Lamb who was slain. How does this alter your view of the Judge?
4. The notable identifying features of God's people (elders) are their White Garments (Holiness); their Worship of the Lamb; their Prayers (see **Revelation 5.8-10**); and their Authority (their crowns and thrones circled around the THRONE). How does this revelation inspire you? And how will it make a difference to your life, your worship and your prayer life?
5. What do you learn about worship from these chapters? And how are you challenged and encouraged by this picture of the throne room of heaven?

*Here is some background reading from the Old Testament that may help with the symbolic and prophetic language used in these chapters (this is far from an exhaustive list!) **Ezekiel chapters 1&2** – the vision of the throne room of God and the scroll. **Exodus 19.16-19** – the awesome glory of the Lord. **Exodus 25.31-40** – the golden lampstand. **2 Chronicles 4.1-4** – the Sea in the Temple*