

KEY CONCEPTS FROM REVELATION CHAPTERS 4 & 5

INTRODUCTION

*Three points of the outline found in chapter 1:19 of The Revelation. Especially note the last point. Compare with 4:1 (“things which **must** be hereafter” instead of things which **shall** be hereafter.

“These things” encompass the events which follow the Church Age (chapters 2 & 3)...the 7 year Tribulation (Daniel’s 70th Week)...the Messianic Kingdom... the Eternal state.

Chapters 4 & 5 are an Interlude between the end of the Church Age and the beginning of the Day of the LORD.

*Review of the following statistics concerning the Church and Israel on Earth

Chapters 1-3 the Church is mentioned or inferred to 19 times, Israel 3 times

Chapters 4-18 the Church mentioned or inferred 0 times, Israel 26 times.

Chapters 19-22 the Church mentioned or inferred 6 times, Israel 1 time

SCENE 1

Introduction to the 24 elders (Rev. 4:4) – representatives of the raptured Church now in heaven (cf. 3:10 along w/I Thess. 4:16-18)

1. Elder = rank or office held in NT context those who are the pastors/teachers of the local churches (Acts 20:17)
2. Described as clothed in white raiment (4:4) cf.7:14; 19:8, 19:14
3. Described as having golden crowns (4:4) they are rewards of righteousness (cf. I Cor. 3:10-15; I Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:10) – Greek word “stephanos”...same as what the given to the victors in the Greek and Roman games...not “diadema” which rulers wore.
 - Makes reference to the elders being judged and rewarded
4. Similar to the 24 orders of the priesthood which represented Israel under Mosaic Law

SCENE 2

The Scroll with Seven seals (Rev. 5) ..The Title Deed to Planet Earth

Introduction to the scroll...obviously of extreme importance (5:1-2)

1. God’s redemptive program is at stake, including His victory over Satan, even His very sovereignty(5:3-4)

2. Hold on...Jesus, the Kinsman Redeemer comes to the rescue (5:5-14)
 - a. Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David (5:5 cf. Gen 49:10) & the Lamb slain (5:6,9-10,12 cf. I Pet 1:18-20)
 - b. Definition of Kinsman Redeemer
 - c. The musts of a kinsman Redeemer
 - *He became Kinsman according to the incarnation, providing Him the necessary relationship to mankind.(Jn. 1:1,14; Phi. 2:7; Heb. 2:17)
 - * He is the nearest Kinsman that is free from the debt of sin that all men face (Rom 3:9) by the virtue of the virgin birth and His sinless life. (Matt. 1:23; Heb. 4:15)
 - * He was willing to pay the ransom price that was demanded in order to free those that were in bondage (Mk. 10:45; Isa. 53; Titus 2:14)
 - * He was able to pay the required price (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:3)
 - * His work has qualified Him to execute God's Testament and restore the property rights to planet Earth that Adam forfeited (Mt. 4:8-9; Rev. 11:15-17)