

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #29)

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Four _____

- There are four ways you can look at Revelation
- The _____ View
 - Allegorical method to interpret the Book of Revelation
 - The events of Revelation are not tied to specific historical events
 - The imagery of the book symbolically presents the ongoing struggle throughout the ages of God against Satan
 - The symbols in Revelation are not tied to specific events but point to themes throughout church history
 - There is nothing in church history that corresponds to the visions John is about to relate
 - This view denies the book of Revelation any specific historical fulfillment
- The _____ View
 - There is prophecy, but it has mostly been fulfilled already
 - Latin "past"
 - Revelation was fulfilled in the first century (fall of Jerusalem)
 - The major problem with the preterist position is that the decisive victory portrayed in the latter chapters
- The _____ View
 - Revelation is a symbolic representation that presents the course of history from the apostle's life through the end of the age
 - The symbols in the apocalypse correspond to events in the history
- The _____ View
 - The Olivet Discourse and Revelation chapters 4-22 will occur in the future
 - It is prophecy that is still looking for fulfillment
 - Literal view to interpreting Revelation
 - There is no chronological structure, it is just a representation of moral truth
 - Danger of robbing the prophetic meaning of the text
 - Literal interpretation does not discount figurative or symbolic language

Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." **2** Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. (NASB)

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2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. (NKJ)

Revelation 4:1 Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." **2** And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. (NLT)

Thrones

- The word "throne" appears 58 times in the NT
 - 43 in Revelation (14 in Chapter 4)
- Messiah will sit:
 - On His Father's Throne (Psalm 110:1; Revelation 3:21)
 - On the "Throne of His Mercy" (Hebrews 4:16)
 - On the "Throne of David" (Isaiah 9:7 Luke 1:32)
- The 12 apostles will sit on 12 thrones
 - Judge the 12 tribes (Matthew 19:28)
 - Judge the angels (1 Corinthians 6:3)
- 24 Elders sit on thrones (Revelation 4:4)
- Unbelievers will be judged at a "Great White Throne" (Revelation 20:12)

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Revelation 4:3 The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. (NLT)

"One who was sitting"

- "Rainbow" is the Greek word iris, which can also mean "_____."
- "Emerald" (Genesis 9:11-17; Exodus 24:10)
 - Jasper will also later appear as first in both the wall and foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:11, 18-19)
 - _____ stone in the breastplate

- Sardius (Carnelian)
 - _____ stone in the breastplate of the high priest
 - Representing Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob
 - Jesus was the firstborn of the dead
 - It is the sixth stone in the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20)
- First and Last
 - God (Alpha and Omega)
 - 12 Tribes (Reuben and Benjamin)
 - Reuben: Behold, a son
 - Benjamin: Son of my right hand
- Who is the Son and at the right hand? _____

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Revelation 4:4 Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. (NLT)

24 Elders (Who are they?)

- θρονος (Greek): Thronos (thron'-os)
 - Describes a position upon which a governmental authority is centered
 - Chairman, judge, teacher
- Distinguishing Characteristics:
 - Thrones (Revelation 3:21)
 - White Raiment (Revelation 3:25)
 - Crowns of gold (Revelation 2:10; 3:11)
 - Song of Redeemed (Revelation 5:9,10)
 - Called "Elders," "Kings & Priests" (Revelation 5:10)
- Represent _____ group (1 Chronicles 24)
 - Representative body of all the saints of all the ages
 - Representative of only the Church
 - Representative of an order of angels
- Elders (presbuteros) (Titus 1:5; Acts 15:6; 20:28; 1 Peter 2:5, 9)
 - In NT are highest officials in church
 - Representative of the whole church

- David's 24 _____ Divisions (1 Chronicles 24:1-19)
 - Aaron, High Priest (Exodus 28)
 - Tribe of Levi
- Each order was responsible for ministering during a different week and shabbat (Sabbath)
 - They were stationed as a watch at the Tabernacle
- The number 24 occurs 6 times in the Old Testament
- In every case, it is associated with the _____ of Israel
- The 24 represented the entire priesthood

1 Chronicles 24:1 Now the divisions of the descendants of Aaron were these: the sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. **2** But Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no sons. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. **3** David, with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices for their ministry. **4** Since more chief men were found from the descendants of Eleazar than the descendants of Ithamar, they divided them thus: there were sixteen heads of fathers' households of the descendants of Eleazar and eight of the descendants of Ithamar, according to their fathers' households. **5** Thus they were divided by lot, the one as the other; for they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God, both from the descendants of Eleazar and the descendants of Ithamar. **6** Shemaiah, the son of Nethanel the scribe, from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites; one father's household taken for Eleazar and one taken for Ithamar. **7** Now the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah, **8** the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim, **9** the fifth for Malchijah, the sixth for Mijamin, **10** the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for Abijah, **11** the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah, **12** the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim, **13** the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab, **14** the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer, **15** the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizez, **16** the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel, **17** the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul, **18** the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maaziah. **19** These were their offices for their ministry when they came in to the house of the Lord according to the ordinance given to them through Aaron their father, just as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him. (NASB)

- Non-Levitical Priesthood Orders (Pre-Establishment):
 - Jethro (Exodus 3:1)
 - Jacob's tithes (to what priest?) (Genesis 28:22)
 - Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20)
 - Messianic (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5,6,7)
 - End of Levitical priesthood, No end to Messianic priesthood

24 Elders Cannot be:

- _____ Believers
 - Revelation 7:13-14
- _____
 - Revelation 7:11
 - We never see angels with crowns
 - We never see angels on thrones
- Nation of _____
 - Revelation 7&12

Crown

- Greek: διάδημα (diadem):
 - Royal crown (*"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"*)
 - Revelation 12:3 (_____ wears)
- Crown (diadem) is for royalty
- Greek: Στέφανος (Stephanos):
 - The term is Stephanos - _____
- Crown (stephanos) is for the victorious
 - 1 Corinthians 9:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 2 Timothy 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4
 - Reward for works (not salvation) James 1:12
 - Never promised to angels; reward is with Him: "Bema" seat

Crowns Promised

- "Crown": Reward for works (not salvation)
 - Their reward is with Him: at the "Bema" seat.
- Crown of _____
 - James 1:12; Revelation 2:10
 - For those who have suffered for His sake
- Crown of _____
 - 2 Timothy 4:8
 - For those who loved His appearing
- Crown of _____
 - 1 Peter 5:4
 - For those who fed the flock
- Crown _____
 - 1 Corinthians 9:25
 - For those who press on steadfastly
- Crown of _____
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:19
 - For those who win souls

Revelation 4:5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; (NASB)

Revelation 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. (NKJ)

Revelation 4:5 From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. (NLT)

Revelation 1:20 As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. (NASB)

Seven Lamps

- Represent the _____
- Revelation 1 location?
- Revelation 4 location?

Seven-fold Spirit

No, not seven spirits. The full, complete, perfect manifestation of the Spirit of God.

- Spirit of the Lord the nature of Jesus
- Spirit of wisdom the ability to make the right decision
- Spirit of understanding the ability to understand everything
- Spirit of counsel the ability to give sound advice
- Spirit of might the power to do what God wants
- Spirit of knowledge the ability to know beyond human comprehension
- Spirit of the fear of the Lord the ability to respect God's will

Isaiah 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (NLT)

Revelation 4:6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. (NASB)

Revelation 4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. (NKJ)

Revelation 4:6 In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. *(NLT)*

Throne Room

- Sea of glass
 - In the Tabernacle, the sea was the laver
 - Bronze basin which priests washed hands and feet
 - Now it is crystal
 - No washing needed
 - Mingled with fire: Revelation 15:2

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. *(NASB)*

- Washed in the water, cleansed by the water of the Word (Jesus)
- Jesus says (John 4:14) He gives water of eternal life; never thirst
- Standing on the water (_____)

Revelation 4:7 The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. **8** And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." *(NASB)*

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Revelation 4:7 The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. **8** Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come." *(NLT)*

“Four Creatures...”

- ζῶω (Greek): zao (dzah'-o)
 - Active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God; worthy of the name
 - To live, breathe, be among the living (not lifeless, not dead)
 - We get our word zoo “living creatures”

Isaiah 6:2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.” (NASB)

Ezekiel 10:14 And each one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. (NASB)

Design Of The Gospels

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son Of Man	Son Of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	N/A	Adam (Blood Line)	Eternal (Pre-existence)
What Jesus:	Said	Did	Felt	Was
Written to the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper Cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon Expelled	Demon Expelled	Water To Wine
Ends With:	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit	Promise of Return
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical
If it were a movie:	Historical	Action	Sci-Fi	Love Story

The Camp of Israel: Numbers 2

- Every detail by Design
 - What might be hidden behind the details of the Camp of Israel?
- Jesus said
 - "The volume of the Book is written of _____"
 - Psalm 40:7; Hebrews 10:7

Numbers 2:1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, **2** "The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance. (NASB)

By The Numbers

- _____(Tribes)
 - Judah 74,600
 - Issachar 54,400
 - Zebulun 57,400
 - *TOTAL = 186,400 (Men who could go to war)*
- _____(Tribes)
 - Ephraim 40,500
 - Manasseh 32,200
 - Benjamin 35,400
 - *TOTAL = 108,100 (Men who could go to war)*
- _____(Tribes)
 - Reuben 46,500
 - Simeon 59,300
 - Gad 45,650
 - *TOTAL = 151,450 (Men who could go to war)*
- _____(Tribes)
 - Dan 62,700
 - Asher 41,500
 - Naphtali 53,400
 - *TOTAL = 157,600 (Men who could go to war)*

Rabbinical Precision

- The Camp of Judah: East of Levites
- The Camp of Reuben: South of Levites
- Strict obedience denies area Southeast
- Thus, only cardinal directions ordained
- Only width of Levite's camp allowed
- Length proportional to population



