

Notes for Revelation 4-6

- I. Revelation chapter four contains very difficult teachings.
 - A. Has there been indication in the book of Revelation that it was written in code?
 - B. In fact, how does Revelation 1:1-3 speak to the “code theory?”
 - C. What are the “four living creatures” in Revelation 4:6?
 - D. What do the creatures do and/or say?

- II. What is the only application we can make from these passages?
 - A. Nature of God - Infinite, Self-existent, Transcendent
 - i. Scripture References
 - 1. Exodus 3:14
 - 2. Job 34:13
 - 3. Isaiah 43:10
 - 4. Habakkuk 1:12
 - 5. John 8:58
 - 6. Hebrews 13:8
 - 7. Revelation 1:8, 22:13
 - ii. Discussion Questions
 - 1. How is this difference from “Eternal?”
 - 2. What of God’s creation, though not self-existent, are indeed eternal?
 - 3. What application can we make from this?
 - B. Importance of Praise
 - i. Scripture References
 - 1. Isaiah 43:7, 21
 - 2. Romans 11:36
 - 3. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
 - 4. Hebrews 11:3, 13:16
 - 5. Revelation 4:11
 - ii. Discussion Questions
 - 1. What is praise?
 - 2. How is praise difference from thanksgiving?
 - 3. Why are praise and thanksgiving not dependent upon our circumstances?
 - 4. How does Hebrews 13:16 speak to the importance of praise?
 - 5. What do the 24 elders in Revelation do? Who are they? Application?
 - 6. Why did God create the universe? Out of a need for creative outlet? A need for fellowship?
 - iii. It is not about you (Psalms 67:1-2, 6-7)
 - iv. What doctrinal truths elicit praise?

1. Worthy (Psalm 18:3)
2. Christ slain (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 9:24-26)
3. Purchased for God (1 Corinthians 6:20)
4. With Christ's blood (Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7)
5. Men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation (Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:16; Acts 1:8)

III. Is it important to believe in the Historical Adam?

A. Scripture References

- i. Genesis 1:27
- ii. Genesis 2:7, 22, & 24
- iii. 1 Chronicles 1:1
- iv. Job 31:33
- v. Hosea 6:7
- vi. Matthew 19:4-5
- vii. Luke 3:38
- viii. Romans 5:14
- ix. 1 Corinthians 15:22

B. If we reject the Historical Adam what must we also reject (see Revelation 5:9)?

IV. Notice the word "tongue" in verse nine. What does it mean?

A. If angels spoke in a special language what would John have needed to write Rev. 5:11-14?

B. Scripture References

- i. Luke 2:13
- ii. Acts 2:4-11
- iii. Revelation 5:9, 7:9, 13:7, 14:6, & 17:15

C. Summary

- i. There is not a single instance in Holy Scripture of an angel speaking in an angelic language.
- ii. There is not a single instance in Holy Scripture of a man speaking in an angelic language.

V. Closing Thoughts

A. If you have a worldly, existential view of God's will and blessing, then you will deny Christ (Revelation 6:9-11).

B. How then do you prepare for this day?

C. Is the God of the Old Testament a God of wrath and the God of the New Testament a God of love (Psalm 136)?