
Revelation 4:1-11

Rev 4:1-11. Now we go to a heavenly focus, and chapter 4&5 are of the same topic. They are getting ready for the great tribulation that is about to occur in Chapter 6. In Ch 4-5 we'll study about God, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, and some elders in heaven. We will be told what will happen after the Age of Grace has finished out and the churches are gone, starting in Ch 4. WE are going to see future prophecy. Christ took John in the spirit into heaven, because his humanly form couldn't handle it. The human form would die if it went to heaven in it's current form. There are 3 heavens mentioned in the bible: 1 = earth and it's atmosphere, 2 = stars, planets, galaxies, 3= where God resides. 2 stones perfect purity of Christ = clear, blood red = what Christ paid for our sins. Around God's throne there are 24 seats, or thrones. These are elders, and there's a lot of debate about who they are. They are clothed in white, which means they're redeemed. The crowns of gold (5 crowns mentioned in scripture) were on their head. The seven spirits of God means the complete spirit of God, in it's completeness. A sea of glass like crystal was before the throne. 'Beasts' in verse 6 should read 'creatures'. The Greek word was 'zoa,' which we get the word zoo from. Carl tells us the difference in translation between the original Greek words and the limitations English has in comparison to the Greek language. The face of a lion, there is no other creature on earth that compares to a lion. The face of a calf should read ox, ox means service, strength. The face of man means intelligence, creativeness. Flying eagle – nothing in the air compares to a flying eagle. A lot of the symbols described in the OT are explained in Rev. All things created where created by God for God for His pleasure, not ours. We derived pleasure by serving Him, not by serving ourselves. Serving ourselves brings heartache; serving the Lord brings Joy, because that's the way we were created. It's like putting water in the gas tank instead of gas. A car was built to run on gas, not water. Man was created to please God, not man. That's the key to true happiness and inner peace.
