







Introduction of prophetic events

- Chapters 4 and 5 introduce the setting for the revelation of the prophetic events which will take place.
- V1 – heavenly scene – in the third heaven.
- “I will show you things which must take place after this.”
- V2-3 – Vision of God’s throne (Rev 3:21 – where Christ sat with the Father)
- **Jasper** stone (Rev 21:11 – *clear as crystal*)
- Represents God’s purity and glory – a very polished stone
- **Sardius** stone – as a ruby – red color
- Ex 28:17-21 – the high priest had 12 stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel (Sardius – the 1st; Jasper – the 12th)
- From Reuben (behold a son) to Benjamin (son of the right hand)
- Symbolic of God’s redemptive work (redeeming us from sin’s penalty) through Christ
- **Emerald** (green) – a symbol of *truth* and *love*
- The source of the prophetic vision is from God the Father (Rev 1:1).



Vision of Heaven (Rev 4:4-8)

- (V4) The 24 elders - No man is in heaven (John 3:13)
- (V5A) God’s righteous judgment
- (V5B) The seven spirits – Rev 1:4; 5:6
- (V6) Sea of glass – there is no specific biblical interpretation that we know about this expression. (Rev 15:2 – sea of glass mingled with fire during seven last plagues)
- Perhaps it represents complete cleansing (without sin)?
- (V6) Four living creatures – eyes front and back (Ezek 1:5-6, 10; 10:14)
- (V7) Supreme representatives in their categories (four faces, as cherubs):
 - **Lion** – Majesty and omnipotence
 - **Calf** – The most important domestic animal – Represents patience and work
 - **Man** – Intelligence and reasoning ability
 - **Eagle** – Sovereignty and supremacy
- (V8) Angelic beings – six wings (as seraphim – Is 6:2); do not rest day or night.



Worshipping God (Rev 4:9-11)

- Rev 4:9 – They give glory, honor and thanks to God the Father.
- God the Father created all through Jesus Christ – Heb 1:1-2.
- Isaiah 45:5-7 – There is no other LORD or God. Men’s idols are useless.
- God’s way creates peace (blessings). Men’s sins bring about ‘calamity’ (curses): Deut 28; Lev 26.
- Isaiah 45:15, 23 – God’s honor has been given to Christ.
- Philip 2:5-11 – God exalted Jesus Christ. That is glorification to the Father.
- Rev 4:10 – Without God’s grace and goodness, no one will have a crown.
- Rev 4:11 – The 24 elders bear witness to God’s majesty and glory.



The Lamb and the Book with the Seven Seals

- Rev 5:1-3 – No one on Earth or Heaven has the power or authority to open the book.
- Rev 5:4-5 – Jesus Christ has prevailed.
- Rev 22:16 – Jesus is the Root and Offspring (descendant) of David.
- Rev 5:6 – The Lamb is represented as a sovereign in His own authority, omnipotent in power and worthy as the Redeemer who died for us.
- Rev 5:7 – By receiving the Father's Book it becomes evident that judgment and power on earth are on Christ's shoulders.
- Is 9:6-7 – "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity [Darby], Prince of Peace" ... Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end... The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



Angelic Beings Worship the Lamb

- Rev 5:8 – The 4 living creatures and the 24 elders ...
- Rev 5:9-10 - "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed **us** to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made **us them** kings and priests to our God; And **we they** shall reign on the earth."
[Majority version].
- Rev 5:11-12 – 100 million and thousands of thousands of angels (over 100 Trillion angels?) worship Christ
- Christ to have: (1) The Power; (2) The Riches; (3) Wisdom; (4) Strength; (5) Honor; (6) Glory; and (7) Blessing.
- Rom 8:17 – (We are) joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- Rev 5:13-14 - All creation worships the Lamb
- This chapter is also prophetic: - All will ultimately worship of the Lord.



Rev 6:1-2 - The First Seal

THE WHITE HORSE

- Mat 24:4-5 – Many will come in the name of Christ – Represents false religion.
- 2 Cor 11:13-15 – disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.
- Acts 20:29 – wolves.
- 1 John 4:1 – many false prophets.
- 2 Tim 3:13 – from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
- **All seals in the book, once opened, remain open.**
- This rider has ridden his horse through the ages and will continue to ride until he is deposed.
- Dan 7:1-8 – A little horn.



A CHART SHOWING PROPHECIES OF REIGN OF GENTILE KINGDOMS						
Dan. 2 The IMAGE v. 31, 38 v. 32, 39	Daniel 7 The FOUR BEASTS (States) (Church)	Dan. 8 The RAM and GOAT	Revelation 13 The BEAST and IMAGE (State) (Church)	Rev. 17 BABYLON and BEAST	EXPLANATION of Symbols	The EVENTS Fulfilled in HISTORY
Head of GOLD v. 31, 38 v. 32, 39	1st BEAST like LION v. 4				1st HEAD of prophetic BABYLON	The CHALDEAN EMPIRE (Babylon) 625-539 B.C.
Breast and arms of SILVER v. 32, 39	2nd BEAST (BEAR) v. 5	RAM with 2 horns v. 3, 4, 20			2nd HEAD of prophetic BABYLON	The PERSIAN EMPIRE (Medo-Persia) 538-330 B.C.
Belly and thighs of BRASS v. 32, 39	3rd BEAST (LEOPARD) 4 heads v. 6	THE GOAT with great horns and 4 notable spots v. 5-8, 21, 22			3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th HEADS of prophetic BABYLON	GREECE, under Alexander the Great, and four divisions, began 333 B.C.
Legs as IRON v. 33, 40-43	4th BEAST along the IRON with 10 HORNS v. 7, 23, 24		The BEAST with 7 HEADS and 10 HORNS v. 1, 2		7th HEAD of prophetic BABYLON, with ten HORNS	The ROMAN EMPIRE, 31 B.C.-A.D. 476, in 2 divisions, West and East
			The DEADLY WOUND v. 3			Fall of the ROMAN EMPIRE A.D. 476
	1st HORN (bleeted by 1006)		1st HORN		These three horns, destroyed at sides of Pope, fill the "Transition Age" (Myers)	The VANDALS A.D. 429-533
	2nd HORN (rooted up)		2nd HORN			The HERULI, Odoacer's government, A.D. 476-493
	3rd HORN (rooted up)		3rd HORN			The OSTROGOTHIS A.D. 493-554
	LITTLE HORN along the v. 8, 26, 27, 74-77		2 horned "LAMB DRAGON" and "IMAGE" v. 11-15	SCARLET WOMAN who rode the BEAST v. 1, 2	Ruled the beast, so called "image" of BABYLON the GREAT	FALSE CHRISTIANITY and church government, or "image" of Roman Empire government
