

I. THE SETTING IN HEAVEN

- A. Recall the time and place of these events
 - 1. See the setting John sees before him – REV. 4:1-2
 - a. The throne that sat in Heaven – jasper, sardine, rainbow stone
 - b. The One that sat upon the Throne – God Himself
 - c. The elders in array, 12 from the OT / 12 from the NT
 - d. The four beasts (eagle, man, calf, lion)
 - e. The Worship of Heaven – all redeemed saints praising HIM!
- B. This scene occurs in Heaven after the Rapture of the Saints
 - 1. John had received the invitation – COME UP HITHER!
 - 2. And we will ALSO be in that meeting! We TOO will stand before that scene
 - 3. BTW, notice that John doesn't mention seeing himself
 - a. Neither among the elders nor anywhere else
 - b. That means that John was not watching a documentary
 - c. Remember that God CREATED time, He is NEVER bound by it!
- C. This scene occurs during the Tribulation on the Earth
 - 1. The judgments are coming, God will send GREAT tribulation upon Earth
 - 2. Earthquakes, meteorite strikes, darkened 1/3 of stars, locusts like horses
 - a. Does that mean that God will extinguish countless billions of stars?
 - b. Does that mean some great cloud of dust like a nebula will impact earth?
 - c. Either? Neither? Both?
 - 3. REV. 9:6 – “And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.”

II. THE SEALED BOOK

- A. The Scroll
 - 1. Held in God the Father's RIGHT hand from the Throne – AUTHORITY!
 - 2. If no one could open what God had sealed but Jesus
 - a. Then Jesus IS God! He IS the Great I AM!
 - 3. Sealed in SECRECY
 - a. No one in Heaven can open it, no one on Earth
 - b. Satan cannot open this book – GOD sealed it!
- B. Called by some the “title-deed of man's inheritance”
 - 1. This inheritance was stolen by sin
 - a. Robbed away by the devil
 - b. Given up and sold away by mankind
 - c. But REDEEMED by Jesus Christ
 - d. Lost in Adam (GEN. 3) but REGAINED in Christ
 - e. 1 COR. 15:22 – “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

2. Legal document scrolls written full both sides to prevent unauthorized additions
 - a. To make obvious any removals and any changes
 - b. Much like this Bible – PLENARY, COMPLETE – ALL SUFFICIENT RULE
 - c. REV. 22:18 & 19 – “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”
 3. The Saints shall receive an inheritance in Christ – REV. 5:10
 - a. It’s for YOU!
 - b. MATT 5:5 – “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
 - c. JOHN 1:12 – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”
- C. This is a fulfillment of DAN. 12:4,8-9
1. DAN. 12:4 – “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”
 2. DAN. 12:8-9 – “And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? (9) And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”
 3. When the Lamb opens this book, Judgments of God are poured out upon the Earth

III. THE SEARCH THE WORTHY ONE

- A. The Proclamation
 1. Strong Angel – REV. 5:2
 - a. There are NOT any weak ones, but this one is REMARKABLE in strength
 - b. But despite his strength, he was seeking for one EVEN STRONGER!
 - c. Have you ever asked someone to open a jar for you? Why? Because they can.
 2. He made this cry: WHO IS WORTHY?
 - a. No one else but Jesus! Throughout ALL of Heaven, only Him.
 - b. On Earth we know our situation is even worse – None righteous, no not one.
 3. Who has the power? Who has the authority? WHO is WORTHY?
- B. The Disappointment
 1. Yet another testimony of our inability to save ourselves (Filthy Rags)
 2. Not even the angels in heaven could save us
 3. Without Jesus we have NO OTHER HOPE – “No man cometh to the Father except...”
- C. The Weeping
 1. John wept over the lack of any worthy – even the APOSTLES are powerless
 2. No church, no pope, no government, no power on earth or in Heaven
 3. Only JESUS is worthy!

IV. THE SAVIOR PREEMINENT

- A. Described as: “He hath Prevailed!”
- B. Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer – Remember Ruth!
 - 1. He became Flesh to redeem us
 - a. GAL. 4:4-5 – “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”
 - b. PHIL. 2:7-8 – “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”
 - 2. He was the Root of David
 - a. MATT. 1:1 – “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”
 - b. REV. 22:16 – “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”
 - 3. GEN 3:15 – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

V. THE SIMPLE FACTS

- A. He IS worthy – See the LAMB of GOD in the midst of the throne room (vs. 6)
 - 1. The 24 elders around Him, the 4 beasts around Him
 - a. Jesus, the Lamb that was SLAIN for our redemption
 - b. 1 PET. 1:18 – “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”
 - 2. Perfect and complete in all HIS ways
 - a. 7 horns (power)
 - b. 7 eyes (intelligence) – ALL SEEING
 - 3. He takes the Book from the Father’s right hand (vs. 7)
- B. Jesus is the NOT just the Lamb that was SLAIN – He is the RISEN LAMB of GOD!
 - 1. He is HEIR to all things
 - 2. He then has JUDGMENT and POWER over all the Earth
 - 3. He is THE PREEMINENT ONE! COL. 1:15-20
 - a. (15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
 - b. (16) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
 - c. (17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
 - d. (18) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
 - e. (19) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

f. (20) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

C. Be saved today! He is the ONLY Savior!