



## Chapter 4 - 5



Around the Throne of God

The Things Which Shall be Hereafter

The Testimony of Jesus

# The Third Key



## “Things Which Shall be Hereafter”

Chapters 4-5 The Throne of God



**C**hapter four of Revelation begins with these words “After these things...” You might be asking yourself, “After what things?” The answer is after the message to the churches of chapter 2-3. This statement indicates a sequential progression of events and so with few exceptions the book is presented. There is no further message to the church except in references to events in which the church takes part in. The Church, the Bride of Christ is not actually mentioned until she is the wife of the Lamb. A wedding has taken place and all heaven rejoiced Rev. 19:7-10.

Rev. 21:9, Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

The angel took John to the top of a very high mountain so he could look down into a heavenly city. The city is called the New Jerusalem and it is here that John finds the church, now the wife of Christ.

However, the church is included in chapter four and five as they are included as the worshipers before the throne. Some believe that the church is identified again in chapter seven, but if you read carefully the angel of the Lord tells John in 7:14 they have come out of the tribulation years. Chapter seven is speaking of the Martyrs of Revelation 6:9-11 and not the church.

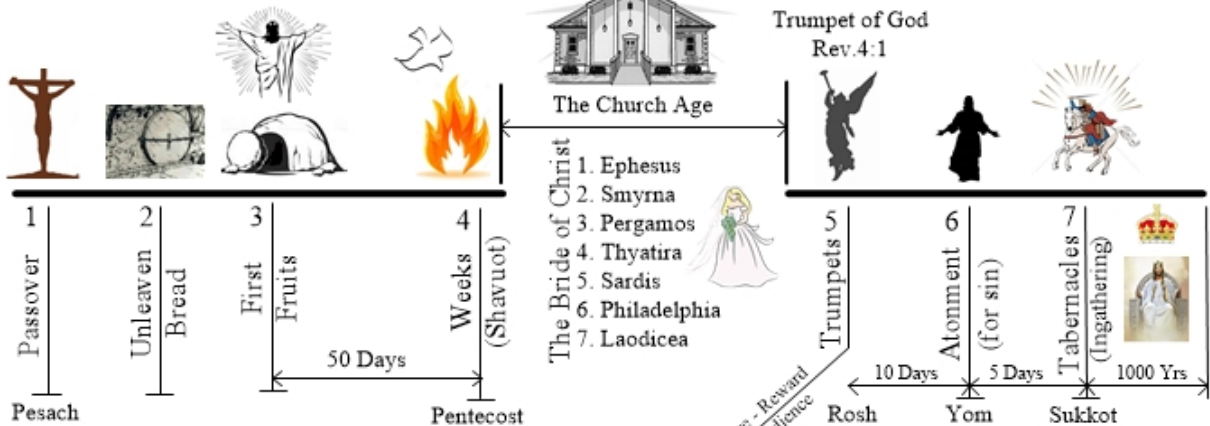


# The Seven Feast of Israel & Their Prophetic Events

**Spring Feast**  
First four feast reveal the 1st coming of the Messiah

**God's Devine Order**

**Fall Feast**  
Last three feast reveal the 2nd coming of the Messiah



Passover    Unleavened Bread    First Fruits

Death    Burial    Resurrection

Jesus fulfilled the law, sins paid for.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that who so ever believes in Him shall not perish but have every lasting life. Jn. 3:16

John 14:1-3

Meeting in the clouds

**Daniel 70th Week**

Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles
Son go get Your Bride	Judgment	Rule & Reign With Jesus 1000 Year Reign
The Rapture Rev. 4:1	Tribulation 7 years	
1 Thess. 4:13-18	Rev 6-19	

Jesus comes for His bride, not appointed to the wrath to come. Tribulation to cause men to repent. We will reign with Him.



# chapter 4

## THE CATCHING AWAY



After John finished giving the messages to the seven churches, the scriptures tell us that he looked and he saw a door in heaven standing open. As he looked at this door he heard a voice call out to him \**“Come up here and I will show you what must take place after these things.”* What things was the Lord speaking about? The Lord was referring to the things which are (in the future) to come upon the world as a result of their sin and rejection of His Son. Here again is that reference to order and the sequence of events. As it will be in the time of the rapture of the church John too was snatched up, or caught up (as by force) and immediately was standing before the Lord (v1-3).

Revelation 4:1-3 (NASB), <sup>4</sup>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.”*<sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.<sup>3</sup> And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.



\* Note: For those who believe in the rapture of the church, then you need to know that the pre-Tribulational view of the rapture occurs at this point in scripture. John’s catching up into the throne room of God is a picture of the church being caught up in similar manner to meet Jesus in the clouds.  
ie: 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Thess. 4:16-18



## THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS



eginning in verse four John gives us a description of a small portion of the throne room of God. John describes for us twenty-four elders he see's sitting around the throne of God and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

The only time mentioned in scripture as men having crowns on their heads in heaven is as a result of the Judgement Seat of Christ. This is the judgment spoken about in 2 Cor. 5:10

2 Cor. 5:10 (NASB), "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

The twenty-four elders are representative of both the Old Testament and New Testament saints. Twelve of them are thought to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. The other twelve would be the twelve disciples of Jesus. In that case they represent the New Testament church also.



The fact that the elders have crowns on their heads to lay at the feet of Jesus tells us that the Judgment Seat of Christ has already occurred.

Revelation 4:5 (NASB), "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;"

## THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

In Isaiah 11:2 the prophet tells us what these seven spirits of God are. Isaiah said:

"And the **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon him, the Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the Spirit of **counsel** and **might**, the Spirit of **knowledge** and the **fear of the Lord**."



These seven Spirits are seven lamps of fire that set before the throne of God. They are representative of seven actual Spirits given by the **Ruach Elohim** (Spirit of God) to those of his choosing.

## THE FOUR BEASTS BEFORE THE THRONE



Revelation 4:6-8 (NASB), <sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.”



he four living creatures are found in Revelation 4:6–9; 5:6–14; 6:1–8; 14:3; 15:7; and 19:4. The texts that describe these creatures do not indicate that they are figurative—they are real, actual beings. The four living creatures (literally “beings”) are a special, exalted order of angelic being or cherubim.

This is clear by their close proximity to the throne of God. Ezekiel 1:12–20 suggests that they are in constant motion around the throne.

<sup>1</sup>Revelation 5:6–14 describes the duties or purposes of the four living creatures. They fall down and worship the Lamb, Jesus Christ, offering the same reverence to Him that they did to the Father (Revelation 4:10), proof positive of the deity of Jesus Christ.

Along with the 24 elders, they have “harps and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.” Harps are frequently associated with worship in the Old Testament, as well as with prophecy (2 Kings 3:15; 1 Chronicles 25:1). Incense represents the prayers of the saints. Therefore, taken together, the four living creatures

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gotquestions.org/four-living-creatures.html>

and twenty-four elders hold in their hands the unfulfilled prophesy and the prayers of all the saints and all it is about to come to pass.

The purpose of the four living creatures also has to do with declaring the holiness of God and leading in worship and adoration of God, and they are involved in some way with God's justice, for when Jesus opens the first four seals and sends out the four horsemen to destroy, it is their powerful voices that shouts like thunder the command to "come" (6:1-8). The horsemen respond to the summons of the four powerful creatures, indicating the power the creatures possess. That power is seen again in Revelation 15:7 when one of the four unleashes the last seven plagues of God's wrath on mankind.

The four living creatures are very similar, if not the same, beings as those in Ezekiel 10:2, 14, and 20 and Isaiah 6:1-3. They are four in number, full of eyes, have faces like the beings in Ezekiel 1:10, have six wings (Isaiah 6:2), and offer worship as the beings in Isaiah 6:3, saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord." They may not be the exact same beings, but they definitely are comparable and probably of the same order.

In summary, these beings are an exalted order of angels whose purpose is primarily that of worship (Revelation 19:4). They are very similar to the beings in Ezekiel 10 and Isaiah 6, and they are in some ways involved in God's divine justice.

#### TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS WORSHIP

Revelation 4:9-11 (BASB), <sup>9</sup>"And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,<sup>11</sup>"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."



he four and twenty elders fall down before him ... The representatives of the redeemed of all the ages now fall down before the one who sits on the throne. In worship of Him they take their crowns off and cast them down at the feet of Jesus. The praise of their lips is recorded for us in v11, "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. For You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created."

# chapter 5

## The Book with the Seven Seals



Revelation 5:1-5 (NASB), <sup>1</sup> I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; <sup>5</sup> and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”



**J**ohn is shown a throne in heaven and the one sitting on the throne (God) has in his right hand a scroll (book) that has been sealed with seven seals. The reason for the right hand is because this is the righteous hand of God. The right hand, the right side is always the righteous side. Jesus sits on the right hand of His Father, Luke 22:69.

An Angel of the Lord proclaims throughout the throne room “Who is worthy to open the book and loose the seals?” It is time for Judgment to begin, but no one who is worthy steps forward. The only one worthy to judge is the righteous judge, only He is worthy, 2 Tim. 4:8.

one of the elders turns towards John and says, “Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has opened the book and loosed the seals. This can be no one else then Jesus Christ.





Revelation 5:7-10 (NASB), <sup>7</sup>And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup>“You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”



*Worthy are You oh Lord !!!*



What glorious scripture we find here. The scene is the throne room of God and all the saints of old, and of the church are gathered before God who sits on His throne. In the earlier verses we are told that there was only one found worthy to take the book out of the hand of God and open it. That one individual is the Lamb of God who appears as one who has been slain.

As He takes the book out of His Father's hand the twenty-four elders fall to the ground in worship and declares (above) “... You were slain and purchased for God by your blood men from **every tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**.”

Within this declaration the elders seem to answer the question many have debated for so long, because here we find the church gathered. The rapture has already happened and now she takes her place with the saints of old before their God and the Bridegroom Jesus. Notice what is said about their song of worship and praise ... it is a **New Song**.

It is new because now the church is among them (men from **every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**)

## Angels Exalt the Lamb

Revelation 5:11-14 (KJV), <sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. <sup>14</sup> And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever.



## Concerning The Rapture of the Church

Revelation 4:1 “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, ...”

I Cor. 15:35-58 “But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?”

The answer to this question can be found in v51-52

1 Cor. 15:51-52 “Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed”.

At the selected time of the rapture, millions of the saints of God that have gone on ahead of us will return with Christ. At the exact time that the angel of God sounds the blast of the trumpet, the souls of them that have returned with Christ will be instantly re-united with their new transformed, resurrected bodies. The graves shall open and give up their dead, the oceans shall give up their dead also, and together with the saints that are still alive on earth, be transformed and together go to meet Christ (the Bridegroom) in the air. On this day Christ will do a fantastic miracle, for we will all be given new bodies, free from disease and sickness. Crippled bones will be made new, minds will be set free instantly, in the twinkling of an eye, **WE WILL BE PERFECT**.

In Matthew 27:52-53, Matthew tells us of another time when the graves were opened and gave up their dead.

Matthew 27:52-53 “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.”

These souls were those of Old Testament Saints whom Christ set free (Eph. 4:8-10) and took with Him into heaven after conquering sin, death and Satan. \*

Ephesians 4:8-10 (KJV), <sup>8</sup> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. <sup>9</sup> (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

(\* reference next page – *Supplemental Report*, Pilates report to Caesar).

## Appendage

So we will have an immortal body just as Christ had, a body of immortal substance. Our resurrected body will still be flesh and bone, though not flesh and blood (Lk. 24:39; Phil. 3:21) Spirit bodies are as real as can be, but of a higher substance than natural bodies. And yet they are tangible and material bodies. God and angels have spirit bodies, and yet they are very real, as proved by hundreds of passages describing them and their many personal acts.



<sup>2</sup>**The Report of Pontius Pilate,  
Procurator of Judaea Sent to Rome  
to Tiberius Caesar.**

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**SECOND GREEK FORM.**

To the most mighty, venerable, awful, most divine, the august,--Pilatus Pontius, the governor of the East: I have to report to thy reverence, through this writing of mine, being seized with great trembling and fear, O most mighty emperor, the conjuncture of the present times, as the end of these things has shown. For while I, my lord, according to the commandment of thy clemency, was discharging the duties of my government, which is one of the cities of the East, Jerusalem by name, in which is built the temple of the Jewish nation, all the multitude of the Jews came together, and delivered to me a certain man named Jesus, bringing against him many and groundless charges; and they were not able to convict him in anything.

And one heresy of theirs against him was, that he said that the Sabbath was not their right rest. And that man wrought many cures, in addition to good works. He made the blind see; he cleansed lepers; he raised the dead; he healed paralytics who could not move at all, except that they only had their voice, and the joining of their bones; and he gave them the power of walking about and running, commanding them by a single word. And another mightier work he did, which was strange even with our gods: he raised up a dead man, Lazarus, who had been dead four days, by a single word ordering the dead man to be raised, although his body was already corrupted by the worms that grow in wounds; and that ill-smelling body lying in the tomb he ordered to run; and as a bridegroom from the bridal chamber, so he came forth out of the tomb, filled with exceeding fragrance.

And some that were cruelly vexed by demons, and had their dwellings in deserts, and ate the flesh of their own limbs, and lived along with reptiles and wild beasts, he made to be dwellers in cities in their own houses, and

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<sup>2</sup> <http://aggreen.net/bible/noncanon.html>

by a word he rendered them sound-minded; and he made those that were troubled by unclean spirits to be intelligent and reputable; and sending away the demons in them into a herd of swine, he suffocated them in the sea. Another man, again, who had a withered hand, and lived in sorrow, and had not even the half of his body sound, he rendered sound by a single word.

And a woman that had a flow of blood for many years, so that, in consequence of the flowing of her blood, all the joinings of her bones appeared, and were transparent like glass; and assuredly all the physicians had left her without hope, and had not cleansed her, for there was not in her a single hope of health: once, then, as Jesus was passing by, she took hold of the fringe of his clothes behind, and that same hour the power of her body was completely restored, and she became whole, as if nothing were the matter with her, and she began to run swiftly to her own city Paneas. (1)

And these things indeed were so. And the Jews gave information that Jesus did these things on the Sabbath. And I also ascertained that the miracles done by him were greater than any which the gods whom we worship could do.

Him then Herod and Archelaus and Philip, and Annas and Caiaphas, with all the people, delivered to me to try him. And as many were exciting an insurrection against me, I ordered him to be crucified.

And when he had been crucified, there was darkness over the whole earth, the sun having been completely hidden, and the heaven appearing dark though it was day, so that the stars appeared, but had at the same time their brightness darkened, as I suppose your reverence is not ignorant of, because in all the world they lighted lamps from the sixth hour until evening. And the moon, being like blood, did not shine the whole night, and yet she happened to be at the full. And the stars also, and Orion, made a lament about the Jews, on account of the wickedness that had been done by them.

(1) And on the first of the week, about the third hour of the night, the sun was seen such as it had never at any time shone, and all the heaven was lighted up. And as lightning's come on in winter, so majestic men of indescribable splendor of dress and of glory appeared in the air, and an innumerable multitude of angels crying out, and saying: Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace, among men goodwill: come up out of Hades, ye who have been kept in slavery in the underground regions of Hades. And at their voice all the mountains and hills were shaken, and the rocks were burst asunder; and great chasms were made in the earth, so that also what was in the abyss appeared. And there were seen in that terror dead men raised up,

(2) as the Jews that saw them said: We have seen Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve patriarchs, that died two thousand five hundred years ago; and we have seen Noah manifestly in the body. And all the multitude walked about, and sang praises to God with a loud voice, saying: The Lord our God that has risen from the dead has brought to life all the dead, and has plundered Hades, and put him to death.

All that night therefore, my lord, O king, the light ceased not. And many of the Jews died, and were engulfed and swallowed up in the chasms in that night, so that not even their bodies appeared. Those, I say, of the Jews suffered that had spoken against Jesus. And one synagogue was left in Jerusalem, since all those synagogues that had been against Jesus were engulfed.

From that fear, then, being in perplexity, and seized with much trembling, at that same hour I ordered what had been done by them all to be written; and I have reported it to thy mightiness.



**“If Christ should come today,  
I’ll not be here tomorrow;  
He’ll take His ransomed ones away  
From death and sin and sorrow.  
In the midair He’ll come  
To call His loved ones home,  
To take them to the ‘place prepared,’  
As He, before He left, declared.”**

*- Author Unknown -*

