

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Wk 2
7/9/23

Sermon Title	Our First Day in Heaven
Scripture:	Revelation 4-6



Three Cautions:

1. Not everything that happens in the world is connected to Revelation
2. John is speaking in limited language for distance event
3. Circular View of Events



What is Rapture?

The rapture of the church is the event in which God “**snatches away**” all believers from the earth to make way for His righteous judgment to be poured out on the earth during the tribulation period. The rapture is described primarily in **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18** and **1 Corinthians 15:50–54**.

- **The absence of the church on the earth**

- The church is mentioned 25 times in the book of Revelation.

- **19 times in Revelation 1- Rev 4;1**

- **6 times in Revelation 19-22**

- No mention of the church in Revelation 6-18- Tribulation

- **Was called up like the voice of a trumpet**

- **1 Thessalonians 4** and **1 Corinthians 15** speak of a trumpet being used to initiate the rapture.

- Is it a mistake that John is being called up to heaven with the voice of a trumpet? No

- **Return of the Saints- Revelation 19**

- If we are coming down with Jesus, then we have had to have gotten up there at some point and for this, we believe it makes sense it would have to be the Rapture of the church.

God's throne- Revelation 4:2-3

Our God is....

- **Absolute beauty!!**

- **Absolute majesty!**

Who are the 24 Elders?

- The number 24 is about representations (**ie the number 7 represents completion**)

- 24 elders represent the church that has been raptured

- This would be the view that we hold here at FBC.

2 Greek words for Crown

- **Stephanos**- inferior crown-this is the crown that the saints are wearing here in **Rev 4**

- **Diadema**- or Diadem- The highest crown obtained- **Rev 19**

God's Power and Peace- Revelation 4: 5-6

As John looks to the throne he sees and hears:

- Lightning
- Rumbles and peals of thunder
- 7 burning torches

What many theologians believe John sees are believers at peace and rest and they look like “sea of glass”. What a great picture of what heaven will be like. Peaceful. Aren't you looking forward to that day my friends? Peace with our God forever!

The Worship of God- Revelation 4:6-11

The four living creatures symbolically represent the attributes of God including

- Lion**-indicating majesty and omnipotence;
- Ox**-typical of faithful labor and patience;
- Man**- indicating intelligence; and the
- Eagle**- the greatest bird, representing supreme sovereignty.

Who is Worthy- Revelation 5:1-14

The big question asked is, “**what is in this scroll?**” We believe that this scroll will be opened one seal at a time. We believe that in the scroll is the title deed to the earth.

- The elder saw and pointed out the Lamb. Why is that significant?
 - The elder, representing the believers experienced the salvation and the conquering of sin and death, hasn't he? He knows the lamb is worthy of taking the scroll.
 - Tribe of Judah- prophesied in **Gen 49:9-10** by Jacob
 - Root of David- prophesied by **Isaiah in 11:10**

The remainder of this chapter is another scene of worship and adoration to the One who is worthy.

- Worship- sing a new song**
- Reverence**
- Prayers**

Notes:



- Christ is coming
 - Are you ready?
- Christ will reward the saints.
 - Are we serving with the right heart in mind or are we serving selfishly
- Christ will reign on the earth with us.
 - Ruling and Reigning on earth with Christ and being in Heaven with him will be the crowning glory of this life.

Resource You Can Understand the Book of Revelation by Skip Heitzig

