

## 66-Revelation – 04-Transcript

well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study after a bit of a break a very important break we as you know were away for the Feast of Tabernacles and I hope all of you had a wonderful and very edifying Feast of Tabernacles and I think that's certainly how we would describe it for those of us who are keeping it here in Ontario it was it was very edifying and we had as a theme for our Feast of Tabernacles this year the theme was a celebration of kings and priests and all of the messages were around this theme and that made the feast very very cohesive and just the spirit of camaraderie and unity was just very very compelling and very inspiring in itself so we had a wonderful and edifying feast how all of you did as well and you know this celebration of kings and priests the theme that we had here in Ontario that's actually going to be what were what we're going to be touching on in the study tonight as we cover continue in the book of Revelation and cover chapters four and five so we'll begin with prayer and then we'll get right into this wonderful wonderful book of Revelation our Heavenly Father we praise you Lord and we thank you so much for your loving kindness toward us we thank you God for your just wonderful wonderful holy days these annual Sabbath's that the world just doesn't understand and your word says that as time unfolds of the wise will understand but the wicked will wax worse and worse and so we thank you Father for this great work that you're doing with us we pray God that you will through the power of your Holy Spirit enable us to be faithful to your word and so we thank

you for every opportunity that we have certainly these annual holy days but also our weekly Sabbath's and weekly Bible study opportunities that we have and fellowship opportunities just to further

digest your word and to grow up under the guidance of your Holy Spirit in your Holy Word so we pray father that you'll bless our study this evening as we continue in chapters 4 and 5 of the book of Revelation we just thank you so much Lord for your loving kindness toward us well rather than as I mentioned the theme for our feast this year in Collingwood Ontario was a celebration of kings and priests and that's what we're gonna be touching on today we'll just begin by just catching up remember that we were actually in chapter one of Revelation and he said to in chapter one to John to write the things which you have seen the things which are and the things which shall be Hereafter so we could we see very clearly the sense that revelation the apocalypse and this book that john penned was not all about the future and a lot of people think revelation prophecy is all about future but he was told to write the things that he has seen some of those things certainly were in the past the things which are that was his present and the things which shall be some of which what he was future to him will be past present or continue to be future to us but from John's vantage point around 90 ad he was to write the things which were past the things which were present for him and the things which were future and certainly one of those things that were present for him was the state of the churches that he was responsible for and so he was over these churches these

Asian churches and seven specific significant congregations were outlined and he was to write a personal epistle  
sir he was to deliver a personal epistle from Jesus Christ Lord Jesus Christ to these seven congregations we went through these letters we won't repeat them now we can see and this is just an analysis that I did of the seven letters so we see each of the letters that he wrote - and if you like if you like this analysis just write to me  
in Davis at CGI Canada dot-org Adrian Davis at CGI Canada org and I can send this to you but by looking at each of the letters we can see who was he writing to who did he identified he identify himself who was it from what was his commendation to the congregation's and what stands out here is the church in sardis he had nothing good to say about them as the Church in Laodicea nothing good to say about them likewise our conversely what was the criticism that he had of each congregation and what we see here in Smyrna is there was no criticism of Smyrna and no criticism of Philadelphia so two congregations he had nothing good to say about them and two congregations he had nothing bad to say about them and then if we go on he exhorts every congregation there's some additional encouragement for some of the congregations and for all of the congregations there is a very clear articulation of what is the reward for those who are overcomers so with that in mind what we should think about again in terms of past present future all of this is what was so he says write the things which which you have seen the things which are and so the state of the church are those seven congregations were the

state of things which are but they also obviously have prophetic significance as we said last time when we met that seven is a number of completion and so as we march through time all congregations can draw inspiration from Christ epistles to these seven congregations and the things which shall be Hereafter

so the things which are right now now we're going to head into the things which will be in the future but before we go there we go from these seven epistles to a vision of the throne room and as we put these two things together it becomes very clear that Jesus Christ wants his church to prepare themselves for what lies ahead

basically we're going to be going through a very very difficult and it's going to be important for all of us to be overcomers individually and congregationally we must get through this period period ahead so he braces us with these personal epistles and specific encouragement and specific evaluations to say clean your act up if you don't clean your act up you're not going to have the spiritual resources you're not going to have the spiritual strength to get through what lies ahead so so get rid of the leaven get rid of the hypocrisy get rid of the the sinfulness that lies in your congregation clean up your act so that you will have the spiritual resources to get through what lies ahead in addition to that what he now does is he gives John and through us by extension a vision of the throne room and so John writes after this I looked and behold a door was opened in heaven so so now he looked in and there's this door that opens in heaven and the first voice which I heard so he's gonna hear

multiple voices but the first voice  
which he heard was as it were of a  
trumpet talking with him which said come  
up here and I will show you the things  
which must be Hereafter  
so he saw the state of affairs he saw  
the parties he's on Patmos and he was  
shown the state of affairs of his  
churches those are the things that are  
now he's told to come up to heaven and  
he's going to see the things that are  
yet future and he sees this door to  
heaven open to give him access and again  
what I said to you earlier that we need  
to think about why why is he seeing this  
picture of heaven or things that are  
happening in heaven because it's  
important that the church be encouraged  
and motivated and highly inspired to get  
through the trouble that lies ahead and  
you remember in Matthew that Christ says  
we must not fear those which kill the  
body but are not able to kill the soul  
rather fear Him who is able to destroy  
both soul and body  
so what we see here is we must be people  
who can see reality clearly and this is  
a time of terror and in a time of terror  
people cannot think straight there's  
something called the amygdala hijack and  
trauma and so people are traumatized and  
you know hashtag we are not afraid  
that's nonsense  
people are terrified but the people of  
God must not be terrified God has told  
us ahead of time what's gonna happen now  
in addition to that who we must fear is  
God and so we get this vision now of the  
throne room so that we can understand as  
chaotic as things are on earth and and  
as that chaos heats up it's no surprise  
to God this is all part of the plan and  
so rather than become panicked rather  
than become terrified rather than become

anxious we become more and more faithful  
the more chaos we see around us the more  
we see this is God's Word unfolding and  
we do not fear we do not lose our minds  
we stay calm we encourage one another  
we love one another and we stay focused  
on crossing the finish line and being  
overcomers because that's what God wants  
us to do we've got to get over this  
hurdle this hurdle of trouble that we're  
going to be seeing shortly but before he  
shows us the hurdle of trouble he wants  
us to know very clearly who's in control  
and so he says immediately so he hears  
this voice that says come and I'll show  
you come up here and I'll show you the  
things that are going to take place in  
the future and immediately he was in the  
spirit and behold a throne was set in  
heaven and one on the throne so  
immediately he comes into the throne  
room in heaven so he's told he's gonna  
be seen he's gonna be seeing the things  
that are gonna happen but the vantage  
point that he's gonna be seeing these  
things from is the throne room in heaven  
and he that sat was to look upon like  
Jasper and a sardine stone and there was  
a rainbow about the throne in sight like  
unto an emerald so there are these  
precious stones  
that John sees it it's just glorious  
what he sees and it's such a shame here  
brother at the the feast actually  
mentioned this to me call this out to me  
because normally when I think of the  
rainbow  
I think of Noah's Ark and the salvation  
that Noah came through and how that  
rainbow was a sign that God would never  
flood the earth again  
and so when I see the pride parades and  
they take the rainbow and they've  
they've perverted what-what that rainbow

means it's actually worse than that because this rainbow actually is part of God's glory and it's round about the throne and he just sees all of these beautiful stones and they're just glorious and round about the throne were four and 20 seats so in addition to the throne there are another 24 Thrones or seats around it and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting now what is the significance of these four and twenty elders I'm not sure I'm gonna say it's important as twelve is an important number in God's plan and it's two times twelve and so this could be the twelve patriarchs plus the twelve apostles that that would be my best guess as to who these elders are they are clothed in white raiment and they had on their heads crowns of gold so we are going to be made kings and priests and here he sees these elders twenty-four elders and they are kings ruling with God and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices remember he said the first voice that he heard said come up here and I will show you things which must be Hereafter now he's hearing other voices as well and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne which are the seven spirits of God now as we go through this throne room it's important that we remember that this whole vision was signified by Christ the father gave it to Christ Christ signified it in other words he put it in Tsim symbol then gave it to the angel to give to John so we have to be very careful about what we take literally and what we understand to be symbols and so that's just a little proviso as we go through this we're going to hear for example that Christ has seven eyes well Christ

doesn't have seven eyes he has two eyes  
and were made in His image and likeness  
so again just remember that much of this  
is symbolic and some of it though is  
literal and before the throne there was  
a sea of glass like unto crystal you  
know the other day I was looking out at  
the lake it was in the morning actually  
there wasn't a cloud in the sky the Sun  
was maybe around ten o'clock in the  
morning the Sun was about forty five  
degrees above the earth and the way that  
it reflected on the lake the lake looked  
like a sea of glass and so clearly I  
think what John is seeing here is the  
reflection of this water that's in front  
of the throne and the glory of God who  
is brighter than the Sun reflecting off  
this water and you'll remember in  
Genesis at the very beginning God  
separated the waters from the waters  
so there's water on earth but there's  
also water in heaven and so what I think  
John is seeing here is this water that's  
before the throne and the glory of God  
reflecting off the water and the whole  
thing appears like a sea of glass like  
unto crystal and in the middle of the  
throne and round about the throne were  
four living creatures full of eyes  
before and behind and again this is a  
symbol so there are four living  
creatures and they have eyes all over so  
they see everything and again to that  
point about the glory of God  
notice in Timothy first Timothy six  
sixteen Paul writes that God only has  
immortality dwelling in the light which  
no man can approach unto it would kill  
us in our human state to come unto this  
light it's so glorious and so bright and  
again this is what's in front of this  
water and creating this effect of the  
water looking like a sea of glass who no

man has seen nor can see  
to whom be honor and power everlasting  
amen amen amen to that  
continuing in revelation 4 and the first  
living creature was like a lion and the  
second living creature was like a calf  
and the third living creature had a face  
as a man and the fourth living creature  
a flying like a flying eagle again these  
are symbols so these are not really sure  
what exactly they mean but John is  
seeing these living creatures and then  
no doubt I believe these are angels and  
they look like these different animals  
or or animals that God created later  
were patterned after these angels now  
Ezekiel had a similar vision when he saw  
the throne of God and we'll just take a  
quick look at that Ezekiel 1 beginning  
in verse 1 he writes now it came to pass  
in the thirtieth year in the fourth  
month in the fifth day of the month as I  
was among the captives by the river of  
Chebar so this is one of the Jews that  
were taken captive by the Babylonians  
that the heavens were opened same as  
with John a door was opened to heaven  
and I saw visions of God in the fifth  
day of the month which was the fifth  
year of King Jehoiachin captivity the  
word of the lord came expressly unto  
Ezekiel the priest the son of boozai in  
the land of the Chaldeans by the river  
khabar and the hand of the Lord was  
there upon him and I looked and behold a  
whirlwind came out of the north a great  
cloud and a fire infolding itself so  
this fire was just folding back into  
itself and a brightness was about it and  
out of the midst thereof as the color of  
amber out of the midst of the fire also  
out of the midst thereof  
came the likeness of four living  
creatures so he's also seeing these four

creatures and this was their appearance  
they had the likeness of a man and  
everyone had four faces and everyone had  
four

and their feet were straight feet and  
the sole of their feet was like the sole  
of a calf's foot and they sparkled like  
the color of burnished brass and they  
had the hands of a man under their wings  
on their fore side so that's interesting  
they had the hands of a man and they  
four had their faces and their wings  
their wings were joined one to another  
and they turned not when they went so it  
looks like they're now in a square so  
they didn't have to turn at each in  
whatever direction they went one could  
lead and was was able to see what was in  
that particular direction they went  
everyone straight forward so they never  
had to turn their head or anything they  
just moved in a block as for the  
likeness of their faces they four had  
the face of a man and the face of a lion  
on the right side and they had the face  
of an ox on the left side they four also  
had the face of an eagle

so John sees the same likenesses but in  
his vision of the throne room  
each angel had the faces of these four  
different types of creatures  
whereas what John saw was each angel or  
each living creature was that separate  
animal so they're both seeing the throne  
room of God but they're seeing slightly  
different visions and again this is why  
we can't take it literally what what  
Christ is showing John is is symbolic it  
means things these are symbols that he  
has to interpret and so we don't want to  
be too literal to say oh what's in front  
of the throne of God is it four distinct  
creatures or is it four creatures that  
all look alike that have four different

faces well that's what Ezekiel saw when he saw the throne room I Christ is showing John a slightly different symbol but it is the same four faces and so these faces are significant and they do have true symbolic significance Ezekiel goes on to say thus were their faces and their wings were stretched upward two wings of everyone were joined one to another and two covered their bodies and they went everyone straight forward where the spirit was to go they went and they turned not when they went as for the likeness of the living creatures their appearance was like burning coals of fire and like the appearance of lamps it went up and down among the living creatures and the fire was bright and out of the fire went forth lightning and so st. John saw this lightning as well and here Ezekiel explains and the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning so so when these living creatures moved they moved with such speed and such brightness that it looked like lightning and so this is what's in front of God's throne and when they move he's seen these lightnings and that's the same of the lightning that John also said that he saw and above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne so same thing that John saw this throne room but this time what is he Ezekiel is seeing when it comes down to earth here John was transported to heaven and went through this open door to see the throne room as the appearance of sapphire stone and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above it's we actually saw God in his glory coming down to earth and I saw the color of

amber as the appearance of fire  
roundabout within it from the appearance  
of his loins even upward and from the  
appearance of his loins even downward I  
saw as it were the appearance of fire  
and it had brightness round about as the  
appearance of a bow that is in the cloud  
in the day of rain so he also saw this  
rain ball that John saw so was the  
appearance of the brightness round about  
this was the appearance of the likeness  
of the glory of  
the Lord so Ezekiel thought Ezekiel was  
a captive and he saw the glory of the  
Lord come down to earth in all of its  
glory with his attendants and the angels  
and him himself sitting on the throne  
and when I saw it I fell upon my face  
and I heard a voice of one that spoke  
and another prophet my kaya in first  
Kings 22 he also had a vision of of the  
throne he said and he said here you  
therefore the word of the Lord I saw the  
Lord sitting on his throne the Lord is a  
great king and he sits on a throne and  
all the hosts of heaven standing by him  
on his right hand and on his left so so  
these prophets my Kyah Ezekiel Isaiah as  
well and John all had a vision of the  
glory of the throne of God and it's  
important for us to understand that God  
is seated firmly on his throne he is the  
highest of all and nobody can overthrow  
him although somebody did make an  
attempt that attempt failed  
and nobody can can overthrow him and so  
we should take great reassurance from  
this as we go through the book of  
Revelation that God is in full control  
and so he's given us his evaluation of  
the state of affairs of his churches he  
evaluates evaluates each congregation  
congregationally and we then should be  
able to look at our congregations and

just feel this burden to ensure that we are encouraging one another that were removing anything that would have be offensive to God that were approving the things that are excellent and that we are rallying each other to march through the future together because the future is eternal

and there's just this little spot of trouble that we must overcome as we go through this period of a spot of trouble and then there's eternity and we've got to keep reminding each other of this and and see how firmly God is in his throne and so before we get into all of the things that are going to unfold and the trouble that may even befall us we must see very clearly the vision of the throne room of God returning to the revelation chapter four and the four verse eight and the four living creatures had each of them six wings about him and they were full of eyes within and again these are this is symbolism so we mustn't try to think that this is actually everything this is very literal these the whole thing is signified so we have to remember we're dealing with symbols here and they rest not day and night saying holy holy holy Lord God Almighty which was and is and is to come and I can remember you know as a young man first interacting with the Scriptures and reading this that they don't rest they're just constantly saying holy holy holy and it sounded like an obligation it sounded like this was their duty having walked with the Lord now for some three decades more than three decades I realize this is this is just heartfelt praise and Wonder and all and gratitude it's just this this being that they are interacting with and whom we have the honor and

privilege to call our Father you just can't help but but praise him for his glory and his loving-kindness and and so they're just so full of praise that is just non-stop it's not there's no obligation here it's just expression not obligation now Isaiah writes this about these same creatures that are before the throne above it stood the Seraphim each one had six wings with two he covered his face with two he covered his feet and with two he did fly so all these prophets Isaiah Ezekiel Mike aya John they've all had the privilege of seeing in fact probably Moses saw this as well now continuing in Revelation and when those living creatures give glory and honor thanks to him that sat on the throne who lives forever and ever when those four creatures glorify God and honor and worship God the 24 elders fall down before him that sat on the throne and they worship Him that lives for ever and ever and they cast their crowns before the throne saying you are worthy O Lord to receive glory and honor and power so so the four living creatures they give glory and honor and power to the one that sits on the throne and when they do that the 24 elders are in total agreement that this God deserves he is worthy of this non-stop glorious praise for you have created all things and for your pleasure they are and were created so all existence owes its existence to the loving kindness of the Great God now I just want to say this as we as we continue in this throne room vision the very first words that Moses wrote in the scripture in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth so from the very beginning the heavens and the earth were to be fully integrated that there

should be no separation between the heavens and the earth it should all come under God's glory

Adam as the king priest of the Lord should have been directing the world to do God's will and should have been leading the world to worship God unfortunately he failed and now the world is a mess but Christ taught us to pray when we pray say our Father which is in heaven holy holy be your name your kingdom come your will be done as in heaven so in

earth there should there should not be this disconnect between heaven and earth there shouldn't be this opposition between heaven and earth and so at and that's what we're seeing that's what the sort of the climax of the history of man is a time yet ahead of us and what we're kind of living through right now is this increasing opposition of those who dwell on earth against the will of God in heaven

and John is seeing very clearly just how powerful how glorious how mighty how majestic the god in heaven who sits on his throne is and those who oppose him will be crushed even so amen but but we who are understanding what's happening we must be and walk in the will of God and so we're understanding there should be full integration between the heavens and the earth and the way this whole story ends from Genesis to Revelation it begins with Moses saying there was harmony between the heaven and the earth and then something went tragically wrong and the whole project went sideways and we go we march from Genesis all the way to Revelation and when we finally get to the end of Revelation God creates a new heaven and a new earth and we return to the state of affairs the way God

intended at the very beginning although at the very beginning what Moses didn't start out with was that behind the scenes there was Satan there was an adversary so God created the heavens and the earth but there was an adversary who came and captured the earth came and captured Adam and so we saw right in the beginning of Genesis that the Lord sent Adam he exiled Adam from the land out of the Garden of Eden and so that began this whole sordid history of mankind's rebellion against the will of God but where we're leaving to is all of that opposition that the adversary and all of his followers are going to be completely removed and the heavens and the earth will come and be fully a fully integrated whole once again and God's will will be done throughout the whole universe and we as king priests will be very instrumental in carrying out the will of God continuing then in the next chapter revelation 5 and I saw in the right hand of him that sat upon the throne a scroll written within and on the backside sealed with seven seals so this had a lot of information on it it was double-sided was printed it was written on the front and the back and it was sealed with seven seals and I think this image is misleading because this makes it seem like you can't get to the contents of the scroll until you remove all seven seals whereas obviously as we read through the text you know there would just be one seal at this outer layer you would remove that seal you could then done scroll the scroll a certain amount and read what's on the front and back of the scroll up to that point but then you would encounter another seal and then you would remove that seal and then you

could read a bit more of the scroll so so this image is a bit misleading but certainly this whole thing is is symbolic that there's information around God's will that is in this scroll but it has to be unsealed and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose the seals thereof and no man in heaven nor in earth neither under the earth so even if you were to resurrect the dead of all the billions of human beings that have lived there is nobody even under the earth there's nobody on the earth nobody under the earth nobody in heaven who was able who was worthy enough who was holy enough to open the scroll neither to look thereon now the question we should ask ourselves is well what about Jesus where is Jesus we know that Jesus is worthy why couldn't they find him and I think the answer to this is John was to see things past present and future and here he's taken back to the time when Christ was on his way to heaven so he wasn't yet in heaven he had already left the earth he was no longer in the grave he's he's on his way he hasn't arrived yet and so they're searching in heaven he's not there they're searching than the earth he's not there and they're searching in the grave and he's not there in John 20:17 Jesus said to her don't touch me for I have not yet ascended to my father but go to my brethren and say unto them I ascend unto my father and your father to my god and your God so now he's gonna be on his way and in acts 1:9 says when he had spoken these things while they beheld he was taken up and a cloud received him out of their sight so I think we have to see this as a time when

Christ is on his way and so nobody is worthy to open the scroll in verse 4 now how does John react he says here that he wept much he bawled his eyes out because he knew that the answer to all of the problems of the earth all of the sickness the psychological psychosis the the the psychotic behavior of mankind the violence the all of the evil that is engulfing the earth he knew the answer to all of this the solution to all of this is in those Scrolls and if nobody can open these Scrolls we're done we remain captive to the devil and his violence and his his evil and so he says he wept much because no one was found worthy to open and to read the scroll not even to look on it so imagine all these holy beings in heaven none of them are worthy to open this scroll and so he is just crying his eyes out this is a horrible horrible eventualities and he doesn't know how how does this get resolved this does the earth just continue in the state of affairs that it's in being held captive by this being in Isaiah he said in heart he's going to ascend into heaven he's going to exalt his throne above the angels of God and that he will sit also on the Mount of the congregation in the sides of the north and he will ascend above the heights of the clouds and he will be like the Most High in other words he will be the Most High so so he is in control of the earth and John just sees like this can't be it is this how man's history ends that we are forever now going to be enslaved by this evil creature and and we know that the answer is no that the kingdom of God is coming to the earth so that God's will can be done in the earth as it is in heaven

and so that God himself in fact can come to the earth so Daniel in 244 says in the days of these kings that are under the sway of the devil shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom and shall that shall never be destroyed and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever but we need somebody who is worthy to usher in this kingdom somebody is holy enough who is worthy enough to unseal God's will and to allow this process to take place so while John is just weeping this is a horrible eventualities and he is just crying his eyes out he can't he cannot believe that it has come to this and one of the elders said unto me weep not behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah the root of David so it looks like now Christ has arrived so he was on his way now he has arrived and he says behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah the root of David so he has to we know that the Messiah has to come through the line of David we know that it has to come through the line of Jew and so he has prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof so the conditions that are required of holiness to open this book this holy son of God Messiah Israelite has prevailed and we know the prophecy all the way from Genesis that Judah is a lion's well from the pray my son you are gone up he stooped down he couched as a lion and as an old lion who shall rouse him out the scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet until shiloh come and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be so we know it has to come through Judah we also know

from Isaiah that there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots so we know it's gonna come out of Judah and specifically he's going to be a son of David and so Christ came to fulfill these prophecies and to fulfill and to live by every word of God and to become worthy so that he can now unleash the will of God and resolve the history of mankind and bring to a conclusion the redemption of Israel and the redemption of all mankind through Israel continuing revelation and I beheld and lo in the midst of the throne that you can imagine just John is just bawling his eyes out he can't believe this has happened and then suddenly the line of Judah appears and now he's watching and behold and lo in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts and in the middle of the elders none of these were worthy to open the scroll but in the middle of all these stood a lamb as if as it had been slain having seven horns and ten eyes again this is symbolism Jesus Christ doesn't have seven horns and seven eyes but these are symbols which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth so he knows exactly what's going on all over the earth and he came this one came the Lion of Judah the lamb and took the book out of the right hand of that sat upon the throne so the worthiness of opening these Scrolls is associated with the fact that he is the Passover lamb he is the one that is the kinsman redeemer he is the one that can redeem his people Israel so so nobody else could do this so so in order to the the scroll is not just about the punishment of the wicked it's about the redemption of his people and nobody was

worthy to do this but he had accomplished this on earth and now he ascended to heaven to say it is done I have done it here is my blood and now he is able to be the kinsman redeemer and he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne and because of that we know he left heaven he came to earth and Paul tells us through his letter to the Philippians that at the name of Jesus this is the only one that is worthy to do this so God has given him a name above every name and at his name every knee should bow of the things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth every body is going to acknowledge the majesty of the lamb in Revelation continuing and when he had taken the book the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the lamb well we'll wait a minute now hey hang on a second here what is going on because it was okay they were worshiping God and whenever they fell down and worshiped God the twenty-four elders would join in and say absolutely God is worthy the lamb was not in heaven he was on his way he arrives now in heaven and he takes the scroll and everybody wants to us should say everybody sorry people say Jesus is not God well hang on a minute now right before the Father right in front of his eyes when he takes the scroll these holy creatures and elders when he had taken the scroll the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the lamb you shall have no other gods before me clearly God and the son are one and when you glorify the Son you glorify the father and it's the Father's will that the son be glorified so they come and they fall down before the lamb

having every one of them harps and golden vials full of odours which are the prayers of the Saints so this is all presented to the lab and they sang a new song saying you are worthy you alone are worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof you're the only one that could do this for you were slain so so the worthiness has to do with the fact that he is the slain lamb no one else did this and to deny the crucifixion of Christ is the most egregious error it is the most egregious error because the entire history of man centers around and unfolds around the crucifixion of the Lamb and this is why we have a future this is why the world will not be in the evil state that they will not continue to be in the evil state that it's in today and it's constantly getting worse the resolution is the fact that the Sun came from heaven as an Israelite live by every word of God and was slain and has become our Passover you are worthy you alone are worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof the seals that are going to unfold and show enable the redemption of man for you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation he is the only one that has done this and so we understand that it's not just holiness that makes one worthy to open the scroll but in order to carry out the instruction there one needs to be able to redeem mankind and that means they must have lived by every word of God and legally have the rights to the kingdom of God and then having live this innocent life to take on the punishment according to the Word of God that must be delivered on God's people according to his word because he will not go back on his word

and so now this is how it can be done  
Christ took the punishment his people  
who accept him as their Passover lamb  
they can now have the wrath of God pass  
over them and they can legally we can  
legally inherit the land we can legally  
inherit the kingdom and it is through  
Israel that all the nations of the earth  
will be blessed and so Israel is just a  
a mechanism through which God saves the  
whole world and so this hatred that  
people have for the Jews this hatred  
that people have for the tribes of  
Israel it is nonsensical it is stupid  
God is not a racist but he is pure and  
he is holy and his word matters and so  
this is the mechanism through which he  
will redeem every kindred every tongue  
every people and every nation and notice  
this and not only have you redeemed us  
you have made us unto our God kings and  
priests the very will that God had for  
the first man Adam we've gone through  
this whole process to get back to man  
having dominion on the earth and man  
leading all creation in worship of the  
of the true God through this process  
this is what Christ has accomplished  
he's made us unto our God kings and  
priests and we shall reign on the earth  
heaven and earth are one integrated  
whole and the earth is the centerpiece  
of the creation and scientists look out  
at the whole universe and they don't  
understand  
and they don't understand that the earth  
it's not in the center of the universe  
it's a speck of nothing in the corner of  
the whole universe and it's just it's  
it's in the midst of a galaxy that is  
one of a hundred billion galaxies it  
makes no sense to them what they don't  
understand is a new heaven and a new  
earth is coming and in that new

configuration the earth will very much be at the centerpiece of the entire universe and it's not that man is going to heaven  
it's that though we'll praying for the will of God to be done in in earth as it is in heaven  
and for the kingdom of God to come to earth and when the kingdom of God comes to earth God Himself will come to earth and earth will be the centerpiece of the whole you in fact Jerusalem will be the centerpiece of the whole universe and we shall reign on earth and from Earth and this whole plate whole concept of heaviness spiritual and pure and earth is material and filthy and we've got to leave this filthy material body and we got to return to the pure God in heaven this is all a a lie from the devil and it is so infiltrated every religion and especially Christianity but that's not what the Word of God says and we who understand the Word of God know understand God loves the earth and his promises in his covenant all revolve around the earth and that even that he set up on the earth we're returning to that and when we get to the end of Revelation we will see that it was always God's will to have Eden on earth and man ruling from Eden so we continue here just kind of fast-forward ahead in revelation 17 when we get there we're gonna see that this rebellion against God's will the climax of it and the ten horns which you saw are ten Kings which have received no Kingdom as yet but receive power as kings one hour with the Beast and so you know we're coming into a time  
when we're gonna take all of these kings of the earth these high and mighty men with all of their nations are

consolidating their power agreeing together to resist the will of God and so today the earth has kings and today the earth has priests but these are not the kings and priests that will rule the earth for eternity all of these people are going to be vanquished they need to repent they need to come to a recognition of Jesus Christ as the Earth's rightful ruler and if they don't they're gonna get caught up in this deception the spirit of deception and they're gonna find themselves fighting against the God of heaven and they're going to find themselves replaced with the future kings and priests that God is developing now but they receive power as kings one hour with the Beast these have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the Beast these men are deceived these men are drunk with power these men are very much a part of the problem they're not a part of the solution these shall make war with the lamb how deceived do you have to be to take what God has given you and to go to war against the lamb and the lamb shall overcome them why will he overcome them for he is Lord of lords and King of Kings we are going to be the kings and he's going to be our king and we're going to replace all of these rebellious leaders and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful unlike these men who are deceived and rebellious and faithless continuing now in Revelation 5 verse 11 and I beheld and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands so this is just that he what a vision he's

seeing these these living creatures  
glorifying God he's seeing the 24 elders  
and then there's also just an  
innumerable multitude of angels ten  
thousand times ten thousands he hears  
these angels of the voice of these  
angels remember he began by hearing an  
initial voice that said come up here and  
he said you hear other voices and now  
he's hearing and then he heard the  
voices of the four creatures and the  
four twenty four elders and now he's  
hearing the voice of all these angels  
round about the throne and the living  
creatures and the elders and the number  
of them was ten thousand times ten  
thousand and thousands of thousands he  
just he can't even number it saying with  
a loud voice worthy is the lamb this  
this is all everybody is in unison  
everybody is in agreement everybody  
can't help but express their praise of  
the lamb what a sacrifice see it's a  
loving sacrifice how how how much he  
loved Israel how much he loved his bride  
that he came in and through the power of  
love this this conviction of love he  
redeemed mankind so all of it all of  
them in unity can imagine you know when  
we we're at the feast we hear these  
beautiful choirs when they sing together  
in unison how inspiring it is imagine  
this choir imagine this choir worthy is  
the Lamb that was slain to receive power  
and riches and wisdom and strength and  
honor and glory and blessing and every  
creature was in heaven 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 so first  
years all these angels then he hears the  
whole creation saying  
sorry I'm just now in verse I lost my  
place here let me go back verse 13 and

every creature which 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 every one  
agrees be unto him that sits upon the  
throne and unto the lamb for ever and  
ever

and four living creatures said amen  
and the twenty-four elders fell down and  
worshiped him that lives for ever and  
ever

don't don't doubt for a minute that  
Jesus Christ is God he is the son of God  
and when he is glorified that's how God  
receives glory God it is God's intention  
that his son be glorified that his son  
be honored that his son received power  
and glory and majesty and when he is  
worthy and so we praise Him we join all  
creation in manifold witness and we  
praise and glorify Him so this is  
revelations chapter II chapters four and  
five of the book of Revelation the  
apocalypse is very important for us to  
first of all understand we can't get  
through the future unless we clean up  
our act and we need to think  
congregationally and the book of  
Philippians is a fantastic study in  
terms of how we ought to think  
congregationally we need to support each  
other through this that God is looking  
for a team for team players he's not  
looking for individual Christians it's  
just me and God alone he's not he's not  
interested in that this is a this is a  
community this is a family this is a  
team that works together and so we as  
congregations need to understand these  
team dynamics and we need to work  
through them and learn to love one  
another we need to take the epistles of  
Christ seriously that he evaluates the

churches he has commendations he also  
has condom  
nations and if we remain in the state of  
condemnation we will not get through the  
future we must overcome we must overcome  
the sins in our in our personal lives  
and congregationally and we must  
overcome the evil that's in the world  
one of the ways we're gonna do that in  
addition to just taking those letters  
seriously is to understand this  
throne-room vision to understand that as  
Christ unfolds the seals history is  
unfolding exactly according to plan no  
matter what happens no matter what we  
see going forward and you know each year  
pastor Murray gave a sermon I think it  
was on opening night and he was just  
saying to us you know every year we  
forget the crazy things that happened  
the year before because it's  
intensifying it's getting worse and so  
you know here we are back from the feast  
we can expect we're gonna see things  
this year that are unprecedented that  
evil men are waxing worse and worse  
they're going to be dealt with even so  
amen  
so we mustn't we mustn't get sidetracked  
we must see this throne-room vision and  
understand that Wow  
God is in his throne and his will which  
is being carried out in heaven as Christ  
unfolds the seals that will is now being  
carried out in the earth so that's  
revelation 4 and 5 I'm not sure what  
we're gonna cover next week part of me  
is saying continuing order so next week  
we'll begin with revelation 6 there's a  
little also another part of me that's  
saying you know what maybe it would be a  
good idea to skip to the end of the book  
and show the glorious vision of the  
future show where all of this is leading

really encourage us to grasp God's will for us and how it all unfolds and then in the context of this glorious vision of the future come back to the unfolding of the seals so I'm in two minds about that I'll be praying about that look forward to your input on that email me Adrian Davis at CGI Canada org also if you wanted that analysis that we were looking at of the letters to the the churches you can certainly ask me for that again Adrian Davis at CGI Canada org and I wanted to mention that next week I'm not available on Wednesday evening I apologize the study will be on Thursday evening I apologize for the inconvenience again all of these messages are archived so if you're not able to join us on Thursday evening can certainly catch up on the archive ping me maybe even in the chat probably I'll be there for a few minutes I can't stay too late tonight and just let me know should I go to the end of the book and we look at the vision how this all unfolds or should we just continue in order and next we continue with Revelation chapter 6 god bless you all Jesus Christ is worthy he is worthy he's worthy of our praise and he is the one that is redeeming all of mankind let us praise him no matter what let never deny him let us shout at the top of our voices Jesus Christ is Lord Jesus Christ is king of kings and he is worthy of our praise god bless good night