

# God's Plan for the Future

## Study Sheet

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### Worship in Heaven

Rev 4:1-11

*After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." (2) At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. (3) And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. (4) Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. (5) From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, (6) and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: (7) the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. (8) And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" (9) And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

There are four integral parts in most worship services today: *praise, prayer, provision, preaching.*

Only one of these four great events will dominate heavenly worship — \_\_\_\_\_!

Five elements of heavenly worship are found in Revelation 4 & 5...

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of worship in heaven

**Rev 4:1** – *After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."*

A \_\_\_\_\_ entrance      ...*a door standing open*

A \_\_\_\_\_ call      ...*speaking to me like a trumpet*

A \_\_\_\_\_ invite      ...*Come up here*  
*I will show you what must take place after this.*

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of worship in heaven

**Rev 4:2-3** – *At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. (3) And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.*

Key word = \_\_\_\_\_ (42x in Revelation)    **4:2,3,5,6,10; 5:11,13**

The throne is the heart and hub of the never-ending worship in heaven

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**Rev 4:4, 9-11** – *Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ... (9) And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

**Rev 5:8-10** – *And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (9) And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (10) and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

Worship described: "To worship is to quicken the *conscience* by the **holiness** of God, to feed the *mind* with the **truth** of God, to purge the *imagination* by the **beauty** of God, to open the *heart* to the **love** of God, and to devote the *will* to the **purpose** of God."

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of worship in heaven

**Rev 1:5-6** ( \_\_\_\_\_ -fold doxology) – *...To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood (6) and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

**Rev 4:9-11** ( \_\_\_\_\_ -fold doxology x 2) – *And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

**Rev 5:13** ( \_\_\_\_\_ -fold doxology) – *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

**Rev 7:9-12** ( \_\_\_\_\_ -fold doxology) – *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (10) and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (11) And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, (12) "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*

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John experienced two realities at the same time. Isolation on the island of Patmos.

And then, suddenly, he is ushered through an open door into heaven. What a contrast!

*David Jeremiah* wrote, "God gave this experience to John to encourage his heart. Worship took him from the loneliness of his discouragement, right into the control room of the universe to see God's purpose and plan for everything that would happen in the future."

Revelation 4 & 5 reveals four contrasting patterns of worship in heaven:

1. Worship is not about \_\_\_\_\_—it's about \_\_\_\_\_  
**Revelation 5:13** – *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*
2. Worship is not about \_\_\_\_\_—it's about \_\_\_\_\_  
**Colossians 3:2** – *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*
3. Worship is not about \_\_\_\_\_—it's about \_\_\_\_\_  
**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** – *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. (17) For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (18) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*
4. Worship is not about \_\_\_\_\_—it's about \_\_\_\_\_  
**Revelation 19:6** – *Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. (See also Rev 5:11-12; 14:2-3.)*

"One day, worshipper, you and I will be a part of that great multitude, that choir from all the nations. No one really knows what kind of choir it will be—contemporary, classical, traditional or gospel—but it won't matter. And even if you couldn't carry a tune on earth, or didn't have a lick of musical talent, it won't matter. You and I and all who love Christ will be *qualified* to join the eternal chorus, and together our voices will sound across the universe, in one unified statement: *"We love Jesus; He is worthy to be praised!"*

—Vernon Whaley, *Called to Worship*, p. 327.

It's very possible that before the week is up, we could be singing in that heavenly choir!

If that is where we are headed, shouldn't we start rehearsing immediately?