

## **Book of Revelation, part 53**

- I.** Chapter four presents a scene around the throne of God.
  - 1. Vv. 9-12 are just before Mid-Tribulation (cf. 12:10, 8:1).
  - 2. The 24 elders represent the Church.
- II.** Chapter five also portrays activity around the throne.
  - 1. A scroll is the center of attention (v. 1).
  - 2. The scroll is in the Father's right hand.
  - 3. An elder demonstrates insight lacking in an angel (v. 5).
  - 4. The elder identifies the One with authority, the God-man.
  - 5. He is the One who overcame (Jn. 16:33).
- III.** "The Lamb ... having seven horns and seven eyes ... (v. 6).
  - 1. The Son and Spirit share the same essence (Jn. 10:28-30; Zach. 4:2, 6, 10).
  - 2. The seven horns, although the Son and Spirit share the same essence, the Spirit is a distinct Person with power.
  - 3. The seven eyes, the Spirit keeps His "eye" on all the seven churches (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).
- IV.** The Lamb take the scroll (v. 7).
  - 1. He stands.
  - 2. Was sitting (4:3).
- V.** The entourage responds to the Lamb's actions.
  - 1. Opening the scroll is a paramount event.
  - 2. "each one having ..." refers to the 24 elders, not the angels.
    - 1) Priestly activity (1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10).
    - 2) Harps.
    - 3) Golden vials/bowls filled with incense.
      - i. Tribulation saints.
      - ii. Intercessory priestly ministry (cf. Rom. 8:26-27).
  - 3. The new song.
  - 4. "us" and "we" verses "men" and "they" (vv. 9-10).
  - 5. "Redeemed" (v. 9).

- 1) Specific reference to Christ's work for the church (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 2 Pet. 2:11; 2 Cor. 5:14; Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:6; 1 Pet. 1:19-20).
- 2) Only the church is multi-national, ethnic (Acts 15:14; Rom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:10-11).
- 3) ??? (??? symbol for "*food for thought*") Not all languages have had the Gospel, yet all are represented.