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Series: “*A Study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ*”

Lesson #5: *Revelation 2&3 – “Christ Amid The Churches”*
Revelation 4&5 – “Scenes in Heaven Seen By John”

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Texts: Rev. 1:12,13,16,20

I. LOCATION OF THE CHURCHES

1. Maps
2. Rev. 2:1,8,12,18; Rev. 3:1,7,14
3. Observe other churches in the area. Therefore there is selection of churches and selection of order in listing the churches.

II. TWO WORDS TO NOTICE IN NEW TESTAMENT

1. Matt. 16:18 – Church
2. 1 Thess. 2:13-14 – Churches
3. There is an invisible church – the Body of Christ.

Eph. 1:22-23

1 Cor. 12:12-13 – All believers (cf. 2 Tim. 2:19)

4. There are many local visible churches. Not one is perfect

1 John 3:2

III. GOD HAS ORDAINED TWO MAJOR INSTITUTIONS

1. The home
2. The local church

IV. JESUS LIKENS A LOCAL CHURCH TO A CANDLESTICK

1. Rev. 1:20 – A light holder
2. Rev. 1:20 – Each church is a candlestick (seven)
3. The church is responsible to hold up the light

John 8:12; Phil. 2:15-16

V. THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE

VI. IN EACH LETTER JESUS IS SEEN JUDGING WORKS OF THE CHURCHES

1. Note Rev. 2:2,9,13,19, etc.
2. Only love-works count.

1 Thess. 1:3 (cf. Rev. 2:2
Rev. 2:4

3. In these letters we have a preview of the Judgment Seat of Christ

Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10 (cf. 1 Cor. 4:5)

4. This judgment of true believers

Revelation 4&5 – “Scenes in Heaven”

I. NOTICE TWO WORDS (KJV)

1. “*And*” opens every chapter from 5:1 to 22:1
2. “*After*” – Chapter 4:1; 7:1; 18:1; 19:1

The word, “*and*”, a conjunction, connects the chapters together.

The word, “*after*” suggests a chronological order.

II. REV 4:1 – “AFTER” CHURCH THINGS

1. A door opens in Heaven.

- a) To let John in!
 - b) Rev. 19:11 – All Heaven opens
 - 1) Rev. 19:14 – “*Armies*” come out of Heaven
 - 2) Zech. 14:5 – “*All*” the saints
- Matt. 25:31 – “*All*” holy angels

2. A voice says “*John, come up*”

- a) 1 Cor. 12:28 – John is in the invisible church.
- b) Is John’s “*going up*” a type of 1 Thess. 4:16?

We believe it is.

c) Rev. Chapters Six to Eighteen

John sees all looking down from Heaven!

d) Rev. 2-3 – The Church is on earth

Rev. 4-19 – The Church is in Heaven

III. REV. 4:1 – “HEAVEN”

1. Heaven is a real place.

Heb. 10:34; 2 Cor. 12:1-4

2. Jesus came from and returned to Heaven

John 6:38,41,42,50,51,58,62

Acts 1:10,11

3. Heaven, therefore, is as real as Jesus!

1 Peter 3:22

Hebrews 9:24

IV. REV. 4:2 – “A THRONE SET IN HEAVEN”

1. Rev. 20:11 – Great White Throne an eternal judgment throne only for unbelievers

2. Rev. 4:2 – A Throne to judge the earth – still in time

a) Rev. 6-18 describe these earth judgments.

Cf. Matthew 11:24 – Judgments on earth are not final.

V. REV. 4:3 – AROUND THIS THRONE – A COMPLETE RAINBOW

1. Gen. 9:13,14 – “Bow” after the flood

2. Rev. 4:3 – “Bow” after churches days on earth

The Lesson? In judgment God is faithful.

Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20

VI. REV. 4:6 – “SEA OF GLASS”

1. Isa. 57:20

2. Perfect peace in Heaven – No such place on earth.

VII. THE WHOLE SCENE IS WORSHIP

Rev. 4:6-11

Rev. 5:8-14

VIII. CONCLUSION – THE LAMB IS THE ATTRACTION IN HEAVEN

Rev. 5:1-8 – “*He*” takes the book

Rev. 5:12 – All join in singing “*Worthy is the Lamb*”