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God has given everything we need for life and godliness

All human perspectives are to be filtered through revelation

Rev. ch. 4

Rapture and the Throne Room of God

A **Reading:**

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1 Moreover I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a **scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.**
2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**
3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.
4 So I wept bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll, or to look at it.
5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.**
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as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
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1 John's vision of future things:

In 21:1 we see that John is brought into heaven through some form of vision or perhaps physically.

He is brought into the very throne room of God, into the heavens of heavens. There he sees and describes his vision which is going on in the heavenly during the end times.

This period **before** things that are coming into is a period that is first described back in:

Revelation 3:19 (NKJV)
19 Even
the things which you have seen, **<Chapter 1**
and the things which are, **<Chapters 2 and 3**
and the things which will take place after this. <Chapters 5 through the end of the book

Jesus
In this vision of what the world church age, up to the point of the rapture of the church

2 **After** these things:

God is revealing to the apostle John **and** to us, these things that will take place after these things

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This introduces us to the next section of the book which extends from chapter 4 through the end of the book of Revelation.

This is the beginning of God's revelation to John of the last judgments to human history.

These final judgments are written on a scroll (which doesn't appear until Rev. 5:1) and it is sealed with seven seals.
And it can only be opened by one who is uniquely qualified.

The opening of the scroll brings with it the final series of judgments on human history, and on planet earth. judgments which will end up destroying satan's corrupted authority that he has allowed to demonstrate his inability to rule as God.

These final judgments will establishing Jesus Christ as the rightful ruler and King on planet earth. And they will assure in a 1000 year period where God will completely demonstrate that it is impossible for man or any other being apart creation to rule without complete obedience to the Creator.

Jesus Christ is the only one in heaven and on earth who is worthy to open the scroll and to be the ruler of planet **Earth**. Jesus is the only one who can bring peace to human history and planet earth.

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Introduction to what happens at the rapture

Two church leaders in Heaven as John is taken to Heaven

He hears the voice like a trumpet and the chant that occurs at the Rapture

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Immediately was the rapture

And because it is contrasted with the Rapture, it is the idea of location and it is the same phrase used in chapter one when he said:

Rev 1:10 (NKJV)
10 I was in the **Spirit** on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

It is not the normal use of filling by means of the Spirit, but rather

Jesus Christ

Information **THE THRONE** is mentioned throughout the book of Revelation the emphasis is on God the Father, not the Son.

The Father's throne is the theme of judgment in Revelation where He meets His judicial wrath.

God is focusing our attention not on what is going on on earth primarily,

but that what will happen on earth in the tribulation period is the outworking of God's justice
as He is finally bringing together in human history a judgment on evil, injustice, and sin.

That is what the book of Revelation describes.

D The Christian's position on sin and evil:

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The Christian position is that
evil exists but it is not normal, not random, and not uncontrolled and there is a higher good, that God is allowing evil to exist for a long period of time in order to accomplish His ends.

which is to give the multitudes of mankind Free will, and, the eternal opportunity for faith in God and the Savior Jesus Christ, **and** to enjoy a far superior eternal existence, and ability to appreciate that existence, which is directly related to our **free will today**, so our choice to obey the teachings of scripture rather than opposing God in choosing to live our life on our own terms.

Scripture teaches that **sin and evil** originated with Satan, the creature. He created the angels fell and then man, he gave them free will as well.

Lucifer is the one who chose to disobey God, bringing sin and evil into the angelic realm.

And then to humanity it was Adam who chose to disobey God and bring sin into the human race. So evil came into creation, according to Christianity, through the abuse of freedom and responsibility. Therefore it is not normal, it is unnatural.

The unintended consequence of that disobedience is tragic about all of this evil and suffering. Satan is his people and will will wanted to be like God, but this resulted in chaos and death.

Adam also rebelled against God's authority and also wanted to be like God, so he ate that fruit. So all of the death and suffering and disease is the unintended consequence of that disobedience.

According to God's perfect plan for the present moment **forever**, in giving them free will he gave them the opportunity to choose to be saved from the eternal negative judgment in the great and terrible day of God Almighty. Revelation 20:11-15

God begins to solve the problem of sin and evil at the cross.

And after that, to all those who do believe, they then have the opportunity to demonstrate their sublime, to obey the teachings of scripture and subdue the sin nature.

But if they choose not to obey the word of God, they will not receive the eternal rewards which will give them the ability to appreciate a far greater eternal existence.

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F **For the Christian, the practice of sin in worldly mindedness must be dealt with today; before we enter eternity**

Worldly mindedness is not basically through a moral approach to God's word