

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 13

Section 3: Jesus takes the scroll - Rev 4:1-5:14

I. THE THRONE ROOM – REV 4:1-11 THE BEAUTY REALM (CONTINUED)

E. Before the Throne

1. Sea of Glass – like crystal
 - a. Rev 15:2 – saints standing on the sea
 - (1) Could this be the future place of Sabbath Convocations?
 - b. Ex 24:10 – Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, 70 elders of Israel invited to the mountain and eat in the presence of God. There they see God and beneath His feet is a sapphire pavement clear as the sky.
 - (1) Could they have not seen the seraphim or the cherubim?
 - c. Ezekiel 1:22, 26 – Ezekiel describes an expanse of shining awesome crystal over the heads of the Cherubim and above it the throne.
2. River flowing from the Throne
 - a. Dan 7:9-10 – Daniel describes the Throne of the Ancient of Days as being covered with flames and river of fire flowing from the throne.
 - b. Rev 22:1-2 – the river of life that flows from the throne through the midst of the city
 - c. Ez 43:4-7 – places the throne in the temple, then Ez 47:1-2 describes the river that flows from the throne.
 - d. Zech 14:1-9 describes the river that flows from Jerusalem after Jesus splits the Mount of Olives.
 - e. Could not this River that flows from the throne, also be the source of the crystal sea that is mixed with fire?
3. 7 Lamps/torches of fire

- a. 7 Spirit of God – Isaiah 11:2
 - (1) The Spirit of Yahweh
 - (2) The Spirit of Wisdom
 - (3) The Spirit of Understanding
 - (4) The Spirit of Counsel
 - (5) The Spirit of Strength
 - (6) The Spirit of the Knowledge (intimacy)
 - (7) The Spirit of the Fear of the Yahweh
 - b. Num 8:1-4 – In the Tabernacle, a single lampstand with 7 lamps.
 - c. Ez 1:13 NASB – In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire.
 - (1) Could these be the 7 spirits of God
4. The Golden Altar of Incense (does not appear in Rev 4,5 but show up many places in Revelation and elsewhere.)
- a. Rev 6:9; 8:3-5 – Place of Prayers
 - (1) Much Incense – Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25
 - b. Rev 9:13; 16:7 – the Altar has a voice
 - c. Rev 14:18 – Angel who has authority over the fire on the altar
 - d. Ex 40:5 – the Altar of Incense is set before the Ark in the tabernacle and temple with the veil between it.
 - e. Lk 1:8-11 – Zechariah had entered the Holy Place (not the Holy of Holies) to trim and fill the lamps and replenish the incense on the Altar when he encounters an angel standing next to the Altar of Incense.
 - f. Is 6:1 – Isaiah sees one of the Seraphim take a live coal from the Altar of Incense and bring to his lips.

- g. The position of the Altar – between the crystal sea and the throne?
- h. Ex 40 – the tabernacle

F. Glory of God in three forms

1. Light

- a. Ps 104:1-2 - God wraps himself in light as a garment
- b. Ez 1:28 – there is a brightness displayed in the glory
- c. I Jn 1:5 – God is light and in Him there is no darkness
 - (1) Photons – smallest known building block of creation
 - (a) Light particle, yet somehow forms material of creation
 - (b) God reflects himself in all of creation – Rom 1
- d. 1 Pet 2:9 – we are called into His marvelous light
- e. Rev 21:23 – the Glory of God illumines the new Jerusalem

2. Cloud

- a. 2 Chronicles 5:14 – The cloud of His glory filled the temple so the priests could no longer remain in there
- b. Lev 16:2, 12-13 – “I will appear in a cloud above the Mercy Seat”
- c. Rev 15:8 – The Temple in Heaven filled with smoke from the Glory of God...
- d. Num 16:42 – The tent of meeting – covered with a cloud of the Glory
- e. Ex 40:34-35 – same

3. Fire

- a. Heb 12:28-29 – Consuming Fire
- b. Ex 19:16-18 – God on Mt Sinai
- c. Ex 24:17 – God’s glory appears as a consuming fire
- d. Ezek 28:14 – Stones of Fire on the mountain of God

- e. Isaiah 33:14-17 – Who can endure everlasting burnings?
- f. Dan 7: 9-10 – the River of Fire and the Throne of Fire
- g. Matt 3:11; Lk 3:16 – Jesus will baptize with HS and Fire
- h. Acts 2 – Tongue of Fire
- i. Is 6 – Seraphim = Burning Ones
- j. 7 Spirits of God – burning flames/torches
- k. Rev 20:9-10; 14-15 - The Lake of Fire is God’s lake of fire and not Satan’s domain
- l. I King 18:20-39; 2 Chron 7:1 – Fire from heaven consumed sacrifices
- m. Lev 9:24 – Fire from the Holy of Holies consumed sacrifices
- n. Lev 10:2 – Fire from the Holy of Holies consumed Nadab and Abihu
- o. Num 16:35 – Fire from the Holy of Holies consumed 250 who questioned God’s appointment of Aaron and his sons.
- p. Ex 3:2 – appeared to Moses in a blazing burning bush
- q. Who does our culture and history portray as the god of fire?
- r. Who is really the God of Fire and surrounds Himself with blazing fire.