

## Revelation Week 2 – Chapter 1 and 4

### Revelation 1:7 - Jesus The Cloud Rider Who Was Pierced - **Revelation 1:7; Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 12:10**

1. Yahweh alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible: Deuteronomy 33:26, Psalm 68:32-33, Psalm 104:1-4, and Isaiah 19:1 except for one passage: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Yahweh as cloud-rider was a \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the god of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion
4. The God-head \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian invention.
5. The foundational verse for the Godhead idea in Judaism was \_\_\_\_\_.
6. With Jesus as cloud-rider reveals to us that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Lampstands** - Revelation 1:12–13, 20. Zechariah 4. Revelation 2:1-7

1. The lampstands represent the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The church being a lampstand represent the church's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus walking in the midst of the lampstands means Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ with His church.
4. If a church continues without \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus will remove the churches \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Angels to the Churches** - Revelation 1:20; 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14. Deuteronomy 32:7-8, Exodus 32:31-35; Daniel 10:20-21, Hebrews 1:14

- 1) Angel in Hebrew and Greek means \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The angels of the seven churches can be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of the congregation.
- 3) The angel being a \_\_\_\_\_ for the church is the more likely option.

### **Who are the Nicolaitans? Revelation 2:4–6; 14-15.**

Nicolaitans (nika laon) means: "overcomer of the people." Balaam (bal am) means: "rule over the people." The Nicolaitans weren't a literal people or religious group but rather false teachers that taught Christians to merge Christianity with the world.

### **John's Vision of The Throne** - Revelation 4:1-2; Exodus 24

1. John taken up "in the Spirit is consistent with the prophets when they have heavenly visions.
2. John is having a vision.
3. This must be remembered when interpreting Revelation. Visions almost always contain imagery, symbols, and metaphors. They also do not always happen in a chronological order.

4. Because John is having a vision, he isn't recording everything he sees in real time. He would have written after the vision. To communicate what he saw in the vision he will use the Old Testament and Jewish imagery to communicate what he saw.

### **The Heavenly Throne** - Revelation 4:3-6; Exodus 19:16-18, 24:9-11

1. The depiction of jasper, carnelian and a rainbow like the appearance of emerald collectively represent God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The three stones of Revelation 4:3 are an anticipation of the fuller list of precious stones in Revelation 21. Where the glory of God is revealed both in \_\_\_\_\_ and on \_\_\_\_\_ through His new \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Flashes of lightning, rumbling, peals of thunder, and earthquakes" language comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and is imagery for a \_\_\_\_\_: The literal revealing of God to man.

### **The Elders** - Revelation 4:4, 10-11

1. The options for the identity of the elders is either God's \_\_\_\_\_ or representatives of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The elders cast their \_\_\_\_\_ at the feet of God.
2. Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ portrayed in the rest of Revelation (or the Bible) as having crowns.
3. If the 24 elders represent God's human family it is likely 12 who represent \_\_\_\_\_ and 12 who represent the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Living Creatures** - Revelation 4:6-9; Ezekiel 1:4-28, 10:1-15; Isaiah 6

1. John's living creatures are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's throne room.
2. The depictions of these throne guardians combine elements from both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Elements similar to Isaiah 6 are the \_\_\_\_\_ and the throne guardians saying "\_\_\_\_\_." The rest of the description contains elements from Ezekiel 1 and 10.
4. In Ezekiel and Revelation the eyes are a sign that nothing is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The eyes is astrological depiction of the angels being compared to \_\_\_\_\_ in the heaven.
6. Their depiction of faces and eyes isn't necessarily to be taken as a literal description of what they look like but as a description of their \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The four faces are the four cardinal points of the Babylonian Zodiac.
8. That they worship Yahweh not Zeus, Marduk or some other deity show that Yahweh alone is sovereign and in control of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Heavenly Lawsuit** - Revelation 4-5 and Daniel 7

Daniel 7 is a common passage cited in Revelation and in this book. Something very interesting that scholars have noted is how similar Revelation 4-5 and Daniel 7 are. They share not one, two, or three, but fourteen common points in the SAME ORDER. They are:

1. Introductory vision phraseology (Dan. 7:9 [cf. 7:2, 6-7]; Rev. 4:1)
2. The setting of a throne(s) in heaven (Dan. 7:9a; Rev. 4:2a [cf. 4:4a])
3. God sitting on a throne (Dan. 7:9b; Rev. 4:2b)
4. The description of God's appearance on the throne (Dan. 7:9c; Rev. 4:3a)
5. Fire before the throne (Dan. 7:9d-10a; Rev. 4:5)
6. Heavenly servants surrounding the throne (Dan. 7:10b; Rev. 4:4b, 6b-10; 5:8, 11, 14)
7. Book(s) before the throne (Dan. 7:10c; Rev. 5:1-7)
8. The "opening" of the book(s) (Dan. 7:10d; Rev. 5:2-5, 9)
9. A divine (messianic) figure approaches God's throne in order to receive authority to reign forever over a "kingdom" (Dan. 7:13-14a; Rev. 5:5b-7, 9a, 12-13)
10. This "kingdom" includes "all peoples, nations, and tongues" (Dan. 7:14a MT; Rev. 5:9b)
11. The seer's emotional distress on account of the vision (Dan. 7:15; Rev. 5:4)
12. The seer's reception of heavenly counsel concerning the vision from one among the heavenly throne servants (Dan. 7:16; Rev. 5:5a)
13. The saints are also given divine authority to reign over a kingdom (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27a; Rev. 5:10)
14. A concluding mention of God's eternal reign (Dan. 7:27b; Rev. 5:13-14)

- G. K. Beale and Sean M McDonough, "Revelation," in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI; Nottingham, UK: Baker Academic; Apollos, 2007), 1098.

**Cloud-Rider:** 1) cloud-rider; Daniel 7:13. 2) polemic; Baal. 3) Baal; Canaanite. 4) is not. 5) Daniel 7:13. 6) Yahweh.

**The Lampstands:** 1) seven churches. 2) power; influence. 3) present. 4) first love; lampstand.

**The Angels to the Seven Churches:** 1) messenger. 2) guardian angels; pastors. 3) guardian angel.

**The Heavenly Throne:** 1) beauty, majesty, glory. 2) heaven; earth; creation. 3) Exodus 19:16-18; Theophany. 4).  
Worship

**The Elders:** 1) angels; human believers. 2) never. 3) OT Saints; NT Saints.

**The Living Creatures:** 1) throne guardians. 2) Ezekiel, Isaiah., 3) six-wings; holy holy holy is Yahweh 4) unseen. 5) stars. 6) function. 8) time and history.