

Revelation -9

Looking ahead to chapters 4-5

1. Read the chapters at least twice...try to read them at least once along with the first three chapters.
2. What does the throne suggest? Why is there a rainbow present?
3. Think about the elders. Why are there 24 of them? What do they seem to represent? What is their chief function?
4. What are the living creatures? What is their role in the scene.
5. Compare the worship songs of chapters 4 and 5. What is the difference in content?
6. What is the book and why do you think it has seven seals?
7. Study carefully the Lamb. Note its appearance and note what action it will take and why it has this right.

In some of these points a commentary on revelation will be helpful. A Bible dictionary would also be useful as well as a concordance.

VIEWPOINT ON THESE CHAPTERS

The view of this class is that of pre-tribulationism...a belief that the church will be removed from the earth before the time of universal judgment. Thus we think that these scenes are in heaven and available to John as he is symbolic of the raptured church. The view is that of the throne of God as the judgments on wickedness of men are about to be pronounced.

This is part of the section of things that shall be...none of which as we conceive of it has been fulfilled as of yet.

Concepts

Reading the chapters one should be able to see:

- The basis of worship
- The chief expression of worship
- The occupational privilege of worship
- the triumph of the Lord
- the complete identification of the Lord Jesus as Son of David and sacrificial Lamb.