

REVELATION, Chapter 4 & 5 CHRIST SHIELDS HIS AFFLICTED PEOPLE

The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth. Those who have permitted their minds to become beclouded in regard to what constitutes sin are fearfully deceived. Unless they make a decided change they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works. {9T 267.1}

Chapter 4 is the prelude to chapter 5.

I. Chapter 4

A. What John Saw

1. Who spoke to John? _____
2. What did He say? _____
3. What did John see? _____
4. Who was this person? _____
 - a. Isaiah 6:1 -5
 - b. Ezekiel 1:26 - 28
 - c. Daniel 7:9, 10, 13
 - d. Stephen, Acts 7:56
 - e. John, Revelation 4: This is how John saw it; God on His throne with Jesus by His side in a time of trial for the church!

(Gen. 9:13-17; Isa 54:9,10; Eze 1:28 Rev. 4:3; 10:1.) **Bow** Shows Righteousness of Christ, Mercy, and Justice.--In the rainbow above the throne is an everlasting testimony that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish. . . ." Whenever the law is presented before the people, let the teacher of truth point to the throne arched with the rainbow of promise, the righteousness of Christ. The glory of the law is Christ; He came to magnify the law, and to make it honorable. Make it appear distinct that mercy and peace have met together in Christ, and righteousness and truth have embraced each other. . . . {5BC 1133.5}

As the bow in the cloud is formed by the union of the sunlight and the shower, so the rainbow encircling the throne represents the combined power of mercy and justice. It is not justice alone that is to be maintained; for this would eclipse the glory of the rainbow of promise above the throne; men could see only the penalty of the law. Were there no justice, no penalty, there would be no stability to the government of God. It is the mingling of judgment and mercy that makes salvation complete. It is the blending of the two that leads us, as we view the world's Redeemer, and the law of Jehovah, to exclaim, "Thy gentleness hath made me great" (RH Dec. 13, 1892).

5. Elements of the Throne Room:

- a. vs. 4, _____
 - i. description: _____
 - ii. origin, Matt. 27:51 & Eph. 4:8 & Rev. 5:9: _____

 - iii. Title, 1 Chron. 24:18: _____
- b. vs 5, _____
 - i. Re 8:5; 11:19; 16:17,18; Ex 19:16; 20:18; Ps 18:13;
- c. vs.5, _____
- d. vs. 6, _____
 - i. Re 15:2; Ex 38:8; Re 21:11; 22:1
- e. vs. 6 - 8, _____
 - i. location _____
 - ii. description, v. 7 _____
Ezekiel 1:5 - 12

 - iii. description, v. 8 _____
Isaiah 6:1 - 3

- 6. vs. 9 – 11 Who led worship? _____
- 7. What did the 24 Elders do? _____
- 8. What did they say? _____