

## Study Notes and Questions for Revelation 4 & 5

- Chapters 4 and 5 are essentially an introduction to the action in chapters 6 through 20. Basically, what happens in 4:1–5:14?
- What phrase does Revelation 4:1 both begin and end with?
- What is the significance of that phrase?
- **For Thought and Discussion:** What does the association between God and thunderstorms suggest to you about God? (Research storm imagery in the Old Testament, beginning with Exodus 19:16–19)
- **For Thought and Discussion:** Thrones, especially God's throne, are mentioned forty-five times in Revelation. Why do you think they appear so often? What do they have to do with the book's message?
- What impressions does 4:1–11 give you of God the Father?
- **For Further Study:** Compare the four creatures in Revelation to the angels in Isaiah 6:1–3 and Ezekiel 1:4–28.
- For what reasons is the Father worthy of worship? Which of His deeds and attributes are praised in 4:8–11?
- For what is the Lamb praised and worshiped (see 5:9–10, 12–13)?
- How has the Lamb purchased men for God (see 5:9)?
- How would you like your own worship life to be affected by what 4:1–5:14 depicts? What can you do to begin letting that happen?
- Why do you think the Lamb's triumph makes Him worthy to open the seals on the scroll?
- Why do you think the Lord chose to depict Messiah as both a lion and a lamb?
- What does it mean in 5:8 that the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb?
- What do you think it means that God has made His children to be "a kingdom and priests?"
- In 5:13 John hears every living creature lifting up praise and worship to He who sits on the throne and to the Lamb. When do you think this universal worship actually takes place?
- What one point did you find most significant in this study?