Review Ch 4 Church in heaven, John door open 'come up here' sees throne of God – Kaleidoscope of colors – 24 elders OT, NT saints – 4 Living creatures, Seraphim Is 6:2- crying holy, holy, holy

Ch 5 Scroll in right hand, title deed earth, Him who sat throne, sealed 7 seals w/in and w/o, who is worthy? None! John weeps convulsively – elders says stop Lion of tribe Judah take & loose, saw Lamb as if slain take and open – redeemed sang song of redemption only church can sing – heaven breaks forth in praise – angels w/o number

Ch6 Seals when broken corresponds to judgments 1st White horse Antichrist, 2nd Red war, 3rd Black famine, 4th Ashen/grey Death—4 Horsemen of Apocalypse – ¼ earths population destroyed-2 billion. 5th seal multitude of martyred saints under altar – these saved out of tribulation. Cry 'how long, avenge' – given white robes, wait til full number fellow servants killed. 6th cataclysum Joel 2; Is 13, Jesus Mt 24 earthquakes, stars fall, signs sun & moon, mt, Islands disappear, surface of earth topographically changed as it's moved out of it's place

Before the 7th seal open in Ch 7, stop action, pause, parenthesis—side bar to give more information. In midst of wrath is mercy, greatest revival of souls, tribulation salvation

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

Four corners 20:8 figure of speech Lit four extreme limits of the earth. Fauci Critics accuse bible of being unscientific claiming earth is flat but cruise ships take you to the four corners of the earth NWEW. Bible says earth is spherical Pr 8:27; Job 26:10; Is 40:22

Two groups in view 1. Sealed Jewish remnant 2. Saved tribulation martyrs, great multitude

4 angels having power to hold by wind, calm before storm. Water cycle depends on evaporation, transportation precipitation. Another angel ascends from rising sun w/ seal of living God to seal bond servants. Is mark/seal visible or invisible? A sign of ownership – wax w/ signet ring. We are sealed w/ Holy Spirit of promise Eph 1:13,14

Antichrist seeks to duplicate by mark on right hand or forehead Rev 13. God seals as a means of protection as His wrath is poured out. God did the same in Egypt w/ blood on doorpost and lintel w/ Rahab w/ scarlet cord out window; Ez 9:4 God marks those who sigh and groan over abominations & smites others.

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

"When plain sense makes common sense seek no further sense". To miss the obvious puts you and those who follow you at odds w/ God & places you under His judgment *Rev 22:19and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*

Heretical claims JW; Mormon elders; Children of God w/ Moses David; Worldwide church of God (Herbert W Armstrong, son Ted); 7th day Adventist; proponents of Church is spiritual Israel (Replacement theology) or some other religious group other than what the text says. Exegesis is to draw out of Isogesis is to put in 'wonderful things in the scriptures I see all of them put there by you and by me'. JA Seiss Reference is literal Israel 'The term Israel is never used outside the descendant of Jacob himself'

12 tribes are in existence in the end times as they were in Jesus time Ja 1:1 1Pet 1:1. Today Jewish geneology is lost but God knows

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, 6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, 8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

Dan & Ephraim don't appear Dt 29:18 warned against idolatry 'lest among yu a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood' 1Ki 12:25-33 Jeroboam set up calve worship in Dan and boarder of Ephraim. Excavations in northern Israel at Tel Dan uncovered altar to pagan worship. We were there in Nature reserve. Dan led in idolatry so Lord singles out for adverity Dt 29:18-21. Ephraim not mentioned but his father Joseph is. Why? Hosea 4:17 Idolatry disqualified. Ephraim always contended w/ his brothers— Gideon Judges 8 'contended vigorously' you got Oreb and Zeeb placated pacify him. Then w/ Jepthah victory over Ammonites Judges 12 'Burn house' 42,000 die 'oh how good and how pleansant it is for brethren to dwell in unity'. Rueben lost 1st born rank went into fathers concubine. Not loss of salvation but of position and rewards.

Records lost after 70 Ad bus driver Naphtali....

Note God's grace Dan first among tribes to receive land in kingdom age Ez 48:1,2 yet they farthest from temple....in extreme north.

144,000 are end times tribulation evangelist along w/ two witnesses Ch 11 and angel in mid heaven ch 14

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Multitude those who heard word from 144,000 Jewish evangelist the ones left on earth after the Rapture. Now willing to reject woke culture and lies of the world under Antichrist and cling to living hope of Christ

Martyred Gentiles believing in Christ see again ch 14White robes, imparted righteousness of Christ – palm branches-related presence of God joy, prosperity, victory Jn 12:13 'Hosanna' speaks of righteousness Ps 92:12 righteous man will flourish like palm tree. Beauty S of S 7:7 Your beauty is like Palm tree. Victory Jn12:13 triumphant entry save now vs 10 they are

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?"

Lk 15:10 'there is joy in the presence of the angels of God voer one sinner who repents' We see a live demonstration of this. A similar scene of praise w/ church in heaven 5:12 sevenfold praise...all the same except 5:12 'riches' 7:12 'thanksgiving'....two different groups of church and tribulation saints.

14 And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Tribulation saints (martyrs) a different group than those around throne represented by 24 elder ch 4,5. Notice John doesn't know who they are—if church he would know. 6:9-11 'how long? Til # complete

These sealed their testimony by their blood—some killed by persecutors,

earthquakes, war, pestilence, refuse mark 13:15, would not renounce

Christ—multitudes come to salvation, a tribulation revival 12:11 overcame

by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and did not love

their lives unto death'

These are tribulation saints Dan 7:21 yet for church gates of hell shall not prevail against'. Washed robes righteousness

15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. 16 "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."

Before throne—place of prominence and honor. Heaven a place for these to serve Matt 25 minas and cities faithfulness determines realm of privilege and service. They serve we reign as Bride of Christ

Day and night, no need to recover – used to be 12 hr days six days week.

Temple, God's immediate presence in fellowship---hunger 13:17 not buy

food, not submit to beast and mark

No tears in heaven, some say regrets but not for what can't change—but for prior suffering on earth.

Even John not know who they are – Peter, James, John knew Elijah and Moses Mt transfiguration surely John would know NT church but ultimately all amalgamated into one w/o distinction Rev 21,22 w/ New Heave and earth.

Martyrs standing for truth on earth beat down w/lies of Antichrist to point of being put to death as followers of truth in Christ—now in heaven standing

Serving is greatest joy, doing for Lord to benefit His people is now a great joy. In heaven in complete state of spiritual perfection serving God unspeakable joy and full of glory. 'eye has not seen nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared...'

15 Tabernacle – constant presence and covering and overshadowing of Lord Ps 91:1 He who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty'

16 Strongest of physical drives satisfied...state of complete contentment. 4th bown never again judgment but only favor of Lord.

17 Great Shepher is now their shepherd to guide and comfort 7th seal introduces 7 trumpet judgments, wrath intensifies yet in wrath He remembers Mercy Hab 3:2