

Even though the content of much of the book of Revelation is a picture of end time events, the purpose of the book is to call believers to faithful witness and worship of God and His son Jesus Christ.

Revelation was written not only to feed the curiosity of people about end time events, but also to encourage faithfulness to the Lord in times of persecution and to assure people of God's ultimate victory in the face of increasing evil and uncertainty. It is meant to gives us hope in time of trouble and show us the certainty of the final victory.

By peeking behind the scenes to see that God is reigning on his throne and is being worshipped by angels and redeemed humanity, the events of everyday life, like the actual depressing covid situation, are put into a proper perspective. And this is the purpose of this study, to dwell on faith, hope and our God of love.

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."



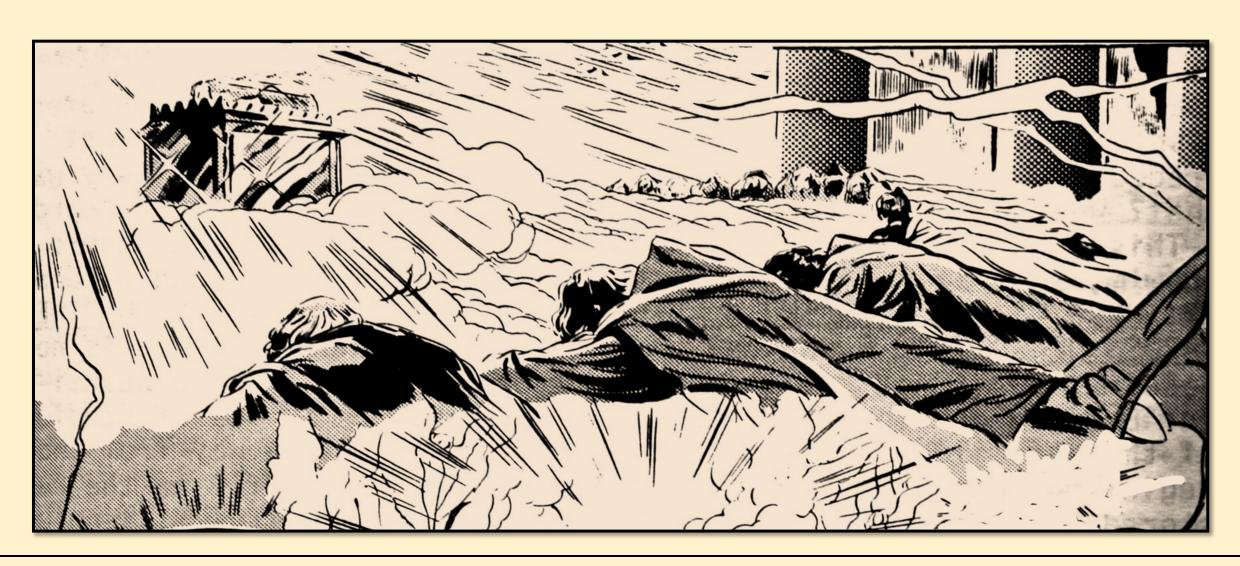
**REV.4:6-11** Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures...and they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Whenever the living creatures **give glory and honor and thanks** to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall



down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

In that tremendous heavenly throne scene, it appears like the main yearning of the 24 elders and the four living creatures or beasts is to be continually praising God, giving Him glory, honor and thanks! Of course, we're going to fall down before the Lord and cast our crowns before Him like the 24 elders!

Every time we start **praising the Lord**, we're going to forget all about that crown and it's going to tumble off right at His feet, when we **bow down and give Him the glory**, casting our crowns at His feet! But anyhow, He gave it to us, so we'd better pick it up again and wear it, because that's the one He gave us. We wouldn't throw away a thing like that, would we? A bride doesn't throw away her ring if she still loves her husband, and that's sort of the ring He's going to give us! That's what's going to show what we have done for the Lord. Isn't that beautiful?



**REV.5:9-14** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.



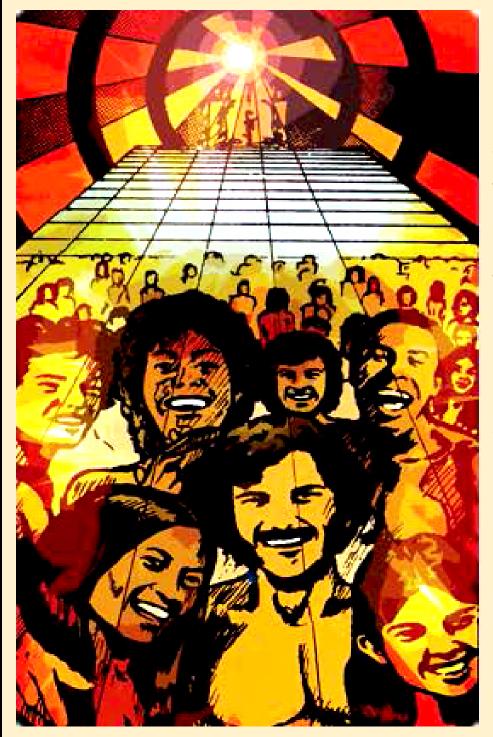
"And they sang a new song" speaks of praise to our God, for we see all the creatures and elders burst into songs of praise before the Lamb of God. Here, those who sing simply love the Lord, and for a very good reason: millions who would have been lost eternally through sin, have been "redeemed" (saved) by Jesus Christ, who became sin for us (2 Co.5:21) and gave His blood (was slain) that we might live

There shall be a new world! The restoration of all things shall surely come, and we are in training for it; for one day we shall reign on the earth and share the government with Christ, according to His Word. We shall rule and reign over the whole Earth, as His kings, queens and priests in the Kingdom of God that Christians pray for to come, as they pray every Lord's Prayer:

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven!" And we give all the glory to Jesus, "for Thine be the



Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever!" (Mt.19:16-22; Rev.5:10; Mt.6:9-13)



The phrase "thousands of thousands" represents a very large undefined number; the largest single number used in the Greek language. It is very likely there were millions or perhaps what we would consider an "infinite" number of beings present at that moment. In the center of them all, is the Lamb who has redeemed us to God by His blood. Those present are addressing and worshiping the Lamb, Jesus Christ. He is the center of all that is.

REV.7:9-12 After this I beheld, and, Io, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, amen: blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse 9 is the great hosts of Heaven and earth who believe in Jesus Christ--be they Jews or Gentiles, be they Israelites or goyim--because there's no longer any Jew or Gentile in Christ Jesus, no male nor

female, no black or white, no rich or poor, no difference in the Kingdom of Christ now!

Our praise
here on earth is
preparation for
praise in
Heaven. Several
instances in
Revelation
describe what
loving and
worshipping God
in heaven will
look like:



"...every nation, tribe, and tongue" loving God before His throne, crying out "Salvation belongs to our God." Emphasis on our God. We're all the same to Jesus, all brothers and sisters in the one great Family of God!



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Rev.7:11,12

To be continued in Part 2

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