# A Summary of the Book of Revelations

**Chapters 4-8 From Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study**

**Revelation: A Book of Love, Holiness, and Restoration (Chapters 4-8)**

We've spent months exploring the Book of **Revelation**, not as a book that instills **fear, brings destruction, and shows divine punishment**, but as one that demonstrates **God's unwavering love, perfect holiness, and unshakeable dedication to humanity.**

Many people learn to view Revelation as a book about **wrath**, God's anger unleashed on the world. But when we examine this book **from the perspective of the Lamb of God**, we notice something different.

- We see **Hesed**: God's **unwavering and continuous love** that always calls humanity back.
- We see **Kadosh**: God's **holiness, perfection**, His ways beyond our understanding.
- We see **Berith**: God's **eternal covenant** always wanting to reconcile, restore us to Himself.

Jesus is the **Lamb of God**, for **this** reason God offered Jesus as a **gift** to reconcile and restore us to God. When we look at Revelation through the lens of Hesed, Kadosh and Berith, we see a book of **hope and deliverance and restoration**, not destruction.

**Revelation 4-8: A Heavenly Perspective on Earthly Restoration**

Following John's encounter with the resurrected Christ in Revelation 1 and His messages to the churches in chapters 2 and 3, the study moves into Revelation 4. John receives an invitation to glimpse the heavenly perspective, to grasp the events unfolding both on Earth and in God's throne room.

These chapters don't portray God as a remote punitive judge. Rather, He appears as the Omnipotent and merciful ruler who brings about the renewal of all things. Let's examine these chapters from this viewpoint.

**Revelation 4: The Throne Room of a Holy and Loving God**

John gets taken up to **heaven** where he sees a vision of **God's throne** (Rev. 4:1-2). We need to understand that God's throne room isn't a room filled with **anger.** Quite the opposite, it is one of **holiness, praise, worship and faithfulness**.

The **twenty-four elders** kneel in worship, and the **four living creatures** shout:

**"Holy holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."** (Rev. 4:8)

This is a **declaration of kadosh**, God's holiness. Everything God does stems from **His perfect love**. If we fail to grasp **God's holiness**, we'll misinterpret **everything else in Revelation**.

God's holiness doesn't clash with His love, it **demonstrates** His love. Because He is **holy and perfect**, He **keeps His promises**. Because He is **holy and perfect**, He will always **invite humanity back to Himself to keep His covenant.**

**Revelation 5: The Lamb of God and the Scroll of Destiny**

John spots **a sealed scroll** in God's hand, which is God's plan **to restore creation**. However, **nobody qualifies to break its seal**—until John notices, first a lion and then **a Lamb standing as if it had been killed** (Rev. 5:6).

This is foundational. **The entire book depends on understanding this**:

- **God's Sanctions are imposed not to destroy, but to get humanity to repent and reconcile.**
- **Triumph emerges not from domination and power, but from self-giving, the offering of the gift of Jesus.**
- **Renewal springs from Jesus' love, not God's anger.**

The **Lamb grasps the scroll and opens it** and heaven bursts into praise:

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, wealth, and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"** (Rev. 5:12)

**Revelation 6: The Seals: A Wake-Up Call, Not a Sentence of Doom.**

Many interpret the **six seals** in Revelation 6 as a scary display of **God's anger**, but this interpretation misses the mark.

When the Lamb **breaks the seals**, He does not **bring down punishment**, He **shows the world's flaws** and **asks people to change their ways.**

- The **four horsemen** (Rev. 6:1-8) represent the results of a world that **turns away from God**, conquest, war, famine, and death.
- The **fifth seal** (Rev. 6:9-11) depicts the **martyrs asking for justice**, showing that **God remains patient even with those who do wrong**.
- The **sixth seal** (Rev. 6:12-17) portrays **creation shaking**, not due to God's anger, but because people won't change their ways.

These **seals don't serve as punishments**, they serve as **God's alarm** to people declaring:

**"Come back to Me before it's too late."**

**Revelation 7: The Great Multitude: God's Covenant Loyalty**

The seventh seal remains unopened giving way to a **break**, a time of **grace**.

John witnesses **144,000 sealed** (Rev. 7:4-8), a number with symbolic meaning that shows **God's safeguarding of His followers**. Then, John sees an even more impressive sight:

**"A great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and before the Lamb."** (Rev. 7:9)

This is **berith, God's unbreakable agreement with humankind.** This **fulfills God's pledge to Abraham**, that all nations would receive blessings.

Their salvation doesn't come from their own actions. Their salvation isn't through their own goodness. They receive salvation because **the Lamb's blood has cleansed them** (Rev. 7:14).

This shows **God's ultimate aim, restoration, not destruction!**

**Revelation 8: The Seventh Seal: How God Answers Humanity's Prayers**

The **opening of the seventh seal** brings **about half an hour of quiet in heaven** (Rev. 8:1).

Yet, Revelation 9:20-21 says people still won't change their ways. This shows the Lamb's true nature, one that seeks reconciliation, not ruin.

The horns sound the alarm. They announce the unleashing of another level of suffering humanity is bringing on itself. There seems to be a devastating action for each time humanity refuses to repent. These trumpets serve as warnings, not punishments, meant to shake people awake, to bring them back to God before time runs out.

This quiet is God giving humanity an opportunity to reflect. Time to consider the invitation to repent. This quiet is a dramatic forewarning that something tragic, more tragic than before, is coming.

God doesn't want to cause harm to humanity, He wants to rescue us.

**Conclusion: Revelation Urges Us to Come Back to God**

Revelation 4-8 doesn't focus on **punishment**. It highlights **God's holiness, love, and loyalty to His covenant**.

- **Revelation 4 paints a picture of God's holiness.**
- **Revelation 5 showcases God's love through the Lamb.**
- **Revelation 6-7 demonstrates God's mercy nudging us to open our eyes.**
- **Revelation 8 illustrates God's patience, still giving people time to change their ways.**

Revelation is not **a book of doom**. This is **a book of hope.** This isn't **a book of destruction**. This is **a book of restoration.**

So, the question is, will we **hear the call**? Will we **answer the Lamb**?

Because **Revelation isn't about God's rage toward us, it's about God's affection for us!**

Will we **go back to the God who cares for us**?

Blessings,

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