

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 14 – Introduction to the Celestial Court (Rev. 4)

I. Introduction to the “Future” Prophecy of Revelation

A. The book is divided into three time periods: (Rev. 1:19)

1. “*Things you have seen*” – vision of Jesus among the assemblies (ch. 1)
2. “*Things which are*” – Jesus’ assessment of the 7 assemblies (chs. 2-3)
3. “*After these things*” – the Prophecy of the end of the age

II. The Celestial Court Seated (Daniel 7:7-28)

A. Revelation chs. 4-20 elaborate on & supplements Daniel 7:7-28

1. Dan. 7:7 The fourth beast is the Roman Empire
 - a. The 10 horns = the 10 toes in Nebuchadnezzar’s image (Dan. 2:31-45)
 - b. The 10 toes (kings) are all present simultaneously when Antichrist arises & Christ’s Kingdom arrives (Dan. 2:44; Dan. 7:8; Rev. 17:12-14).
2. The “little horn” arises after the other “ten horns,” spouting “pompous words” (Dan. 7:8,24).
3. The Celestial Court seated after “little horn” arises (Dan. 7:9-10; Rev. 4-5)
4. Little horn proclaims “pompous words” resulting in the 4th Beast (Rome) slain and burned (Dan. 7:11) = Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17-18) @ mid-point.
5. Previous empires (Babylon, Persia, Greece) continue subjugated for a short time (Dan. 7:12).
6. The little horn will persecute the saints for 3.5 “times” (Dan. 7:21,25)
7. The “Son of Man” comes on the clouds, brought before the Ancient of Days, and given the Kingdom, along with the saints (Dan. 7:13-14,18, 25-27).

III. John’s vision of the Celestial Court Seated (Rev. 4-5)

A. Rev. 4:1-2a The open door for John to observe; the voice of Jesus like a trumpet (Rev. 1:10); John to be shown the future

B. John became “in the Breath”

1. He was “in the Breath” when He first saw the vision of Christ among the Lampstands (Rev. 1:10)
2. Ezekiel was “in the Breath” when given the vision of the resurrection (Ezek. 37:1).
3. David was “in the Breath” when he prophesied of Christ being seated at God’s right hand (Matt. 22:43)
4. Steven was “in the Breath” when He saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55-56).
5. Paul was “in the Breath” when He was caught up into Paradise and the third heaven in a VISION (2 Cor. 12:1-4).
6. John again “in the Breath” to view the destruction of Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17:3), and again to view the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:10).