

Our God Reigns and Rules Notes

Revelation 4:1-5:5

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Main Point: There is no panic in Heaven because God has no problems, only plans.

An Open Door (Revelation 4:1)

1. In the ancient world, doors often _____ what was valuable, suggesting that what John was about to see was a treasured, divine revelation.
2. John is now invited into the very _____ room of God.
3. In Scripture, trumpets always signal that something _____ is about to happen.
4. They call God's people to worship, summon armies to battle, celebrate victory, announce God's presence, and point to the return of Christ.

An Occupied Throne (Revelation 4:2)

1. God the Father is seated "on" this throne.
2. He "sits continually" where He is _____ not resting.
3. The main message of Revelation is that God _____!
4. Jasper was likely a clear diamond and carnelian was blood red.
5. The rainbow was a sign of God's covenant of _____ in the midst of judgment.

Ongoing Worship (Revelation 4:4)

1. God is on the throne, other thrones are around Him (vs. 5).
2. Lightning and thunder are associated with God's powerful _____ in Exodus 19 and God's judgment during the Tribulation in Revelation 8:5.
3. The blazing torches point to the fullness and _____ of the Holy Spirit.
4. In John's world, the sea symbolized chaos, danger, and the unknown. But before the throne, what was once a picture of chaos is now perfectly _____.
5. These unusual creatures practice _____ praise.
6. To mention something three times in succession is to elevate it to the superlative degree, to _____ the breathtaking splendor of God's holiness!
7. The title "Lord God Almighty" means, He is the _____ Ruler who has His hand on everything.

An Omnipotent God (Revelation 4:9-10)

1. In the Bible, "to worship" means to _____ oneself by laying low in reverence and surrender.
2. The word "worthy" means, "weighty."
3. Every time we gather to worship, we are _____ the never-ending song of Heaven.
4. Revelation 4 focuses on worshipping God the Father for His work of _____.
5. Revelation 5 emphasizes the worship of God the Son for His work of _____.

An Ominous Scroll (Revelation 5:1)

1. The right hand in the Bible is the hand of _____ and strength.
2. This scroll is locked down, or “sealed with seven seals.”
3. In the ancient world, wax or clay seals were used to _____ and authenticate important documents.
4. This scroll is completely secure, totally authoritative, and utterly _____...unless someone worthy is found to open it.
5. In Daniel 12:4, Daniel was told to “shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end.”

An Overwhelming Sorrow (Revelation 5:2)

1. The description “mighty” emphasizes that even the most powerful created being cannot open the scroll himself.
2. The word for “loud” is the Greek word “megas” which means “enormous, intense, and _____.”
3. “Absolutely no one, not even one, anywhere” was able to open the scroll.
 - In Heaven: angelic beings, including the four living creatures, the twenty-four elders, archangels like Michael or Gabriel, and all the holy angels. Even the sinless heavenly host lack the necessary qualification.
 - On earth: All living human beings, past, and present.
 - Under the earth: no departed spirit of the righteous, and no demonic force was qualified.
4. The issue is not ability or intelligence; it’s _____.
5. The scroll represents God’s sovereign _____ for judgment on evil and the final redemption of creation. Opening it requires someone who:
 - Is perfectly _____ and without sin.
 - Has _____ sin and death.
 - Has the _____ right as kinsman-redeemer to reclaim what was lost.
6. This word for “weep” means “to clamor, _____, and lament loudly.”

An Overcoming Savior (vs. 5)

1. John is alerted to the appearance of One who alone is _____.
 - The Lion of the tribe of Judah – this is the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy from Genesis 49:9-10.
 - The Root of David – this is a fulfillment of Isaiah 11:1.
 - The Lamb
 - The Passover lamb was taken in by the family for _____ days before its blood was applied to the doorposts of their home (Exodus 12:3-6)
 - Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and was among the people for several days before His crucifixion, becoming the sacrificial Lamb whose blood brings _____ from sin.
2. As the Lion, he is the _____ of our salvation.
3. As the Root of David, He is the _____ of our salvation.
4. As the Lamb, He is the _____ of our salvation.