

Hey take a minute and say hello to someone you have never met before. You guys gotta get out more. I swallowed something. We are looking at some plans we've been trying you know our place has been for sale and we've sold it once. Gotta write a comedy book and then it didn't work out and we bought a place and it didn't work out, so we're looking at knocking some stuff down and putting a big sanctuary here and trying to work on some parking so and now for the good news we might have to put in a parking structure in the corner. So here's the cost of the parking structure, just so you know, just so you can pray we don't ask for money we don't care God will pay for it or we won't do it, no worries. Keep you money. But, it's sixteen thousand bucks a parking spot. That's six million dollars. What do you want to do? You want to bike over? I'm holding you to that. There's saving me sixteen grand right there. We don't know if it's gonna work yet, were looking at some stuff with the city so you guys can keep it in your prayers we're just trying to figure out a way to make room on Sundays so even usually on Wednesday this is the middle of summer and we're almost packed, so you can imagine. So, anyway something that you can pray for. I have no idea if it's gonna work out, but I'd rather you just know and pray then spring it on you later. It would be a year worth of interesting parking and building as we meet here. But, it will be it will be good. Oh stop. Sixteen grand buy your own parking spot young lady that's what I'm saying. No no I'm just playing. Yeah!

Let's open our bibles tonight, that's all I got Revelation chapter 5. It's hot in here isn't it? Where's Doug? Doug everybody is fanning themselves, so just so you know. Everyone, look around here I'm dizzy. Alright sit real still and everything will be fine. Revelation 5:6 now we have been in this book for quite some time already and Jesus gave John a revelation of the things that were yet to come when John was in his nineties put on an island for his faith they thought he would die there instead he found great life there with the Lord and the Lord gave to John a vision of Himself and then a set of letters that were to be sent to the church and then a large portion of the book deals with what's coming after the church age and Chapter 1 verse 19 you will find the outline, John write the things that are the things that you have seen first of all then the things that are the church chapter 2 and 3 and then all of the things that come after the church age and in chapter 4 verse 1 we saw the rapture of the church it's impossible for us to go over in any great detail the chronology of the things were doing I hope that you are keeping up on your own but in chapter beginning in chapter 4 we begin the longest section of the book which which is really those things that will take place after the church age and we have been in chapter 4 and 5 for a few weeks now it is a vision of the heavenly scene and is a picture of the church gathered around the throne of God. It is it is the time when Jesus will now come to do all that He has promised to do for generations it is the culmination and the and the and finally we get to see the Lord high and lifted up in the sense of everyone knowing who he is and bowing to Him and His will being accomplished, it starts here in chapter four we saw the fathers being in view the throne of God uh the church represented by the 24 elders the sea of glass before the throne the seraphim as um Isaiah calls them or the cherubim as Ezekiel calls them and we talked about the difference of these angelic rankings if you will and then the the saints gathered around to worship God. And Paul when he was taken to heaven couldn't put it into words and John has been assigned by the Lord to write what he sees so he is doing his best you know and overwhelms this old timer he using all that he has to get it clear to us we start at chapter 5 last week and turned our

attention to the scroll that was in the hands of the father the title deed of the earth that had been forfeited by man to Satan through obeying his command rather than the Lords and this prince of the power of the air or this god of this world you know needed to be over thrown and John as he saw the father hold out actually in his right hand the scroll nobody moved in heaven who is worthy to open the scrolls to take it to lose the seals thereof and John said nobody moved and John began to weep you know he needed a redeemer the world needed help and he saw no one and so this is what we read last week chapter 5 verse 1 and I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back sealed with 7 seals then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice who is worthy to open the scroll and to lose its seals and no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look at it I wept much John wrote because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll or to look at it but one of the elders said to me don't weep behold the lion of the tribe of Judah the root of David has prevailed to open the scroll and to lose its seven seals. Oh I tell you I love this portion of the scriptures you know that you would get a view into heaven and see what is yet to come and to seek Gods throne and then Jesus standing up in the midst of it to be worshipped this is goose bump section you know you shouldn't be hot now you should all have goose bumps and at this point before we continue you know it's extremely important that we understand clearly that Jesus came to redeem but there is an old testament line that runs through the bible that of the kinsman redeemer and it is portrayed time and again in the scriptures as a responsibility of someone who is the nearest of kin the Hebrew kin the Hebrew word is goel and to have a goel someone who will come and stand for you whether it is to carry on the lineage that you know you might of had you being having a brother and his wife you know marrying then he dying and not having yet a child and so the responsibility falls upon you or you losing land and yet it needs to stay in the family and you can't afford to have it so you turn to the nearest to the goel the nearest kinsman and you ask him to redeem so that they might keep this land in the family in the tribe that God has established even in the avenging of murder when there was a clear act of murder it was the goel the nearest kinsman who was to go and exact justice according to numbers chapter 35 and you see that played out constantly in the old testament but is always a portrait of Jesus eventually coming our kinsman redeemer who took flesh who could relate to us tempted in all ways like we are yet without sin and He came as our redeemer He came to buy us to purchase us and you know when you read the story of Ruth and Naomi and her husband Elimelech you know fleeing Bethlehem because of the famine going to Moab with their two little sick kids you know Mahlon and Chilion I think they are called sickly and tiny they were not in good health and they married their Orpah and Ruth and Elimelech died the two boys died Orpah decided she go back to her family and Naomi was coming back home and Ruth said I will go wherever you go she said go home it's not gonna its gonna be miserable where I am going but no no she was going to stick with her and when they got home Naomi changed her name to bitter she'd gone out pleasant and come back bitter call me Mara and Ruth began to go out and the bible says as it would happen she ended up working as a gleaner you know the fellas and the ladies who could go through a field after it had been picked one time it was Gods way of feeding the poor it was work but you had work you could eat and so she happened to be in the field and just so happened according to the scriptures God guided her to the person that

would eventually would be her near kinsman redeemer to Boaz's field and eventually just because he fell in love with Ruth he went out to find out who was be able to purchase the field and there was a fella ahead of them who wanted the field but he didn't want Ruth he said you have to take both you know it's your responsibility and he said well I will pass and then Boaz stepped up and said I will buy the field just so I can have Ruth and Jesus did the same thing He buys the world though not everyone will believe in Him but He gives His life for the sins of the world so that we can be the treasure in it that He wants and Boaz is kind of that type of Christ he buys the field Boaz was wealthy in the scriptures he didn't need another field but he loved Ruth he had all the fields he needed but he loved Ruth so Jesus takes flesh and He comes as fully God and fully man to redeem us from the curse of sin of death that we brought upon ourselves and Jesus' love drives Him to do that for us as our kinsman redeemer John stands in heaven and hears no one's coming and he weeps he didn't know how they could escape the clutches of the world of the enemy they were in that they would remain in and yet he is stopped by one of the elders and Jesus is pointed out Look! don't weep and I looked John says in verse 6 and behold - I took a good look - check this out that's what the word behold means in the middle of the throne and of four living creatures and in the midst of the elders stood a lamb as though it had been slain He had seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God that have been sent out into all the world and he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him who sat upon the throne I thought about when I was reading this I think it was several years ago actually that you know John's been here for a while chapter 4 verse 1 John showed up you know and there's a lot of stuff that has gone on I guess I can give John a pass because its gotta overwhelm him but I thought how come he hadn't been looking for Jesus before now you know why did he wait till the middle of chapter 5 to go where's Jesus anyway you know he was so focused on all that was going on around him and then I thought you know we do that we will go to church and we'll meet friends and we sit together and we'll make plans for coffee and we'll sing along and we'll study our bibles and we'll leave and after we left we will miss Jesus completely wouldn't have talked to him much at all you know but I went to church but I thought well alright maybe that's what we do as well I suspect John was just you know WOW. Behold in the midst of the throne and one the elders who had encourage John to look now John sees Jesus and he is standing in the midst of the throne surrounded by the living creatures by the church itself every eye now on him and Jesus come forward to take the scroll to take the authority and the responsibility and as the one who purchased us who gave His life for the world with a absolute right to take the scroll in Hebrews chapter 1 we are told that when Jesus came and purged our sins He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high but now we are told that He rises to His feet to stand and carry out what you are going to read from chapter 6 through chapter 18 it is time this is what it's been waiting for this is it you know Jesus stood up before when Steven died there in Acts chapter 7 verse 56 and the first martyr he looked up and Jesus stood to welcome Steven home now the Lord stands to bring judgment and to exercise His power and His right and as Paul said He will put all things under His feet and given to be the head over all things and in Hebrews says you have put everything under His feet in subjection but we don't yet see it like that in another words Jesus has absolutely every right to come today but He waits in grace and in mercy but things are gonna change on this day this is the day that the Lord will stand and will claim and lay claim to

everything that belongs to Him and it just is so thrilling to me. This isn't Jesus meek and mild this isn't little baby Jesus lying in a manger this isn't the suffering Lord mocked and spit upon and beard pulled out this isn't Christ hanging on the cross for the sins of the world or put in the grave that He had to borrow. This is the Lion who will stand to roar His authority and fully assert His will and this is it. and John is told LOOK there is the Lion and John turns and John sees the Lamb because the Lion who has authority was first the Lamb who had come to take upon Himself the sins of the world. It's a great word Lamb here it the word arneon is a word for little lamb it isn't even a full grown lamb it's a lamb whose life was ended short if you will if you go back and read through the Exodus 12 Passover instructions the lamb that was chosen by the family had to be a first year lamb who had to have no blemish and spot but had to live with the family for the better part of a week before he was killed you might say why in the world would you do that its easy so you become attached to it so it costs you something you are gonna take little bambi, yeah okay bambi wasn't a lamb but you get the idea and you could just imagine the cost the Passover cost something and so you know here comes Jesus to dwell among us and we find no fault in Him and He walks with us and when they take Him and kill Him those who know Him and love Him they weep not realizing this is the Lamb of God who is going to take away the sins of the world He was with us for three years three days if you will you know then He was taken but He did come with a purpose He came to be that Lamb and turning to look at the Lion John sees a Lamb because the Lion that Israel had longed for the Messiah who would rule and reign and roar and give them every political advantage was none other than the Lamb of God Jesus Christ who had been slain for the sins of the world He was oppressed He was afflicted He opened not His mouth and yet as a Lamb led to the slaughter as a sheep before his shearers He didn't speak He just came to give His life and since that time He has been waiting for this time when He might with the church gathered around and worship assert His authority over all His creation. It's a heavy time I'm telling you it just moves you so there are many pictures of the Lamb as the sacrifice in the old testament the victory that comes through sacrifice but there are only a few reference to Jesus being that Lamb in the gospels or in the epistles think about it there are only four where it says Jesus is the Lamb John chapter 1 verse 36 as Jesus is walking by and seven verses before that behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world in Acts chapter 8 that Isaiah 53 verse is quoted about being a lamb being led to the slaughter in 1 Peter 1:19 Peter talks about being redeemed by the precious blood of Christ as a lamb without blemish or without spot but that said those four references are the entire new testament cannon if you will of Jesus as the Lamb of God that is until you get to this book because by the time you start reading through the book of Revelation you will find 28 times Jesus the Lamb of God because if He wasn't the Lamb of God He couldn't be the Lion but He came and paid the price so that He might redeem us from the law that we broke that we turned away from it begins here in fact I think it's in the next chapter in verse 16 when the judgments begin to fall and the kings of the earth and great men rich men begin to cry out and they say in verse 16 of the next chapter fall on us hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of His wrath has come and who is able to stand so Jesus will now rule as a Lion but He will always be honored and always be acknowledged always be glorified as the lamb so that in heaven when you look at Jesus you will see the scars that the crucifixion left the holes in His hands

and His feet and the spear in His side John saw the Lamb as it had been slain it was the picture that moved John the most there's our savior he is the one who has the authority and is John who sees Jesus as the lamb that has been slain when Isaac said to Abraham back in Genesis 22 you know I see everything but where is the sacrifice where is the sacrifice Jesus becomes the very answer to the question God will provide himself a lamb and Jesus said that he would be that lamb that would lay down his life he would be the offering and the sacrifice that would be given for our sins so when you get to heaven you are going to see Jesus' bruises His scars, the only man made thing in heaven is going to be what are sins did to our Lord Zechariah I think its chapter 13 verse 6 you will read of his return and the people saying what are these wounds between your arms and His answer will be these are the wounds I received in the house of my friends in John 19 I think it is verse 37 the scriptures declare they shall look upon Him who they have pierced, so here Jesus stands and John he looks for the Lion he sees the Lamb not only a lamb but a lamb that has been bruised in fact the word slain here is the literal Greek word for slaughter not a nice word it's the word for butcher it speaks of the brutality of His death and it's in the perfect tense which means it happened some point in the past but it continues to have present time effect or present time results so till this day that death is winning people to Christ is bringing folks in the kingdom, now the little lion is gonna the little lamb I should say is going to arise like a lion to now from this moment forward at least from this moment where we are at defeat the enemies of God and claim a rightful ruler ship over all that God has made and the unbelieving world is going to meet the wrath of God this is it you know this is now you are at the top of the hill this is all now gonna roll down hill for seven years now we are told he has seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits we spend quite a bit of time in chapter 1 talking about 7 being a symbolic number in the bible when it's used that way of perfection or completion or complete authority 7 letters to the churches and all we see it seven days in a week or seven notes in a scale and the Lord uses it that way as well but horns the Hebrews used them a lot to speak about strength you know animals have horns and so they would signify authority and they're found the individual has horn or a nation who has its horn lifted up you can read especially uh through Daniel 7 & 8 there is a lot of examples that use that way but this speaks of His authority which will be powerful and complete no one is going to overthrow him he is coming now to have the final word you know the old he who laughs last the Lord will laugh last he will hold them in derision he will judge for their sin the 7 eyes of the spirit sent in to the world again the fullness of God's spirit the judgment that Jesus brings will not be based on partial information it won't be brought by misunderstanding it won't come forth out of you know innuendo or someone said or someone suggested or I thought I saw its gonna be it will come from the perfect understanding of God of all mankind our intents our will our wishes he will come forth in that matter you find the same um the same um the same analogy used of the 7 there in Zechariah 4 the eyes of the world that go to and fro throughout the whole earth the lord knows and he will bring judgment perfectly so and so in verse 7 Jesus comes forth the lamb the lion to take the scroll from the fathers hand and he fulfills a tremendous prophesy that was written 550 bc by Daniel you can find it in chapter 7 but this is what it says Daniel said I was watching in the night vision and behold one like the son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven and he came to the ancient of days and they brought him near before him and to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom all people and

nations and languages would serve Him His dominion would be an everlasting dominion which shall not be pass away and and His kingdom which shall not be destroyed its exactly what's gonna take place and John when he sees Jesus immediately stops crying stops weeping and immediately begins to worship oh help has arrived. Chris and I were talking about this today and Chris in his introduction tonight said this is a pivotal point in history I am totally convinced that the only more important activity that you will find in the history of man is the death and the resurrection of Christ you know another words His lamb time when he came to give his life, but this is second most important step this is where the lamb comes to take over and all that the Lord has told us and all that the Lord has said and all that the Lord has promised and everything that we pray for is now going to come to pass the lamb becomes the lion it is what every suffering saint has prayed for Lord come how many times have you prayed Lord if you could just come today that would be great the day before your taxes are due Lord come now it's interesting when folks get married they always pray that the Lord would come after the honeymoon oh I'd like to spend some time together first you know no no no we pray Lord come we see disaster and murder and hatefulness and we pray oh come Lord make this right and we realize there's a lot of stuff going on in life that isn't fixed here, right? The books haven't been balanced justice has not been applied things have not been made right we hope for we anticipate we rest in the fact that one day Jesus is going to come and make it all right he's gonna he's gonna absolutely going to bring proper justice to every situation and every disinherited saint of God who has been sighing and crying and waiting for 6000 years now finds that absolutely fulfilled in a moment as Jesus takes the scroll which marks the initiation of converting the contents into reality I am going to take these things and apply them to man and then I am going to establish the kingdom I promised to establish upon the earth this is it man you know this is He died to save us and now He comes to lead us. Age upon age all we read about is death and murder and disease and sin and the countless bones of men piled up upon the earth while God patiently waits for someone else to come to in. You know Peter said in 2 Peter 3:9 that the Lord is waiting is desiring that all man would be saved he doesn't want to lose a soul and ever since the cross where the cost was paid in full where the doors of heaven were opened and the ability that now we had to come and be washed in the blood of the lamb ever since that day justice has slept because of grace God is in His Grace forgiving and being merciful and waiting but not now now He steps forward and all that God is about to be all that is God's I should say is about to be redeemed from the hands of Satan and from sin this is now an everlasting dominion in fact by the time you get to chapter 11 verse 15 the seventh angel will sound and a loud voice will cry out in heaven the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever. This is going to be a cool day for us don't ya think it's about time Lord what I want to yell out but He knows verse 8 I am glad he waited for us now when he had taken the scroll the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lord sorry before the Lamb each having a harp and golden bowls that were full of incense which are the prayers of the saints 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 every tribe and tongue and people and nation and you have made us kings and priests to our God and we shall reign upon the earth so Jesus stands He grabs the scroll and the cherubim and the seraphim as Isaiah calls them and the church hit

the deck right big time worship and by the way if you begin to mark all of the times there is worship going on in heaven you better get used to singing it seems to be a an active part of heavens day you know there's gonna be a lot of worship and I suspect we are going to enjoy it. The harps are not very well defined in the bible some kind of heavenly instrument that is used for worship but in the hands are these golden bowls I love them because they show up at a couple of place and there always described the same way they are filled with incents which is on top of these hot coals which produces this sweet smelling fragrance even I think Psalm 1:41 it says let my prayer come before you as incense David said and this is the incense right the prayers of the saints what are we praying I think that in that bowl everyone one of you who has ever prayed Lord Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven now is the time and for those thousands and hundreds of thousands and millions of unanswered prayers there are all about to be answered at once as the Lord comes now in a moment of time to take over in the old testament temple the alter of incense was in the holy place and one of the jobs of the priest was to always keep it lit so that the sweet smelling savor which represents your prayers before God would constantly before the presence before the throne of God it was that job that John the Baptist dad was involved in when he met with the angel and heard about having a child and doubted him and was left unable to speak and kind of came out and everyone went man the Lord must have dealt with him you know he is real close but he really couldn't tell them too much and so we're going to find this incense showing up again in chapter 8 after a while it always represents the cries and the prayers of the people of God to the Lord it's just a sweet smell the Lord loves our prayers you know if you can you go get your car washed and they put like what smell do you want in here you know and you go to peoples house and you go it smells good in here just imagine how the Lord feels about heaven it is filled with the sweet smell of the people of God crying out to their God that blesses God that's as good as it gets you know God's people looking to Him and each of them had a harp and a golden bowl full of incense the prayers of the saints and then they began to sing a new song music is pretty important to every culture I found that we were listening to K-Earth 101 yeah on the way in the other day and I was singing a song that I don't think I've heard since 1968 and I knew every word now if you said to me what did you have for dinner Tuesday I have to go let me think wait Monday we had tacos Tuesday uh I'd have to struggle every word how many of you know the words to American pie don't start singing we haven't got time for that, but you see music is something isn't it? It reflects the culture and stuff stays with you that you can sing it helps you doesn't it or hinders you I found that if I depending on what I have on my alarm in the morning sometimes a song will come on and I'll sing it the whole day and it really isn't a song you should be singing all day you know so you gotta find a good worship song or something to get up with in the morning music stays with you now you know we sing at funerals we sing at weddings we sing at football games at least they do in Europe at soccer games we sing in before church were gonna do a lot of singing in heaven and you should know the words and you will have a good voice and your heart will be right God doesn't care about the voice but your heart will be right that will make you sound real sweet to Him and its says that it's a new song but this word is not new in the sense of time it isn't new in the sense of its young or its recent or it just come out it really is the word for unique new in the sense of it being unprecedented or unused or unworn or novel uncommon if you will and it

certainly a commentary on the fact that what we read there in verse 9 and 10 is a song that is unique to the church the only people who can sing this song are those who have been redeemed you know Peter when he wrote in chapter 1 verse 10 said that we had been redeemed you know by the blood of the lamb so that exactly what the song is about and it is our song it's a present tense song it literally says they were singing new song but it's a present tense action the church honors Jesus in heaven for the redemption that He brought and He is worthy to take the scroll and He's worthy to open the seals because as a lamb He was slain and redeemed us by His blood and every nation and tribe and people and tongue and language has opportunity to be saved and when all is said and done and when the Lord takes the scroll and moves forward in the end those who love Him and walk with Him with reign with Him and rule. That's their song it's the church song and I'll bet you're singing it with choked voices and tears in your eyes I suspect that will be so. Let me read to you a Psalm that David wrote and it kind of goes along with this one. In fact this Psalm that David wrote he wrote after he finally moved the ark successfully to Jerusalem remember he had had some problems people died in the process he wasn't so smart he hadn't consulted with the Lord but when he finally got it in the right place David sang this song you also find it I think it's in 1Chronicles 16 where David you know communicates the Psalm but its Psalm 96 and this is what it says Oh sing to the Lord a new song sing to the Lord all of the earth sing to the Lord and bless His name proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day and declare His glory among the nations and His wonders among all people for the Lord is great greatly to be praised He is to be feared above all gods for all of the gods of the people are idols but the Lord He made the heavens. And honor and majesty are before Him and strength and beauty are in His sanctuary so give the Lord oh families of the people give to the Lord the glory and strength give to the Lord the glory due His name and bring an offering and come into His courts and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and tremble before Him all the earth say among the nations the Lord reigns the world also is firmly established it shall not be moved He shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice let the earth be glad let the sea roar and all of its fullness and the field be joyful and all that is in it and the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord for He is coming. He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth. Pretty cool. 1000 BC David has this view of God that is absolutely accurate to Revelation chapter five. The Lord is coming to rule. He is coming to make Himself known and He suffered so that He might save us and in heaven He is glorified by the fruit of His suffering. In heaven the singing of the cross and the blood that was shed will continue. Communion tonight or this every time we have communion is a rehearsal for heaven because we are still going to sing worthy is the lamb there. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. See you gotta it you gotta I bet we sing that one. But the song is unique to the church, now later on when we get to chapter 14 and it will only be a few years, no we'll be alright um the 144,000 JW's Jewish witnesses will also have a song to sing and it will be unique to them and their the only ones that get to sing it so but we get to sing this one God you're worthy you were slain you redeemed us the God by your blood not by my performance not by my worthiness not by my accomplishments I've been bought with a price. A bloodless gospel is no gospel at all. For without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sins. We read Paul saying there to the Ephesian elders about watching over the flock of God and then you read which He God

has purchased with His own blood. So, get the picture in your mind and I would say to you from a chronological standpoint here's the church in heaven before the throne of God singing of their redemption as Jesus stands and the antichrist hasn't even been revealed yet so when people go who do you think the antichrist is? My answer is I don't care, I won't be here, I'm not gonna watch him show up, I'm gonna be too busy worshipping the Lord. So, you want to figure that out just stick around and find out. I really don't want to. Which is why Jesus said there in Luke chapter twenty one verse thirty six that we should watch and pray always to be counted worthy to escape the things that are going to come to pass that we might stand before the son of man this is where you want to be right here in the midst in chapter 5. I've already learned the words to the song I don't know what the tune is. I think I told you last week please learn it so you don't look foolish. Please don't walk around going, "What's that?" What are those guys? What that going on over there? Cause you'll embarrass us. In fact if that's you in heaven you just go They'd say where did you go to church, you'll say Raul Ries' church I went to Raul Ries' church you just tell them I didn't understand what he was saying I thought that's what he Love you Raul. He'll be alright. So when the wrath of God in chapter 6 begins to be poured out upon the earth as Jesus begins to open the scroll and He begins to apply all that He has promised all the judgment that he has warned us about and eventually gather us together and rule as he has told us about so much. I am going to be in heaven watching Jesus open these scrolls not upon the earth suffering His wrath and I am not gonna be alone because out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation the gospel is universal in its appeal God will gather us together but tell you what in Revelation I think its 11:9 it says that the judgment of God is also universal every tribe and tongue and nation and in chapter 13 it says the antichrist will lead astray every people tribe and nation it will have universal appeal so get it good in your mind you know you want to get a hold of this don't ya you don't want to mess this up but for now we go into all the world and we make disciples of every nation right isn't that what Jesus said there in Matthew 28 right before He ascended into heaven go into to all the world make disciples of all the nations they'll be in angel that we will meet in Revelation 14 who will fly around the earth and its says there in verse 6 he will fly to every nation and every tongue and every people and he will simply deliver a quick everlasting gospel to the people. As the antichrist is looking to get people to take the mark and doom themselves for all of eternity this divine angel of God will be flying around yelling from the skies fear God and give glory to Him the hour of His judgment has come worship Him who made heaven and earth and the seas and the springs of water worship Him don't worship the beast so that's our call as the church right we're to go the world and tell them that Jesus is Lord. So, by the time we get to chapter 19 and the Lord comes to take over were gonna ride into town with Him on some white horses and were gonna see these things unfold so the kingdom that is coming will be totally fulfilled and when Jesus promised to the Thyatira church and to the Laodicea church promises to us so worship ensues Jesus stands up everybody is worshipping Johns says in verse 11 and I looked and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders and the number of them ten thousand times ten thousands and thousands of thousands sing 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. Wow! All of humanity gathered to rebel against their creator seek to kill Him now live with their independent ways

but those of us who are bowing before Him can worship Him in heaven and then you know what He's going to do, He is going to step back into time and space and He's gonna tell others who decided He wasn't worth following that their just gonna have to follow Him now every knee is gonna bow now and every tongues gonna confess there will be no descending voices no fallen angels no sinful man. Right? This is gonna be it. In fact verse 13 says every creature in heaven on the earth under the earth such as there in the sea all that are in them I heard them saying blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne unto the Lamb forever and ever and the four living creatures said Amen! And the 24 elders fell down and the church and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever and finally you know Jesus is gonna get His due don't ya think? I mean they have used Him as a curse word they've mocked Him for generations but, I'm looking forward to this day. When the Lord is gonna just...I'm gonna stand up there and say that's right. You go God. It's gonna be awesome isn't it? The whole world's gonna go hey, I guess we were wrong. Yeah, I guess you were. John says that in heaven he heard the voices ten thousand times ten thousands which would be 100 million you know plus millions more and the point seems to be that John couldn't come up with a number of the angels and the church represented by the elders worshiping in heaven. I think that as we go through the book of revelations we are going to be able to show you fairly clearly that it is more than likely that there will be more people saved in the final 3 1/2 years of the tribulation than have been saved since Adam and Eve. Now you guys think about that. It's a brain teaser but I think it's there and won't that be the way it should be you know that the Lord will just be honored during this time as His judgment falls people will wise up you know and give honor to the Lord for His sacrifice and His worthiness and notice in verse 13 here that everyone joins in every creature I imagine the rocks are singing and the animals are crying out He's worthy. His creation worships Him and there's an amen corner in heaven apparently there in verse 14 AMEN lot of amen coming in heaven and the church the church seems to fall down a lot on their faces worshiping Jesus. Awesome portrait of heaven the glory of heaven for the saints but you see as that's going on there then we find the time has come to bring judgment and the next many chapters are horrendous they are terrifying they are not hard to understand I don't think we are gonna find many verses that were gonna go I wonder what that means. There are a few and I will be happy to point out what I have no clue about it. If you can help that's great if not will all just put it in the file. But for the most part I think that bible very clearly defines what were gonna face. Were not gonna try to assign how and what other than to look at the judgments of God in times past I think you will find great parallels between the judgment in the days of Revelation and the judgment in Egypt during the time of the Exodus. And we'll compare those for you as we go so that you'll see that God's judgment doesn't change much and the bottom line is God does what God does you don't need an actual explanation you just need to know He's gonna move and when He does life is gonna change for those who have decided to live without Him but beginning in chapter six and I think we're gonna go a little quicker. It's a tragedy but yet it's so glorious because people are getting saved right and left and folks just keep popping up under the throne the slain from the great tribulation crying out Lord how long do we have to wait the Lord goes you gotta wait a little while longer. There's more coming more lives that gonna be sacrificed for faith you know by the time we get to chapter 6 if you want to get to heaven you're gonna have to die for your faith most likely. There may be some who

make it through but what are your odds you know? If you can't live for Him today, I doubt you're gonna die for Him then. This is much easier you hang around a bunch of church people, go I love Jesus, me too. Okay there you go big sacrifice. You know. As opposed to you know we'd like to cut off your head unless you want to worship the antichrist. That seems to me that that would be a tougher call. I don't know about you. I'd rather go with the I'll follow the Lord now. You know I'll choose to follow Him now. But next week as we begin chapter 6 we turn from the glory of heaven back to the earth where God is gonna pour out His wrath and the righteous Lamb of God the lion will bring His judgment to bare so that even by the end of chapter 6 people are screaming we gotta hide from Him. You wish they were screaming I gotta repent. They just want to hide from His judgment you know God has given the ability to every man to decide about Jesus and who He is. If He is indeed the Lamb of God slain for our sins then we should open the door of our hearts upon which He is knocking and invite Him to be the Lord and we can start worshipping Him now. I mean His blood saves you now. Your name is in the book of life if you believe in Christ now. He will finish the work that He began in you. He won't leave you He won't forsake you; no one will snatch you from His hand. You're in good shape you know. The only way I'm falling away from the Lord is if the Lord lets go of me. But, I'm trusting that He'll hang onto me. I'll do my best to hang onto Him. But it's kind of like you know you crossing the street with your kids you don't let them hold onto to you do you? You hold onto to them because they can let go and you're not gonna. Same thing with God. He's got ya, He's got ya. But, if we don't make Him Lord then we meet Him in judgment and then same thing happens your still on your face, you're still confessing He's the Lord but then it's too late. Then you find His judgment rather than His grace, then you find eternal damnation rather than eternal life and all it comes down to you know what you do with Jesus now. God is longsuffering I think we read chapter 5 and we go man Lord you gotta come tonight this will be awesome and the Lord for so many nights that I prayed that prayer since I got saved in '73. Lord Lord come! And for the last 38 years He hasn't come. I haven't one time gotten an answer to that prayer I still don't see Him. Lord come quickly. I know 38 years to Him is nothing. I understand that, it's a lot to me though. Come on Lord. I picked a lot of good days He could have come. I thought they were perfect. He didn't come. But He's coming. He is so longsuffering and you see the signs and the times and you watch Israel be back in the land and pretty soon our kinsman redeemer who has become our relative by not only making us in His image but then taking a body and walking in our shoes and paying the price to buy us back from that which sin and death demands of God a judgment He's coming. You know who wants to hang around with you more than you want to hang around with the Lord He wants you with Him. Don't think this is easy on Him. The field is the world you're the treasure. So hey get it together give Jesus your life. If you haven't done it do it tonight there's no sense holding out cause you're gonna lose. You gonna just lose. You'll lose now you'll lose then. You just lose. You'll be a big loser and Jesus wants to give you life because He gave it so that you might live. That's the payoff isn't it? It's gonna be a glorious day for us gathered around His throne, isn't it? We're gonna be cheering Jesus cheers aren't we? Give me a J! whooo. Father, thank you tonight that you gave us glimpse of what's coming so we might be ready and we look forward with great anticipation Lord to that day that we gather all of us together with You around Your throne as You step forward to take the throne and really that judgment that you have

been warning us of for generations will finally come. And the wrong will be made right and the world will answer and all of those promises Lord of our hope and our peace and your power will be seen by the world and those who would mock us and question our faith and categorize us as some kind of right wing lunatics who can this modern day still believe in God. You'll honor Your Name and every knee will bow and we'll just stand in awe as you take the scroll and You bring to bare Your authority Your worthy. You're a lamb that was slain. You gave us life. We're gonna dwell with you forevermore. And so Lord we add to the incense tonight we pray come quickly. Come quickly Lord that where You are that we might be also. All of us together come but Lord until you do may we with that expectation be busy in the world telling others about You. So when You come more lives will be honoring You more hearts will be open to You and if tonight you are in church and you don't have Jesus as your Lord then you come and talk to one of the pastors tonight who are up front and you come and say to them I'm not sure I am gonna be ready if the Lord was to come not sure I'd be ready to be gathered up into heaven. You come and the Lord will meet with you and He'll give you life He'll wash your sins. Why is He worthy? Because He was a lamb that was slain. Why is He worthy? Because He came to redeem us from the curse of the law the curse of our sin. Why do we sing His praises? because He came to the earth to save. He was born to die and in His mercy and in His grace He patiently waits for you to come to Him. So come and find real life in Jesus name. Shall we stand.