

**Revelation**  
**Chaps. 4 and 5**  
**“THE CHRISTIANS AND THEIR ALLIES”**

As these Christians were about to face these terrible persecutions from their enemies, it was important for them to know that they were not alone. This Revelation would remind them that they have powerful allies that would fight for them. After recording the seven letters to the churches, John sees a door standing open in Heaven (4:1). He is invited to come up and look thru the door and see what is going to happen in the future. The first thing that he sees is an amazing vision of God on his throne.

**CHAPTER FOUR**  
**“The reigning of God”**

1. **What was the first thing John saw as he looked thru the door?**
2. **Who was this person that was sitting on this throne? Scripture please.**
3. **What is the significance of a Rainbow about the throne? V3**
4. **Who were these 24 (2 X 12) elders? See Matt. 19:28 And what were they doing here?**
5. **What else does John see ? v6 Who or what do these represent?**
6. **Describe what these 24 elders and these 4 “Living Creatures” were doing around God’s throne?**
7. **What would this vision say to those who felt like they were losing the battle? Where is God seated in this vision?**
8. **What did this vision say to those who might be tempted to worship the emperor as a god to avoid persecution?**
9. **Does it ever seem like “evil” is winning in our society? How can this vision be a source of encouragement to us?**

**Chapter Five**  
**“The Redeeming Lamb”**

In chapter four we saw the power of God, as creator. In chapter five we will see the Love of God as Redeemer.

**10. What “problem” does John see as this next vision appears? Vv1-4**

**11. Who did the elder say was worthy to open the book? But when John looked up, what did he see?**

**12. Why was he worthy to open this book? Vv9,10 Who is this Lamb?**

**13. As he took this book out of the hand of God, what did the elders, Living creatures and the host of angels do?**

Jesus is going to be a key figure in this book. Like the Father, Jesus will be an important ally to the suffering Christian, in their battle against Rome. As we read through Revelation, we see many different pictures of Jesus, pictures that are designed to give comfort to the struggling Christians. Let’s look at some of these, and notice how is Jesus described here?

- Rev. 12:1-6-
- Rev. 14:1-5-
- Rev. 19:11-21-

John’s first vision closes with the triumphant scene of God on his throne, still in control.....Jesus nearby as well.....still having the power of God.....worthy to be praised. Christians could now enter this conflict with the confidence and assurance of certain victory. No one in past history stood a chance against these two. They truly are all powerful, and best of all, they were on the side of the Christian!!!!