



The End wk4: Get Up Here!

Introduction: At the conclusion to the letters to the churches, John says that he saw a door in heaven and a voice told him to “Come up here!” The book then shifts perspectives to see what is happening and what is going to happen from a heavenly perspective.

Discussion Questions

1. In the 3rd video Shane talks about the “Last Days.” What is the biblical definition of the last days? When you hear that term “last days” what do you think about? How does your experience with the term and how it’s used in the Bible line up?
2. What is the biblical definition of prophecy? Why is the term prophecy often relegated to mean “prediction of the future?” What is the most common thing prophecy in scripture calls for?
3. Read **Revelation 4:1-11** What is the first thing that John sees when he is in heaven? Why does he say “someone” was on the throne at first, without immediately saying who it is?
4. In the sermon, Jeremy said the 24 elders was likely a reference to the church as a whole (reference Rev. 3:21) What, if anything, is significant about the 24 elders?
5. Read **Genesis 1:26 & 28** Do you see a possible connection between this passage and the 24 elders with crowns on their own thrones? How does the idea of ruling as God’s image bearer in creation match up with a picture of heaven or the new heaven and earth?
6. Read Revelation 4:5, Revelation 8:5, Revelation 11:19 and Revelation 16:18 How are these similar and different? The first one is the only one that says that these are coming from the throne-why is that important?
7. John is showing that whatever is happening, God is on His throne and He is in control. We say things like that a lot, but what does it mean?

Shaping Your Mind – *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” Rev. 4:8b*

Moving Forward – May you recognize daily that God is worthy of your praise!