

Revelation Class 6 - Justice at the Gate

Student Handout - 11/8/2020

Sketch an outline of Revelation based on Bobby and Thomas' discussion.

The Gate of Heaven

Read Revelation 4:1. The door/gate is standing open, why do we get this detail?

The Council

Read Revelation 4:2. If the place next to the gate is a court... and someone is seated on a throne. What is happening?

Read Revelation 4:3-11. Compare Ezekiel 1:4,26-28. Our tendency is to read this as an everlasting worship session. How does the ancient context change this way of thinking?

Who makes up the divine council in this scene? What is the role of the divine council?

Read Revelation 5:1. Compare Ezekiel 2:1-3,7-10. What is the difference? What does it mean that the scroll is sealed?

Read Revelation 5:2-4. Why does John weep because the scroll has no one to open it? If John sees himself as a new Ezekiel in the way he portrays himself, what does he expect from the scroll?

The seven seals become part of God bringing about his justice. Should we think of these as predictions of future events, or are there better ways to think of this metaphor?