

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan**Revelation 4****Revelation 4**

"Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this." (Revelation 1:19)

The verse above is the key to understanding the structure and outline of the Book of Revelation. This is critical. The first part of the outline is ***"the things which you have seen..."*** This is what John was seeing and experiencing on the Island of Patmos at the time of the writing, that is the material we find in Revelation 1:1-20. ***"The things which are"*** is more difficult because there were no chapter and verse divisions in the original koiné Greek. The chapter and verse divisions were not developed until 1225 and 1551 A.D. respectively. Immediately after writing the things, he had just witnessed he begins to write out as dictated to him by the Lord, seven letters to seven churches in Asia Minor. The first church was John's church, Ephesus, and the last, was the weak and anemic church at Laodicea. We would not know that is the second part of the three-part outline structure without reading the first paragraph and the first sentence of

what we call chapter four. Revelation 4:1 says, ***"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."*** The first phrase of the sentence quoted above is ***"After these things..."*** and the last phrase in the first sentence is ***"after this."*** This is the same prepositional phrase in the Greek text. It is the Greek phrase, ***Μετὰ ταῦτα, Meta tauta***, meta is the preposition that in this construction means "after" and tauta is a demonstrative pronoun translated several ways, such as ***this, these, these things***, etc... After what? ***"After the things which are."*** This is the same phrase used in Revelation 1:19, ***Meta tauta, "after these things."*** John was immediately in the realm of the Spirit, in another dimension from where he had been. Please listen to today's podcast and tomorrow's podcast, as I do my best to explain to you what these phenomenal chapters of Revelation four and five mean contextually, theologically, and eschatologically.

Prayer and Action Steps

Father, thank you for the words of this blessed book. Thank you that you have pulled back the curtain and revealing to us what is sure to happen in the days ahead.

Please help me to look forward to all the coming events and cause me to live holy and godly knowing that the coming of the Lord could be at any moment.

Amen