

3: Jesus revealed in Heavenly Perfection 4:1- 5:14.

From first to last, the Church will testify of Jesus Mashiach through its seven movements. With the arrival of the seventh Church, the seven lamps will dim as Israel's light dawns. As a sign to Israel's remnant who will first recognize Jesus as Mashiach, the Church will be "caught up" to be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17). To these resurrected Saints, Jesus reveals His heavenly perfection.

As Mashiach, Jesus will inherit the kingdom of heaven and earth, and every "knee" will bow to him and every "tongue" confess him as its "Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10). All creation, in its current materiality and its future resurrection glory belongs to him who is God's "Firstborn" of "creation" and "from the dead" (Col. 1:15, 18). So, through its seven ages, the Church has proclaimed the glories of Jesus as both Lord and Mashiach.

However, when Jesus Mashiach is revealed in his full glory, it is clear that His surpassing glory as Mashiach is not simply by decree of the Father's will or proclamation of the Church and Spirit's testimony. Rather, from the highest vantage and the most universal consensus, all agree that only Jesus as Mashiach is worthy to inherit all things of heaven and earth, all things of present materiality or future resurrection. For, only by the cross of Jesus Mashiach is the great work of Redemption completed to establish a Kingdom of Heaven and Earth, a rule over the current age of death and the future eternity of resurrection. So, the perfect glory of Jesus as Mashiach inheres in his finished Redemption to establish the eternal Kingdom of God (Rev. 1:5-6).

So, Jesus Mashiach reveals His **(1) perfect redemption** in the **Kingdom's Family Fullness**. The Lord God had long promised that His Davidic Redeemer would be the one to build a "house" of David (2 Sam. 7:11) and God (7:13) by which His Kingdom would be established (7:12-13, 16; Rev. 1:6). However, no house could be gathered as long as its children were enslaved to sin and remained in Satan's house of slavery (Jn. 8:34-36; 43-44). However, the Mashiach's perfect redemption gives a spiritual rebirth to fill God's house with a multitude of sons resurrected in the image of the Son of God (Rom. 8:29). Thus, when Revelation shifts from the earthly churches to the heavenly throne room of God, we see the Kingdom's Family in all its fullness. Centrally seated is the family's God and Father, a faithful rock, ruddy as the source of the Family's lifeblood, blushed with a covenantal heart of *hesed*, steadfast love (Rev. 4:3). Representing the family, clothed "white" with redemption and crowned "golden" with faithful rule, sit enthroned around the Father twenty-four of His elder Sons, twelve appointed for the tribes of Israel (Matt. 19:28) and twelve for the nations of the earth. Shining before the throne, the Spirit blazes in holy fire to illuminate the family's multitudes, a sea of sons and daughters to reflect the Father's glory as a "sea of glass, like crystal" (4:6).

Jesus Mashiach reveals that His **(2) perfect ransom** has redeemed the **Kingdom Future of heaven and earth**. As the Creator, the Lord God holds the redeemed future in which the Kingdom is birthed in Israel (5:1). But, only Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer, the Lion of Judah as both the Son of David (2 Sam. 7:12) and the Son of God (7:14) has the right to offer His life as a Lamb-offering to ransom His people (5:5). This Redeemer not only has the right to rule as the heir of heaven and earth, but he has proven his perfect salvation by his blood (5:9).

Jesus Mashiach reveals his **(3) perfect reward** for his redemption is **Kingdom Fruitfulness**. Because he was "slain," the Lamb now has the right to all the Kingdom's fruitfulness (5:12-13)

3.1. Jesus Revealed in Heaven to His Family Elders: 4:1-11.

- Revelation (v.1)

3.2. Jesus Revealed as Redeeming Lion and Lamb to His Holy Family: 5:1-10.

- Revelation (v.1)

3.3. Jesus Revealed as Worthy Kingdom-Ruling Lamb to All Creation: 5:11-14.

- Revelation (v.1)