

## THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN 2

### Chapter 4 of Revelation

#### DISCUSSION: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

#### THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH AGE

#### Who is the church? Who is not the Church? What is the charge of the Church?

**READER:** REVELATION CHAPTER 4, A DOOR OPENS TO TAKE JOHN INTO HEAVEN  
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#### Descriptions of what is seen in heaven

Throne of God

Light and Splendor

A majestic figure of one seated on the throne

The temple furniture

Living Creatures

A host of \_\_\_\_\_,

24 Elders seated on Thrones and arrayed

THE CHURCH (mentioned 27 X in Cs 1-3) IS NOT MENTIONED AFTER CHAPTER 3

The Culmination of the Church Age

The Culmination of the “Times of the Gentiles”

The Fulness of the Gentiles is a time in the Father's hand. It will signal the calling 'up hither'

#### The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 18

*“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore[c] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

#### A hymn tune that extolls the Church Age and the gospel outreach to the nations:

*We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.*

*Refrain:*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

In chapters 1-3 John mentions the churches 27 times “The Church” the ecclesia

A voice like a trumpet says Come up hither. At chapter 4.

The church is not mentioned again until the closing chapter of Revelation, Chapter 22.

When John reiterates the message of hearing what the spirit is saying to the churches.