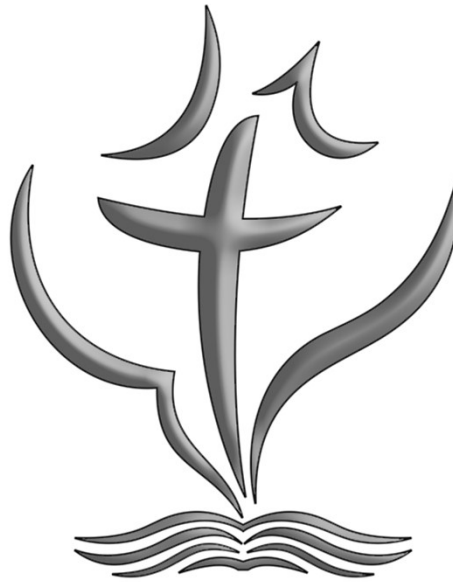


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# Introduction – Revelation of Heaven’s Throne Room

## Revelation 1:19

"Write...

Section 1: chapter 1 “the things which you have seen,”

Section 2: chapters 2-3 “and the things which are,”

Section 3: chapters 4-22 “and the things which will take place after this.”

## **Introduction – Revelation of Heaven’s Throne Room**

*The vision of heaven (chaps 4-5) serves as the fulcrum of the Apocalypse. It is the pivot on which the entire book turns our attention from earth to heaven and from time to eternity.*

*- Edward Hindson*

# Introduction

## Key Verse

*Revelation 1:1*

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place.*

## Chapter Key Verse

*Revelation 4:11*

*You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.*

# **Introduction – Helpful Outline**

- **1-3 – Exalted Priest-King, ministering to the churches.  
(Church is not mentioned again until chapter 19.)**
- **4-5 – In heaven as the glorified Lamb of God on the throne**
- **6-18 – Judge of all the earth.**
- **19 – Conquering King of Kings**
- **20-22 – the Bride of Christ in the Millennial Kingdom and New Jerusalem**

# Introduction – Helpful Outlines

## Ages

- **Church Age – 1-3**
- **Tribulation Age – 4-19**
  - *Including chapters 4 and 5*
- **Kingdom Age – 20**
- **Eternal State – 21-22**

# **Revelation 4**

## **Heaven's Throne Room – Part 1**

# Introduction – Revelation of Heaven’s Throne Room

- **A Heavenly Perspective**
  - ❑ *Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1 – references to Heaven*
  - ❑ *Exodus 25-32, 35-40 – description of the Tabernacle, symbolizing Heaven*
- **The Key Word in chapters 4 and 5 is “throne”**
- **Messianic Woes / Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21) / Jacob’s Troubles (Jer 30:7)**
  - ❑ *Judgments announced via 7 sealed scroll, 7 trumpets, 7 signs, 7 bowls*
  - ❑ *Revelation 4 – the place judgment originates – Throne Room of Heaven*
  - ❑ *Book not chronological – provides heavenly and earthly perspectives*
- **The Church is no longer seen**
  - ❑ *1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*



**V 1**

**A Picture of the Rapture**

**V 2**

**The Point of Focus: A Throne**

## **V3 – A Description of the One on the Throne**

**Jasper – clear or white – perhaps a diamond**

**Sardius – red**

**Linked with the first and last gems in the high priest's breastplate (Exodus 39:8-13).**

- **Rueben – “behold the son”**
- **Benjamin – “son of my right hand”**

**Emerald rainbow – a reminder of God' covenant promise with Noah**

## **V3 – A Description of the One on the Throne**

*A throne says, “I can do whatever I want, because I rule.” A promise says, “I will fulfill this word to you, and I cannot do otherwise.” A rainbow around the throne is a remarkable thing, showing that God will always limit Himself by His own promises.*

*– Guzik*

## **V4 – Around the Throne: 24 Elders**

### **Representing the People of God**

- ☐ 1 Chronicles 24 – 24 courses of priests**
- ☐ 12 Tribes / 12 Apostles**

### **White Robes and Crowns of Gold**

- ☐ 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 5:4**

**Vv5-6a – Impressive Sights Around the Throne  
Lightnings, Thunderings and Voices**

**Seven Lamps of Fire Burning Before the Throne**

**A Sea of Glass**

# **Vv6b-8a – The Four Living Creatures**

## **Cherubim**

**☐ Turn to: Ezekiel 1:4-14, 10:20-22**

## **Cherubim were prominent in design of the Tabernacle**

- ☐ The Most Holy Place - veil and over the Ark (Ex 25:17-22; 26:1-31)**
- ☐ Tabernacle is a model of the throne of God (Ex 25:8-9)**

# Vv6b-8a – The Four Living Creatures

**4 Cherubim – each with a different face**

**□ Ezekiel – each with 4 different faces**

<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Victorinus</b>	<b>Irenaeus</b>	<b>Augustine</b>	<b>Clarke</b>	<b>Suggested</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	Man	Man	Lion	Man	<b>Lion</b>
<b>Mark</b>	Lion	Eagle	Man	Lion	<b>Ox</b>
<b>Luke</b>	Ox	Ox	Ox	Ox	<b>Man</b>
<b>John</b>	Eagle	Lion	Eagle	Eagle	<b>Eagle</b>



## Vv6b-8a – The Four Living Creatures

*“In Shemoth Rabba, sec. 23, fol. 122, 4, Rabbi Abin says: ‘There are four which have principality in this world: among intellectual creatures, man; among birds, the eagle; among cattle, the ox; and among wild beasts, the lion: each of these has a kingdom and a certain magnificence, and they are placed under the throne of glory, Ezekiel 1:10, to show that no creature is to exalt itself in this world, and that the kingdom of God is over all.’*

*- quoted by Guzik*

## V8b – Continual Worship

- *Holy, holy, holy* – 3 times indicates the superlative
- *They do not rest* – they do not cease
- *Lord, God Almighty* – the One who has His hand on all things.
- *Who was, who is, who is to come* – God's eternal being, and the essence of His name YAHWEH.

**Vv 9-11 – 24 Elders Worship God Their Creator**

**Vv 9-11**

**The Redeemed Worship  
God the Creator**

## MEDITATION VERSE

*Revelation 3:21*

*"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."*

# BENEDICTION

*Revelation 22:20-21*

*He who testifies to these things says,*

*“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen.*

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of  
the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*