

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

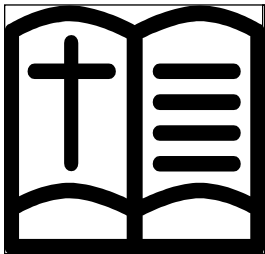


“THE ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE”

REVELATION 4:1-11

I. JOHN’S TASK AND THE GLORY OF GOD

- A. *Location #1: Isle of Patmos as a living, conscious, scient human; alone and in exile as punishment for his witness of the Word of God and of Jesus Christ*
- B. *Assignment: Write down the things which must shortly come to pass; the things you have seen; the things which are; and the things which will take place after this; record the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave Him to show His servants 1:1, 19*
- C. *Condition: In the Spirit on the Lord’s day 1:10*
- D. *Testimony: He sees Jesus on earth walking among the churches, judging them, correcting them and he records it for all the churches to know; record of church history until he is taken up to heaven 2 & 3*
- E. *Guided by: An angel appointed to the task and by Jesus; voice described as sounding like a trumpet*
- F. *Location #2: In heaven as a living, conscious, scient human compelled to enter heaven through an opened door to continue his assignment 4:1*
- G. *Condition: Again, in the Spirit to perceive what is being revealed to him and to accurately record what he is seeing 4:2*
- H. *Testimony: He will be in heaven recording the bulk of what is written in the book of Revelation; he will record God’s judgment on the nations for their rejection of His Son; how the age ends 4—22*



II. THE HOLY, ROYAL COURTROOM OF GOD 4:1-11

A. *A throne set in heaven: Sovereignty, authority, power, finality, royalty, ultimate judge*

B. *The One sitting on the throne:*

1. *“...was like...” not WAS a jasper stone and a sardius stone*
2. *With an emerald-colored rainbow encircling it*
3. *Comparisons with the throne seen previously*
4. *From it proceeds lightning, thunder and voices, all symbols of impending storm or judgment*
5. *In front of the throne is a sea of crystal clear glass; purity and stillness before the storm*

C. *The ones in the throne room with Him*

1. *Twenty-four thrones occupied by*
2. *Twenty-four elders all seated, clothed in white robes, with victors' crowns on their heads*
3. *Seven lamps of fire burning before the throne which are the seven spirits of God*
4. *Four living creatures are closest to the throne; full of eyes front and back; with 6 wings; each had a different head: lion, calf, man and eagle; they are always giving God glory praising His eternality and strength*
5. *When the four living creatures give God glory, the twenty-four elders fall down from their thrones, casting their crowns before the throne while worshipping His creation of all things, His eternality and His might*

D. *Court is in session! How is our worship?*