

“A Vision of the Throne of God” – Part 1
Revelation 4:1-11

Revelation #11

The central vision of the book of Revelation –

1. The Throne

vv. 1-5

(1) How John is brought into this Vision (1-2a)

*“I looked, and behold,
a door standing open in heaven”*

-1- He sees a door which opens into heaven!

-2- Jesus calls and empowers His servant!

- “a voice...like a trumpet speaking with me” cf. 1:10
- “Come up here”
- “Immediately I was in the Spirit”

-3- He is told what is to be revealed: *“I will show you things which must take place after this”*

(2) God upon His Throne (2b-6a)

“and behold, a throne set in heaven”

-1- The Vision of God vv. 3, 5b

- God all-powerful, glorious, and incomprehensible!

- God is a Spirit *“Seven lamps of fire burning before the throne”*

-2- The Throne

- Around the throne: A rainbow, in appearance like an emerald
- Around the throne: twenty-four thrones
- Proceeding from the throne: lightnings, thunderings, and voices!
- Before the throne: A sea of glass

2. Those Gathered Around the Throne

vv. 4-8a

(1) The Twenty-four Elders (4)

*“on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting,
clothed in white robes,
and they had crowns of gold on their heads.”*

- Representing the redeemed
of all redemptive history

- Holy, and sharing in glory and dominion

(2) The Four Living Creatures (6-8a)

- Each was full of eyes in front and in back, around and within cf. Ezek 1

- Differences cf. Ezek. 1

- The first: like a lion
- The second: like a calf
- The third: had a face like a man
- The fourth: like a flying eagle

- Each had six wings cf. Is. 6

3. The Worship at the Throne

vv. 8b-11

(1) The Praise of the Four Living Creatures (8-9)

-1- Ceaseless praise!

“they do not rest day and night, saying...”

-2- Praising God for:

- His infinite and perfect holiness

*“Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!”*

- His omnipotence

- His infinity and His sovereignty over history – unto its climax

-3- A summation:

*“glory and honor and thanks
to Him who sits on the throne,
who lives forever and ever”*

(2) The Praise of the Twenty four Elders (10-11)

-1- They fall down before God

-2- They cast their crowns before God

-3- They offer their praise to God

*“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.”*