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REVELATION 4

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Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One sat on the throne*.<sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

[REV 4:2]



## REVELATION 4

**1 After these things I looked, and behold a door was opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, as it were, of a trumpet speaking with me, said: Come up hither, and I will shew thee the things which must be done hereafter.**

**After this\***

REV 1:19, Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that *are to take place after this* [μετὰ ταῦτα].

\* NOTE — μετὰ = Meta, met-ah', Strong# 3326: with, after, behind; ταῦτα = Tauta, tow'-tah, Strong# 5023: these.

**I looked**

DAN 8:15-17, ..."Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." <sup>17</sup>So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that *the vision refers to the time of the end*".

**Door standing open in heaven**

PSM 78:23, he commanded the skies above, And *opened the doors of heaven*.

**The voice I had first heard**

REV 1:10, heard behind me *a great voice, as of a trumpet*; PSM 95:7-8, He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. *Today, if you will hear His voice*: <sup>8</sup>"Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness.

**Like a trumpet**

HEB 12:19-20, And *the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words*; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more...;

EXO 19:16, there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and *the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud*; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled;

ISA 58:1, Cry aloud, spare not, *lift up thy voice like a trumpet*, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

**Speaking to me**

ACTS 1:3, [Jesus] also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and *speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God*.

**Come up\* here**

JOHN 6:62, What then if you should see *the Son of Man ascend* [ἀναβαίνοντά] *where He was before*?

2COR 4:14, we know that He who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead *will raise us also to be with Jesus*, and will cause both us and you to stand in His own presence.

\* NOTE — ἀναβαίνω = Anabaino, an-ab-ah'-ee-no, Strong# 305: 1. ascend; 1a. to go up; 1b. to rise, mount, be borne up, spring up.

**I will show you**

JER 33:2-3, Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish it (the Lord is His name): <sup>3</sup>Call to Me, and I will answer you, and *show you great and mighty things, which you do not know*'.

**What must take place**

DAN 8:18-19, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. <sup>19</sup>And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for *at the appointed time the end shall be*.

**After this**

MARK 16:12, *After that* [Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα], He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

## CONSIDER THIS —

REV 1:19, Write therefore the things that you have seen, those things that are and those that are to take place *after this*.

After what? – the things that are.

Which things 'are'? – the seven churches.

Perhaps, after the Church Age? If so, everything from this point on in the text would be future.



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**2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and behold there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne one sitting.**

**At once**

MATH 14:22, *Immediately* [εὐθέως] *Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away;*

ACTS 9:18, *Immediately* [εὐθέως] *there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.*

**In the spirit**

EZE 37:1, The hand of the LORD was upon me, and *he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD* and set me down in the middle of the valley;

2COR 12:2-4, a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or *whether out of the body I do not know*, God knows-such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows <sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**There before me**

MIC 6:6-8, *With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? ...<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*

**Throne in heaven**

ISA 6:1, I saw *the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple;*

EZE 10:1, I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having *the appearance of the likeness of a throne.*

**Someone sitting on [the throne]**

EZE 1:26, above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and *seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.*

## CONSIDER THIS —

Can the Spirit move us?

EZE 37:1, The hand of the LORD was upon me, and *he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD* and set me down in the middle of the valley;

How might Paul answer this question?

2COR 12:2, ...whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-such a one was *caught up to the third heaven.*



## REVELATION 4

**3 And he that sat, was to the sight like the jasper and the sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

**The one who sat there**

HAB 3:3-4, God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise. <sup>4</sup>*His brightness was like the light;* He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.

**Jasper**

REV 21:10-11, he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God. *Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*

REV 21:19-20, The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: *the first foundation was jasper...*

**Ruby\***

\* NOTE — *σάρδιον* = Sardios, sar'-dee-os, Strong# 4556: a sardius, a precious stone of which there are two types, the former is called a carnelian (because flesh coloured) and the latter a sard.

EXO 28:15-20, shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod... <sup>17</sup>"And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: *The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row...*

**A rainbow**

GEN 9:13-16, "*I set My rainbow in the cloud*, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>"It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; <sup>15</sup>"and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>"The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth";

EZE 1:28, *Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain*, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

**Rainbow... encircled the throne**

EZE 1:27, And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and *there was brightness around him*.

**Shone like an Emerald**

PSM 104:1-2, Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>*Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment*, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain;

JAM 1:17, Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from *the Father of lights*, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

## CONSIDER THIS —

HAB 3:3-4, as to God's appearance: <sup>4</sup>His brightness was *like* the light.

What color, or colors might that light look *like*?

REV 4:3, He who sat there was *like* a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance.

Notice: the word 'like' in both of these verses.

— These are comparators, then, trying to best capture for us the indescribable.



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**4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats, four and twenty ancients sitting, clothed in white garments, and on their heads were crowns of gold.**

**Surrounding the throne**

PSM 89:8, O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? *Your faithfulness also surrounds You;*

REV 7:11, All the angels stood *around the throne* and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God.

**Twenty-four other thrones**

DAN 7:9-10, I watched till *thrones were put in place*, And the Ancient of Days was seated...

**Seated on [the thrones]**

JOB 36:7, He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous; But *they are on the throne with kings*, For He has seated them forever, And they are exalted;

DEUT 33:3, Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; *They sit down at Your feet*; Everyone receives Your words.

**Twenty-four elders**

1CHR 23:2-5, ...<sup>4</sup>*twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of the Lord*, six thousand were officers and judges, <sup>5</sup>four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the Lord with musical instruments, "which I made," said David, "for giving praise";

1CHR 23:28-32, their duty was to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of God... <sup>30</sup>*to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening...*;

2CHR 8:14, ...he appointed *the divisions of the priests for their service*, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate...

**Dressed in white and had crowns**

JOB 29:14, I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was *as a robe and a diadem*;

ZECH 3:3-8, Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. <sup>4</sup>Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and *I will clothe you with rich robes.*" <sup>5</sup>And I said, "*Let them put a clean turban on his head.*" So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by. <sup>6</sup>Then the Angel of the Lord admonished Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup>"Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here.' <sup>8</sup>Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.

**Crowns... on their heads**

EXO 29:6, You shall put *the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban*;

LEV 8:9, he put the turban on his head. Also *on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown*, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

**Crowns of gold**

EXO 39:30-31, they made the plate of *the holy crown of pure gold*, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD. <sup>31</sup>And they tied to it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

## CONSIDER THIS —

DEUT 33:3, [God] loves the people; *All His saints are in Your hand*; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words.

In Revelation chapter 1, where were the seven stars? – In the Lord's hand (see REV 1:12-16).

What did those stars signify? – (see REV 1:20) the angels, or messengers, of the seven churches.

Where should we find them in Revelation chapter 4? – *They sit down at His feet* (see REV 4:4-5).





## REVELATION 4

**5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there were seven lamps burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.**

**From the throne**

JER 17:12, A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary;

PSM 62:1-2, Truly my soul silently waits for God; *From Him comes my salvation.* <sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

**Flashes of lightning**

2SAM 22:14-15, The Lord shall thunder from heaven: and the most high shall give forth his voice. <sup>15</sup>*He shot arrows and scattered them: lightning, and consumed them;*

JOB 38:35, Can you *send out lightnings, that they may go,* And say to you, 'Here we are!'

**Rumblings**

PSM 18:13, The Lord thundered from heaven, And *the Most High uttered His voice*, Hailstones and coals of fire;

PSM 77:18, *The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;* The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook; JOB 40:9, Have you an arm like God? Or *can you thunder with a voice like His?*

**Peals of thunder**

EXO 20:18-19, all *the people witnessed the thunderings*, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off...;

JOB 38:24-25, By what way is light diffused, Or the east wind scattered over the earth? <sup>25</sup>Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, Or *a path for the thunderbolt.*

**Seven lamps were blazing**

PRO 20:27, *The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord,* Searching all the inner depths of his heart;

REV 1:20, The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and *the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.*

**Seven spirits of God**

REV 1:4, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from *the seven Spirits who are before His throne;* REV 3:1, to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says *He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars;*

ROM 8:9-10, you are *not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.* Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup>And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

## CONSIDER THIS —

How can we know that the Spirit of God is within us?

1JON 4:12-13, ...If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because *He has given us of His Spirit.*



## REVELATION 4

**6 And in the sight of the throne was, as it were, a sea of glass like to crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind.**

**In front of the throne**

PSM 11:3-4, If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? <sup>4</sup>The LORD is in his holy temple, *the LORD'S throne is in heaven*: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

**Sea of glass**

EXO 30:18-20, You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, <sup>19</sup> "for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. <sup>20</sup>Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, *they shall wash with water* so that they will not die; EPH 5:26, make her holy, *cleansing her by the washing with water through the word*; PSM 119:89, Forever, O Lord, *Your word is settled in heaven*.

**Clear as crystal**

PSM 119:140, *Your word is very pure*; Therefore Your servant loves it.

**In the center**

PSM 119:9-11, ...<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! <sup>11</sup>*Your word I have hidden in my heart*, That I might not sin against You!

PSM 119:116, *Uphold me according to Your word*, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

**Around the throne**

EXO 37:6-9, ...<sup>9</sup>*The cherubim spread out their wings above, and covered the mercy seat with their wings*. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

**Four living creatures**

EZE 1:4-6, ...<sup>5</sup>from the midst of it came the likeness of *four living creatures*. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, <sup>6</sup>but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings;

EZE 10:19-21, And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight... <sup>20</sup>*This is the living creature I saw* under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they were cherubim. <sup>21</sup>Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

**Covered with eyes**

EZE 1:15-18, as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. <sup>16</sup>The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. <sup>17</sup>When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. <sup>18</sup>As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and *their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them*.

**Eyes, in front and in back**

EZE 10:9-12, when I looked, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub; the wheels appeared to have the color of a beryl stone... <sup>12</sup>And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four had, *were full of eyes all around*.

## CONSIDER THIS —

The sea of glass is a three part puzzle –

First, in [EXO 30:18-20], There is a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. <sup>20</sup>Whenever the priests enter the Tent of Meeting, *they shall wash with water* so that they will not die; And second, we know from [EPH 5:26], that we, cleanse... *by the washing with water through the word*; Finally, in [PSM 119:89], Forever, O Lord, *Your word is settled in heaven*.



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**7 And the first living creature was like a lion: and the second living creature like a calf: and the third living creature, having the face, as it were, of a man: and the fourth living creature was like an eagle flying.**

**The first living creature**

EZE 1:7-9, Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. <sup>8</sup>The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. <sup>9</sup>Their wings touched one another. *The creatures* did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

**Like a lion**

EZE 1:10, As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; *each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side*, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle;

EZE 10:14, Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the *third the face of a lion*, and the fourth the face of an eagle;

PRO 30:29-30, ...<sup>30</sup>*A lion, which is mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any.*

**The second [living creature]**

EZE 1:13-14, As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. <sup>14</sup>*And the living creatures* ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

**Like an ox**

EZE 1:10, As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, *each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side*, and each of the four had the face of an eagle;

NUM 24:8, God brings him out of Egypt; *He has strength like a wild ox*; He shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones And pierce them with his arrows.

**The third [living creature]**

EZE 10:21-22, Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. <sup>22</sup>*And the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces which I had seen by the River Chebar, their appearance and their persons. They each went straight forward.*

**Face like a man**

EZE 1:5, from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: *they had the likeness of a man*;

ISA 42:13, The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; *He shall prevail against His enemies.*

**The fourth [living creature]**

EZE 10:7-8, the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that was among *the cherubim*, and took some of it and put it into the hands of the man clothed with linen, who took it and went out. <sup>8</sup>The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

**Like a flying eagle**

EZE 1:10, As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and *each of the four had the face of an eagle*;

DEUT 32:10-12, He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. <sup>11</sup>As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, *taking them up, Carrying them on its wings*, <sup>12</sup>*So the Lord alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.*

## CONSIDER THIS —

It makes sense that these living creatures would have the likeness, or the appearance of the greatest and noblest creatures.

The Lion, king of the jungle

The Ox, the best of the servant animals

The Man, made in God's own image

And, the Eagle, the most majestic of flying creatures.





## REVELATION 4

**8 And the four living creatures had each of them six wings; and round about and within they are full of eyes. And they rested not day and night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come.**

**The four living creatures**

EZE 10:15-17, the cherubim were lifted up. *This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar.* <sup>16</sup>When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them...

**Six wings**

ISA 6:2, Above him stood the seraphim. *Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew;*  
EZE 1:19-25, ...<sup>23</sup>And under the firmament *their wings spread out straight*, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body...

**Covered with eyes all around**

PRO 20:12, The hearing ear and *the seeing eye, The Lord has made* them both;  
PRO 5:21, the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, *And He ponders all his paths;*  
2CHR 16:9, *the eyes of the Lord run to and fro* throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

**Day and night**

GEN 8:22, While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, *And day and night Shall not cease;*  
1KING 8:28-30, regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O Lord my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: <sup>29</sup>"that *Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day,* toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place...

**They never stop saying**

PSM 71:8, Let my mouth be *filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day;*  
PSM 35:28, my tongue shall *speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.*

**Holy, holy, holy**

ISA 6:3, And one called to another and said: "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;* the whole earth is full of his glory!"  
1PET 1:15-16, as *He who called you is holy*, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy";  
LEV 20:26, you shall be holy to Me, for *I the Lord am holy*, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine;  
PSM 99:9, Exalt the Lord our God, *And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy.*

**Lord God Almighty**

GEN 17:1, Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "*I am God Almighty;* walk before me and be blameless;  
EXO 6:3, I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, *as God Almighty*, but by My name Lord I was not known to them.

**Was, and is, and is to come**

ISA 41:4, Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? *I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he;*  
ISA 43:13, Indeed *before the day was, I am He;* And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"  
ISA 46:4-5, *Even to your old age, I am He,* And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you. <sup>5</sup>"To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal And compare Me, that we should be alike?"

## CONSIDER THIS —

If we are told that the teacher has 'eyes in the back of her head', what would that mean?

It is an idiom describing her ability to know what we're doing, even when she's not looking at us!

2CHR 16:9, *the eyes of the Lord run to and fro* throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.



## REVELATION 4

**9 And when those living creatures gave glory, and honour, and benediction to him that sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever;**

**Living creatures give glory... to him**

EZE 3:12, Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: "*Blessed is the glory of the Lord from His place!*"

PSM 29:1-2, Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>*Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name;* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Honor... to him**

1CHR 16:25-27, the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. <sup>26</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens. <sup>27</sup>*Honor and majesty are before Him;* Strength and gladness are in His place.

**Thanks... to him**

PSM 95:2-3, *Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;* Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods; 2CHR 5:13-14, it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to *make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord,* and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever..."

**Him who sits on the throne**

PSM 47:8, God reigns over the nations; *God sits on His holy throne;*

2SAM 6:2, David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, *who dwells between the cherubim.*

**Him... who lives for ever and ever**

GEN 3:22, the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, *and live forever*";

EXO 3:15, God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is *My name forever*, and this is My memorial to all generations';

1CHR 29:10, David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, *our Father, forever and ever.*"

## CONSIDER THIS —

GEN 3:22, the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil... The ability to distinguish between right and wrong was God's ability alone – until, we ate of the tree.



## REVELATION 4

**10 The four and twenty ancients fell down before him that sitteth on the throne, and adored him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:**

**The twenty-four\* elders fall down**

\* NOTE — 24 lots were cast for the ministry of music of the temple of the LORD, 288 = 24 musicians x 12 months;

1CHR 25:6-8, these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king. <sup>7</sup>So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the Lord, all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight. <sup>8</sup>And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student;

2CHR 5:11-14, ...<sup>13</sup>indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to *make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord*, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, <sup>14</sup>so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

**Fall down before him**

1CHR 29:20, David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the Lord your God." So all the assembly blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and *bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the Lord* and the king;

REV 19:4, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures *fell down and worshiped God* who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

**Him who sits on the throne**

PSM 92:8, You, Lord, *are on high forevermore*;

ISA 33:5, The Lord is exalted, for *He dwells on high*; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

**Worship**

1CHR 16:29, Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, *worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!*

JOHN 4:24, God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must *worship in spirit and truth*.

**Him who lives**

LAM 5:19, You, *O Lord, remain forever*; Your throne from generation to generation.

**For ever and ever**

PSM 9:7-8, the *Lord shall endure forever*; He has prepared His throne for judgment.<sup>8</sup>He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

**Lay their crowns**

1COR 9:24-27, Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but *we for an imperishable crown...*

2TIM 2:5, if anyone competes in athletics, *he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules*;

2TIM 4:7-8, I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Finally, there is *laid up for me the crown of righteousness*, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing;

JAM 1:12, Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, *he will receive the crown of life* which the Lord has promised to those who love Him;

1PET 5:4, when the Chief Shepherd appears, *you will receive the crown of glory* that does not fade away;

ISA 28:5, In that day *the Lord of hosts will be For a crown of glory* and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people.

## CONSIDER THIS —

Any reward we receive will not compare to the glory due to the Lord!

Receiving crowns should not to be confused with our salvation.



## REVELATION 4

**11 Thou art worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory, and honour, and power: because thou hast created all things; and for thy will they were, and have been created.**

**You are worthy**

PSM 100:2-3, Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. <sup>3</sup>*Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

**Our Lord and God**

2COR 11:31, The *God and Father* of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever;

JUDE 1:25, *God our Savior*, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever.

**Receive glory**

ISA 62:2-3, The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name. <sup>3</sup>*You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God;*

PHIL 4:20, *to our God and Father be glory* forever and ever;

MATH 6:13, Yours is the kingdom and the power and the *glory forever.*

**Receive... honor**

PSM 96:6, *Honor and majesty are before Him*; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary;

DAN 4:34, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and *praised and honored Him who lives forever...*

**Receive... power**

1CHR 29:11, *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty*; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all.

**You created all things**

EPH 3:9, the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in *God who created all things through Jesus Christ*;

COL 1:15-17, He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

<sup>17</sup>And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist; JOHN 1:2-3, He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

**By your will [all things] were created**

PSM 95:4-5, In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is His, for *He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.*

**By your will [all things] have their being**

PSM 74:16-17, *The day is Yours, the night also is Yours*; You have prepared the light and the sun. <sup>17</sup>You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter; PSM 135:6-7, *Whatever the Lord pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places...*

## CONSIDER THIS —

God is worthy to receive Glory, receive Honor, and receive Power. For, He created all things!

PSM 145:21, My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And *all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever* and ever.



## GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 4:1, After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "*Come up here*, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2COR 4:14, He who raised up the Lord Jesus *will also raise us up* with Jesus, and will present us with you.

⊕ **1. What assurance does the church have that we will be in heaven with Christ?**

(see also JOHN 14:2-4)

REV 1:4, John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from *the seven Spirits who are before His throne*.

Additionally, we read: REV 1:12-13 & 20, ...having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man... <sup>20</sup>the seven lampstands which you saw *are the seven churches*.

Here in chapter 4 the lampstands have joined the Spirit before the throne: REV 4:5, ...*Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne*, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⊕ **2. Has anything changed in the position or relationship from Revelation chapters 1 to 4 in regards to the lamps/lampstands, the church, and the seven Spirits of God? If so, how has it changed?**

REV 4:1, *After these things* I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

⊕ **3a. What things occurred before this, to which Revelation 4:1 is referring?**

REV 1:19, Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and *the things which will take place after this*.

⊕ **3b. What things will occur after this, to which Revelation 4:1 is referring?**

REV 4:4, Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw *twenty-four elders* sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

⊕ **4. Who might the twenty-four elders be, or who might they signify?**

(see also REV 3:5, He who overcomes shall be *clothed in white garments*...;

REV 3:11, ...Hold fast what you have, that no one may take *your crown*;

2TIM 4:8 & EPH 5:27)

NEXT SESSION —