

# God's Throne

## Revelation 4:1-7

### The Throne in Heaven

**4** After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. <sup>4</sup>Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup>Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. <sup>7</sup>The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

The Book of Revelation is not meant to be difficult. The fact is that God has placed a blessedness on those who read and study these words, He is not in the business of teasing us, or telling us to do something that can not be accomplished. One of the greatest aspects to this book is that it is to be read and understood, but only as the Holy Spirit enlightens and reveals the truth to us.

#### I. The One Who vv.1-3

##### A. Opens Doors

Isa. 22:22 "I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open."

##### B. Speaks

**LOUD** (1 Thess 4:13-18)

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<sup>13</sup> **Brothers** and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### C. Appears (Isa. 6:1-5) (**Ex 28:15-20**)

1. **Jasper** (a clear stone - probably a diamond Representing LIGHT) I Jn 1:5

<sup>5</sup> **This** is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

2. **Carnelian** (a red stone - ruby – Representing redemption) Paul said that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us! LOVE — I Jn 4:8

<sup>8</sup> **Whoever** does not love does not know God, because God is love.

3. **A Rainbow** (**GRACE** - it encircles us during life and God for eternity) (Ezk. 1:28)

<sup>28</sup> **Like** the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

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## II. The Twenty-Four Who v.4

- A. Sat on Thrones
- B. Dressed in White and Crowns of Gold

This may refer to the twenty-four priestly divisions who conducted the worship of Israel according to the tradition of the Levites. Dressed in the perfect clothes of Righteousness (**Jesus Christ**). (**1 Chron 24**)

## III. Coming From the Throne vv.5-6

- A. Justice
- B. Peace

## IV. The Four Who vv.6-7

- A. Were Around the Throne
- B. Were a Lion, Ox, Man, and an Eagle

There is an ancient Rabbinical saying that said, **“The mightiest among the birds is the eagle, the mightiest among the domestic animals is the bull, the mightiest among the wild beasts is the lion, and the mightiest among all is man.”** (See Ezk. 1:10)



Who is God? List words or phrases that describe Him.

**Jehovah** ~ Jireh — **The Lord will Provide** (Abraham, Isaac and the ram) Genesis 22:14

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**Jehovah** ~ Nissi — **The Lord my Banner** (Moses, Joshua and the Amalekite army) Exodus 17:15

**Jehovah** ~ Shalom — **The Lord is Peace** (Gideon saw the angel and thought he was going to die) Judges 6:24

**Jehovah** ~ Sammah — **The Lord is There** (The New City) Ezekiel 48:35

**Jehovah** ~ Tsidkenu — **The Lord our Righteousness** (The raising up of the Messiah) Jeremiah 23:5-6; (The Fulfillment of the Messiah foretold) Jeremiah 33:15-16