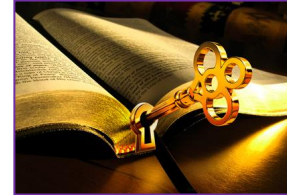




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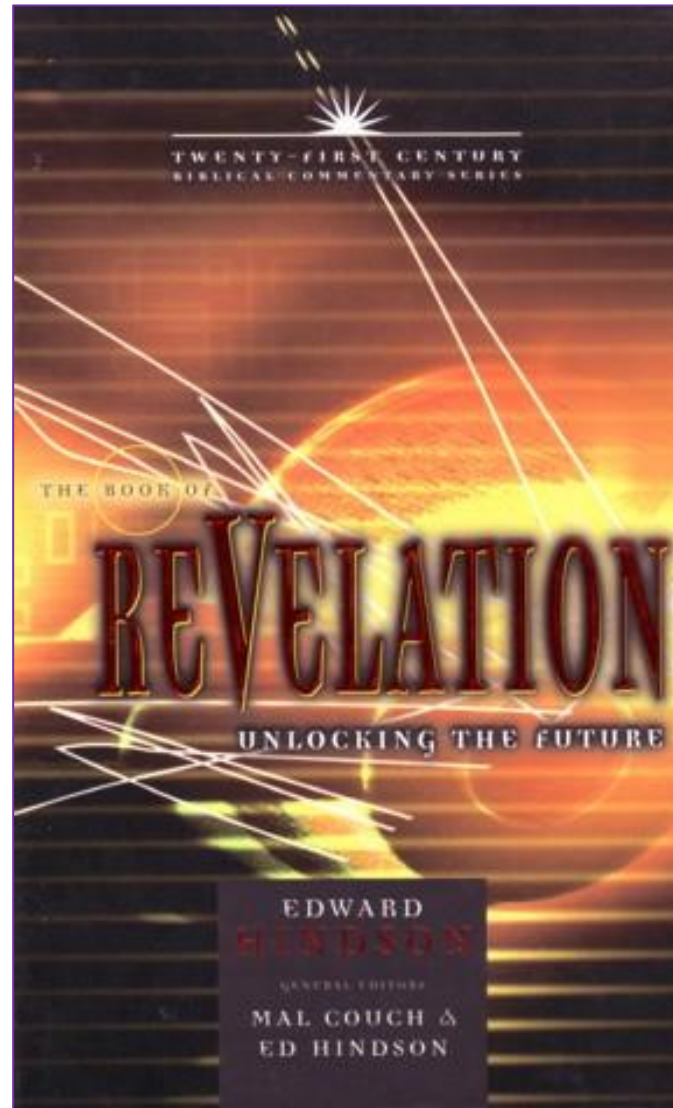
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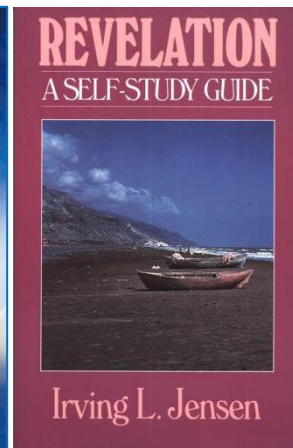
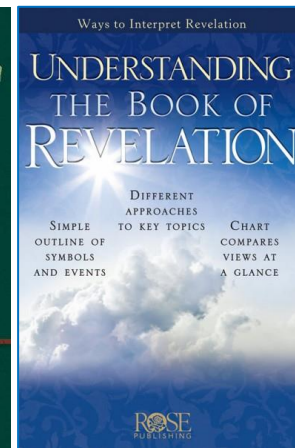
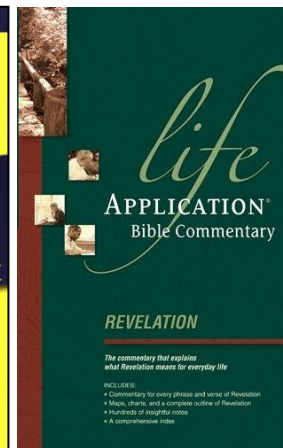
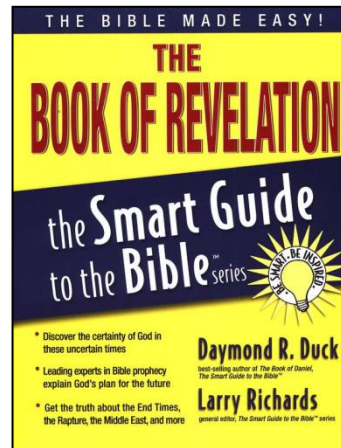
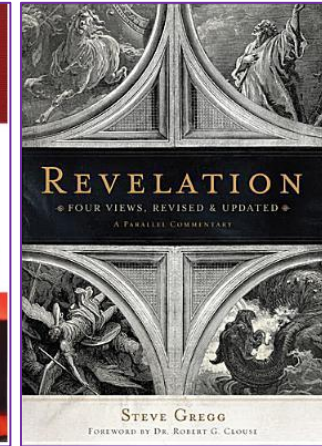
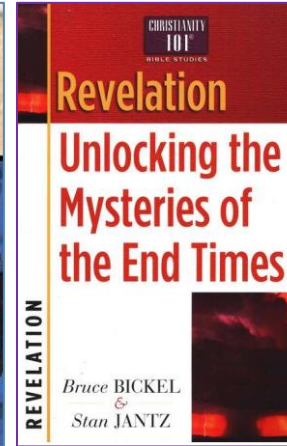
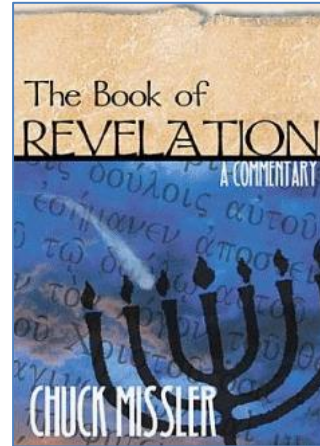
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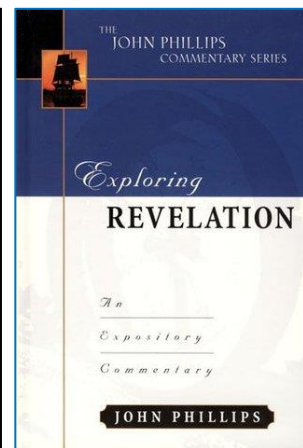
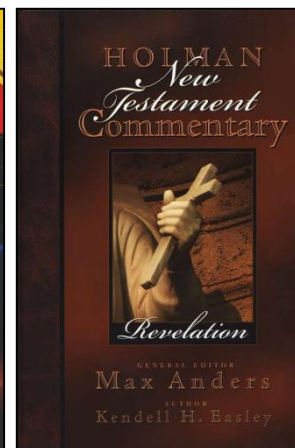
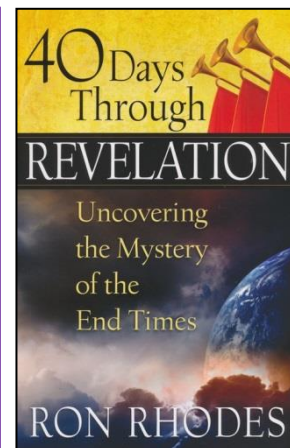
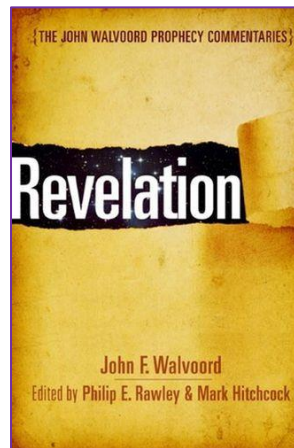
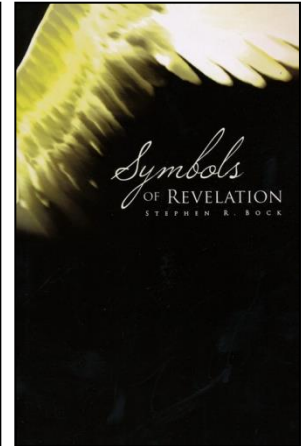
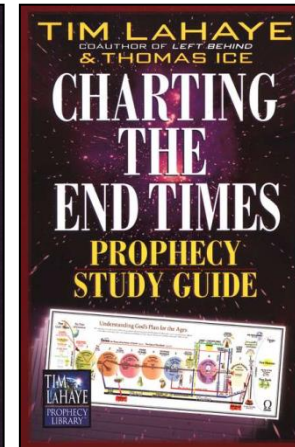
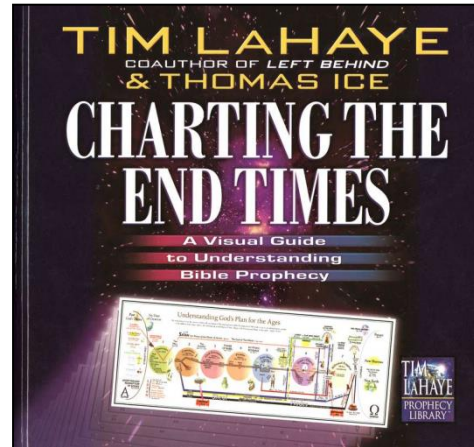


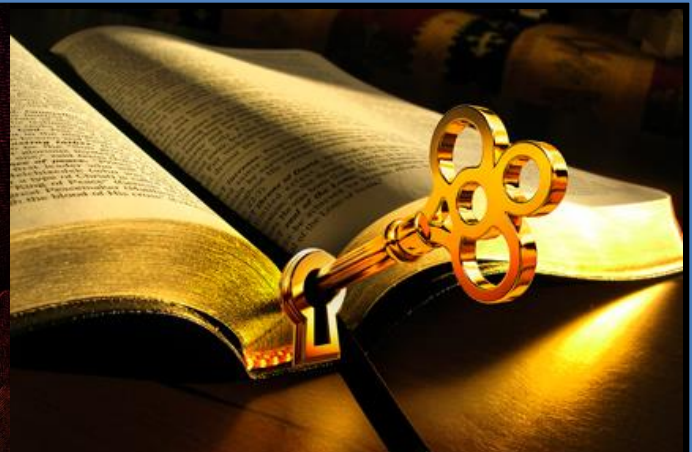
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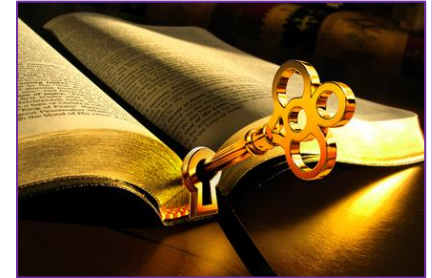
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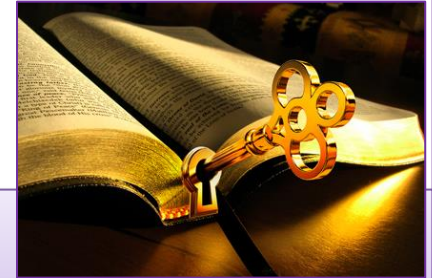
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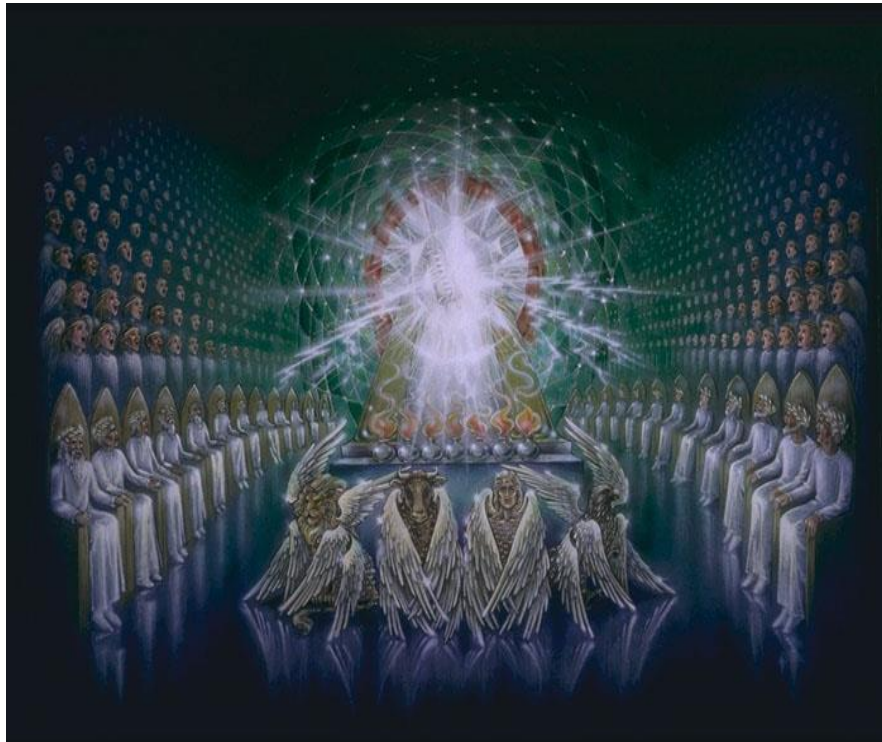


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Chapter Preview - INTRODUCTION

• Preview

- The scene shifts from earth to heaven. John is summoned into the throne room of God Almighty. Everything and everyone is worshiping the Creator of the universe. John is overwhelmed by the majestic scene and stands transfixed by the elders, creatures, and angels who in unison worship the One on the throne.



God on His heavenly throne is praised without end by His court of throne-room guardians who shout and sing about their holy Creator.

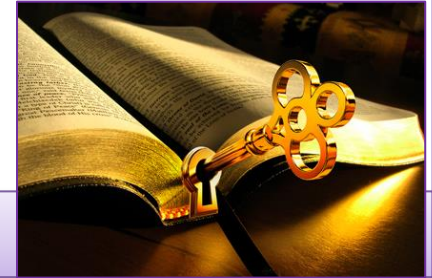
**CAN YOU PICTURE THE
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Transported to Heaven - Revelation 4:1- OBSERVATIONS

• Transported to Heaven

- What John was experiencing was real!

- “I will show you” **Revelation 4:1; 21:10**
- “I looked” **70** times in Revelation
- “I saw” **35** times
- “I beheld” **07** times
- “I heard” **23** times

- Many scholars believe this verse is a reference to the Harpazo (Rapture)

The **Rapture** is the popular term used to describe one perceived view of the Lord's return based on the writings of the Apostle Paul in **1 Thessalonians 4:17**.

4 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.”

--- Revelation 4:1 ... NKJV

Transported to Heaven - Revelation 4:1- OBSERVATIONS

• Rapture - *Harpazo*

- OT: [Isaiah 26:19-21](#); [Zephaniah 2:3](#); [Psalm 27:5](#)
- NT: [PROCESS] [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#); [PURPOSE] [1 Corinthians 15:50](#)

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

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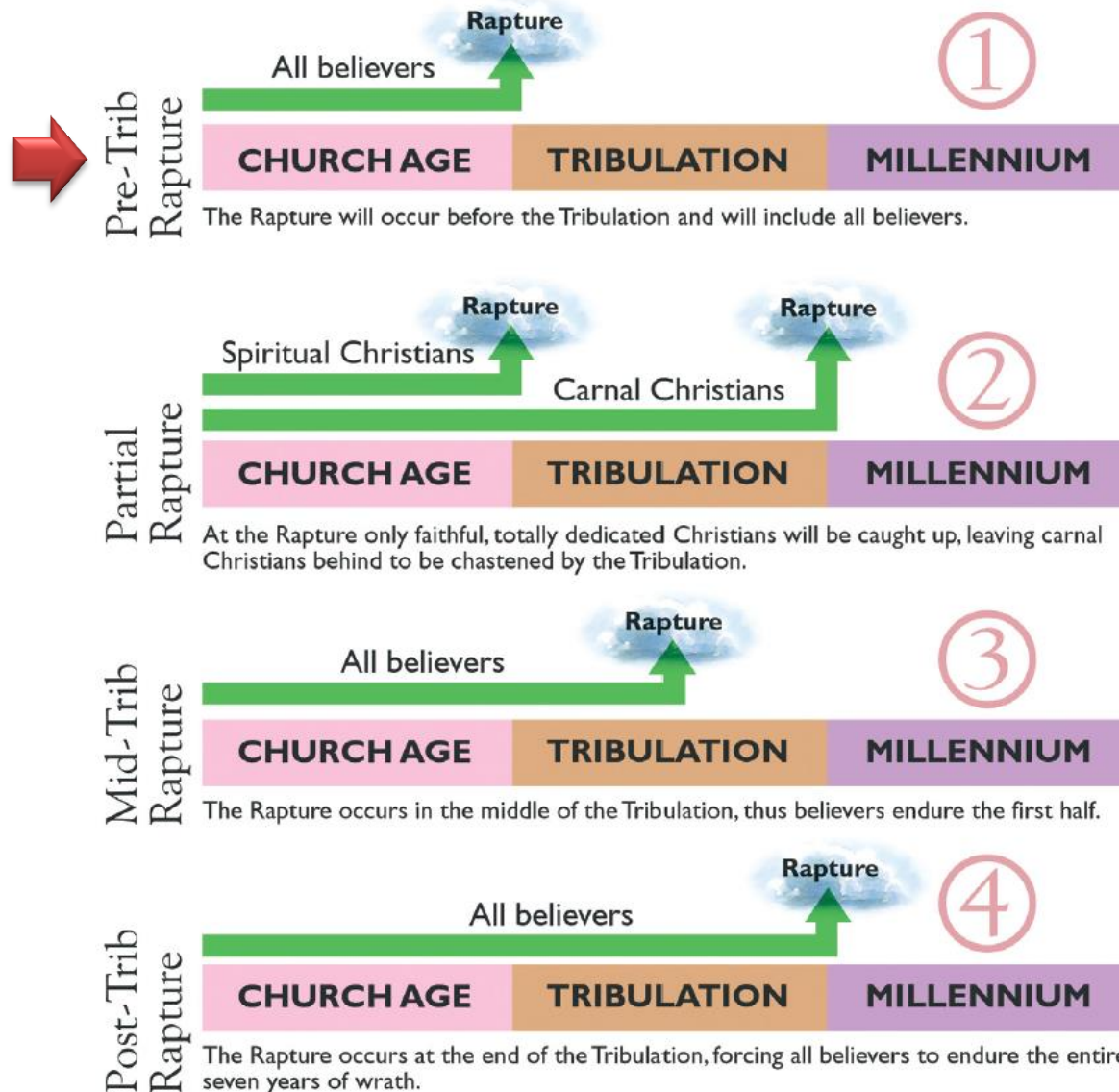
The word "rapture" comes from the Latin *rapere* used by the Vulgate to translate the Greek word *Harpazo*, which is rendered by the phrase "**caught up**" in most English translations

The Doctrine of Imminence

- **DOCTRINE OF IMMINENCE**

- **Not** IMMANENT: that God is not only transcendent, or far above us, but that He is always with us and active on our behalf.
- **Not** EMINENT: which is a title of honor reserved for persons of outstanding distinction.
- **IMMINENT: next expectation.**
- Believers are taught to expect the Savior from heaven at any moment
Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:18; 5:6; Revelation 22:20
- Expresses hope and a warm spirit of expectancy ... 1 Thessalonians 1:10.
- Should result in a victorious and purified life ... 1 John 3:2-3.
- Paul seemed to include himself among those who looked for Christ's return
1 Thessalonians 4:15,17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1
- Timothy was admonished to "that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing," ... 1 Timothy 6:14.
- Jewish converts were reminded that "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37). "Do business til I come" (Luke 19:13).
- The expectation of Christ's return was so strong that some had stopped working and had to be exhorted to return to their jobs (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12); and have patience (James 5:8).

Rapture - Various Views



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--- Revelation 4:1 ... NKJV

Transported to Heaven - Revelation 4:1- OBSERVATIONS

- **Come up here**

- John is about to be temporarily “raptured” to heaven
- The first voice is the voice of Jesus ... [Rev 1:10](#)

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
 --- [Revelation 1:10 ... NKJV](#)

- Jesus will show John things which must take place after this ... The rest of the book
 - Ties to the [Rev 1:19](#)

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place **after this**.
 --- [Revelation 1:19 ... NKJV](#)

- “*meta houtos*” - “**after this**” or “after these things”

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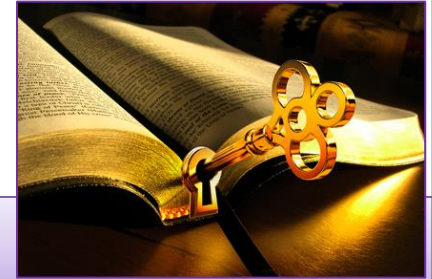
--- [Revelation 4:1 ... NKJV](#)

The same Christ who first spoke to John now commands him to come through a heavenly door to see what things that will certainly take place. This is the transition to the next vision.

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Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4 - OBSERVATIONS

• Transfixed by the Throne

- Almost every verse in this chapter is centered around the Throne of God

Verse	Throne Reference
1	--RAPTURE REFERENCE ... COME UP HERE--
2	A throne set in heaven ... One who sat on the throne ...
3	A rainbow around the throne ...
4	Around the throne were twenty-four thrones ...
5	And from the throne ...
6	Before the throne ...
7-8	--DESCRIPTION OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES INTERLUDE--
9	... Him who sits on the throne ...
10	... Fall down before Him who sits on the throne ...
11	--DOXOLOGY--

IN THIS CHAPTER, JOHN RECORDS WHAT HE SEES IN THE **THRONE** ROOM OF GOD.

NOTICE THE WORSHIP OF ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES IS FOCUSED ON THE SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE WHO SITS ON THE **THRONE**.

WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND WORSHIP ON GOD WHO SITS ON THE **THRONE**.

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:2 - OBSERVATIONS

• On the Throne

- John is now in Heaven, in the very Throne Room of God, the Sovereign of the Universe
- Jesus is on God's Throne in Heaven

- Messiah will sit on ...

- His Father's Throne Psalm 110:1; Revelation 3:21
- Throne of His Mercy Hebrews 4:16
- Throne of David Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32

- Jesus will establish His Throne on Earth

- During Old Earth Millennial Reign
- During New Earth Eternal Reign

- Jesus will judge unbelievers at the "Great White Throne" ... Revelation 20:12.

- 12 Apostles will sit on 12 thrones and judge the 12 tribes and the angels ... Matthew 19:28; 1 Corinthians 6:3.
- 24 Elders sit on thrones ... Revelation 4:4.

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a **throne** set in heaven, and **One** sat on the **throne**.

--- Revelation 4:2 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:3 - OBSERVATIONS

• Jasper and Sardius Stones

• Jasper Stone

- Translucent rock crystal like a diamond
- Last precious stone of the High Priest's Breastplate
[Exodus 28:17-20](#)
- Represents Benjamin, the last born of Jacob.
- First in the foundations of the New Jerusalem wall
[Revelation 21:11, 18-19](#)

• Sardius Stone

- Deep fiery red, like a carnelian
- First precious stone of the High Priest's Breastplate
[Exodus 28:17-20](#)
- Represents Reuben, the first born of Jacob.
- Jesus is the firstborn of the dead.
- Sixth in the foundations of the New Jerusalem wall
[Revelation 21:20](#)

• Sardius and Jasper

- Taken together represent Jesus the "First and Last"

³ 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.

--- [Revelation 4:3](#) ... NKJV

JESUS IS OUR HIGH
PRIEST, AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF
THE FATHER,
MAKING
INTERCESSORY
PRAYERS FOR YOU
AND I.

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:3 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Rainbow Like an Emerald**

- Rainbow around the Throne

- Rainbow (*Greek* word *iris*), which can mean “halo”
 - God’s promise to Noah was marked with a rainbow
[Genesis 9:11-17](#)

- Like an Emerald

- Green in color



³ 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.

--- [Revelation 4:3](#) ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:4 - OBSERVATIONS

• Twenty-Four Elders

- David's 24 courses ... 1 Chronicles 24:1-19
 - Each course relieved each Sabbath.

• Who are the 24 Elders?

- Represent complete group ... 1 Chronicles 24
- Distinguishing Characteristics

- Thrones Revelation 2:21
- White Raiment Revelation 3:25
- Crowns of gold Revelation 2:10; 3:11
- Song of Redeemed Revelation 5:9-10
- Called "Kings & Priests" ... Revelation 5:10

- In NT ... Elders (*prebuteros*) are
 - High officials in the church
 - Representative of the whole church
 Titus 1:5; Acts 15:6; 20:28; 1 Peter 2:5-9

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.

--- Revelation 4:4 ... NKJV

Three "King-Priests" in Scripture

1. Melchizedek
2. Jesus
3. The Believer

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:4 - OBSERVATIONS

• Crowns

- *stephanos* - victor's crown ... Name - "Stephen"
- **Five Crowns** mentioned in scripture

CROWN	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE
Crown of Life	For those who have suffered for His sake	James 1:12 Revelation 2:10
Crown of Righteousness	For those who loved His appearing	2 Timothy 4:8
Crown of Glory	For those who fed the flock	1 Peter 5:4
Crown Incorruptible	For those who press on steadfastly	1 Corinthians 9:25
Crown of Rejoicing	For those who win souls	1 Thessalonians 2:19

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--- Revelation 4:4 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:5 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Seven lamps of fire**

- Emanating from the throne are
 - Lightnings and thundering and voices
 - Sight and sounds
- Seven lamps of fire are burning
 - Lamps represent the seven Spirits of God
 - Possible Interpretations for the Seven Spirits



1. The seven Angels of Judgment
2. Represent the seven fold nature of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:1-2)
3. Represent the seven churches - now in Heaven

⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

--- Revelation 4:5 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:6 - OBSERVATIONS

- **Before the Throne**

- Seven Lamps of Fire ... [Last verse](#)
- Sea of Glass ... Like crystal
 - In the Tabernacle: The sea was the laver —
 - Now it is crystal: No washing needed mingled with fire: [Revelation 15:2](#)

- **In the Midst and Around the Throne**

- Four Living Creatures ... Full of eyes
- **zoa** : living creatures ... Our word for zoo
- Powerful guardians of God's throne
- The closest of all created beings to God's throne

⁶ Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

--- Revelation 4:6 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:7 - OBSERVATIONS

• The Four Living Creatures

- Compare with Ezekiel's Vision ... [Ezekiel 10:14](#)

Four Faces	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Revelation 4:7	Lion	Calf	Man	Eagle
Ezekiel 10:14	Cherub	Man	Lion	Eagle

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.

--- Ezekiel 10:14 ... NKJV

WHAT CREATED KINGDOM IS NOT REPRESENTED?

7 The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle.

--- Revelation 4:7 ... NKJV

GOD IS THE CREATOR
OF ALL LIVING THINGS.
HE IS THE KING OF ALL
KINGDOMS

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:7 - OBSERVATIONS

• The Four Living Creatures

- Design of the Gospels ... [Chuck Missler](#)

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	--	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
To the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit: Acts	Promise of Return: Revelation
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical

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--- Revelation 4:7 ... NKJV

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Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:8 - OBSERVATIONS

- **The Four Living Creatures**

- Each Creature had
 - Six wings
 - Were full of eyes
- They Continually Worship God
 - They do not rest day or night
- **Why the Three-fold Holy?**
 - One for each member of the Trinity
- They highlight the ...

- Sovereignty of God - Lord
- Omnipotence of God - God Almighty
- Eternal Nature of God - Who was and is and is to come!

⁸ *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:*

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

--- Revelation 4:8 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:9-10 - OBSERVATIONS

• Cast Their Crowns

- Whenever the **Creatures** give ...

- Glory
- Honor
- Thanks

Worship Triplet Directed To
Him who sits on the Throne

- **Whenever?** ... Continually ... **Day and Night**
- **The 24 Elders** ...
 - Fall down before Him who sits on the throne
 - Worship Him who lives forever and ever
 - Cast their crowns before the throne
 - Sing their Doxology ... **Next verse**

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

--- Revelation 4:9-10 ... NKJV

Transfixed by the Throne - Revelation 4:11 - OBSERVATIONS

• Doxology

- Worship direct toward Jesus
 - You are worthy, O Lord - *Lordship of Jesus*
 - To receive

- Glory
- Honor
- Power

Worship Triplet Directed To
Jesus who is worthy

• Why?

- Because You Created All Things
- By Your will they exist
- By Your will they were created

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. **2** **He** was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through **Him**, and without **Him** nothing was made that was made. --- John 1:1-3 ... NKJV

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."

--- Revelation 4:11 ... NKJV

WE SHOULD DIRECT OUR WORSHIP TO **JESUS** WHO IS WORTHY.

MEDIATE ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF **JESUS** AND YOU CANNOT HELP BUT WORSHIP **HIM**!



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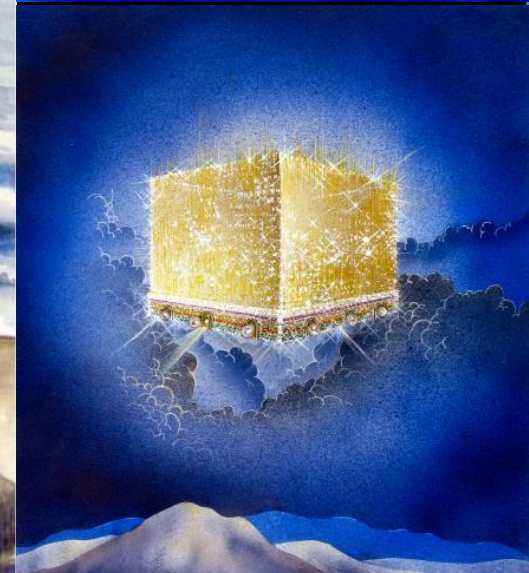
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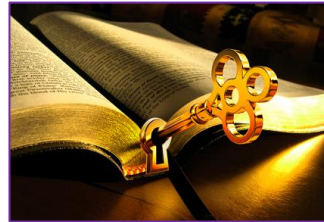
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Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. **Rev. 1:3 NKJV**



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Worthy is the Lamb
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