

Revelation 4  
The Throne of God

Invitation (vs. 1) – “Come up here!” (Revelation 11:12 / John 11:43)

Timing: after this – the end of the church age (Daniel 9:26-27)

The Door is open (Revelation 3:7b-8) – open to all??

Trumpet like voice (Revelation 1:10 / I Thessalonians 4:16)

In the Spirit (vs. 2) – to enter into His Presence

The only way into His presence – the Spirit not the flesh (I Corinthians 15:50/Romans 8:8-9)

The Throne in Heaven – not the shadow (Hebrews 9:23-24)

The Person on the Throne – whose glory and brightness are above all (I Timothy 6:16/ Ex. 33:20)

Indescribable (vs. 3) – His appearance

Jasper and carnelian – opaque stones like diamonds and rubies

Emerald shaped rainbow encircling the Throne (Ezekiel 1:28)

Sea of glass (Ezekiel 1:22)

Improbable leadership (vs. 4) – Twenty-four elders (I Chronicles 24 & 25 – priestly divisions)

They were seated on thrones (Revelation 3:21)

They were dressed in white (Revelation 3:4-5; 19:8)

They wore crowns of gold (Revelation 2:10)

Inspiring Awe (vs. 5-6a) – Seven blazing lamps

The demonstration of power

The seven-fold Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:2)

The light that points us to the truth (John 15:26; 16:13-14)

Inner Circle (vs. 6b-7) – Four living creatures

Full of eyes – He sees all

Like a Lion – majestic and omnipotent (Matthew – The Lion of the Tribe of Judah)

Like an ox – faithful and patient (Mark – The Servant of the Lord)

Like a man – intelligence (Luke – The Son of Man)

Like an eagle – sovereign (John – The Son of God)

Involuntary response (8-11)

The Four living creatures – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The 24 elders – prostrate before Him

Crowns at His feet

Creator is praised

## Discussion questions for Revelations 4

What is required to enter the presence of God? (Psalm 15 / Hebrews 12:14)

How can we meet these requirements? (Romans 13:14 / Colossians 3:12-17)

What emotions does the description of His throne and His presence arouse?(see Ezekiel 1:28; 3:15 & Isaiah 6:5-8)

When and how do we experience His presence today? (Matthew 18:20 / Hebrews 10:24-25 / Mark 1:35 / I Corinthians 5:4)

What should be our response? (Titus 2:11-14)