

THE THRONE

REVELATION 4

Text:

Introduction:

From Revelation 4:1 to the end of the book all the events follow the rapture of the Church. By this time God has completed His Church and the Church will have completed her mission on earth.

We are now living somewhere toward the close of the church age or as we read “the things which are” awaiting the Lord rapture of the Church to Himself.

Revelation 1:19

¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

The key word in this chapter is the word “throne.” It appears 12 times in these 11 verses.

Revelation 4:2-6

² And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne. ³ And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. ⁴ And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. ⁵ And

out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. ⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Revelation 4:9-10

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, ¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Presently during this Age of Grace, God’s throne is one of grace and mercy where saved and sinners may come boldly to obtain mercy and find grace in a time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

But the throne in Revelation 4 appears after the rapture of the Christians and judgment begins.

John begins by speaking of a door. What is the importance of this open door? A door is an opening through which one can pass from one place to another.

The Bible states that there is only one door into Heaven.

John 10:9

⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Jesus is the only way of access to God. As sinners we have no access except through Christ and Christ alone.

The word door is used 4 times in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 3:8

⁸I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

This the open door for a gospel witness.

The second door and third door mentions occur in the letter to the church at Laodicea.

Revelation 3:20

²⁰Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Here we see a closed door of the human heart. While the door remains open for gospel preaching and Bible teaching, Christ stands at the door knocking asking to be admitted.

At the close of this present age “The day of grace” the “Church Age” Lord will open a door into Heaven and call His own to their Heavenly home which He has been preparing.

John 14:1-3

¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in

me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Notice:

1. THE PERSON ON THE THRONE

Revelation 4:2-3

²And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne. ³And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Compare Daniel 7: 9

Daniel 7:9

⁹I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

A. Jasper and Sardine Stone

This jasper is a transparent stone, which offers to the eye a variety of vivid colors, signifying the glorious perfection of God.

The sardine-stone is red, signifying the justice of God which he never favors of anyone.

2 Chronicles 19:7

⁷Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed

and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Acts 10:34

³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Romans 2:11

¹¹ For there is no respect of persons with God.

1 Peter 1:17

¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

2. THE PLEDGE ROUND BOUT THE THRONE

Revelation 4:3

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

A reminder that the earth will not be destroyed with water, but will be destroyed by fire.

3. THE PROCEEDINGS FROM OUT OF THE THRONE

Revelation 4:5

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

A dreadful storm is about on the earth.

Lightning, thunder, and these voices are symbol of judgment.

These same signs appeared at the giving of the law.

Exodus 19:16

¹⁶ And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that 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.

4. The Praise in the Midst of the Throne

Revelation 4:6-11

⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind. ⁷ And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. ⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, ¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

These beasts were symbols as the language indicates:

- Like a lion
- Like a calf
- As a man
- Like a flying eagle.

We're not certain why these beasts were mention and that's not important, but what they were doing is what is important.

The reason is:

Revelation 4:8

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and **they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

- A. We will praise Him for our salvation.
- B. We will praise Him for an opportunity to serve in His work.