# THE REVELATION

# The Glory & Majesty of God Revelation Chapters 4 and 5

Revelation chapters four and five bring us to a pause in the unfolding of events and carry us into the very presence of God where we see the Father and the Lamb on the heavenly throne. This scene has powerful and dramatic implications for believers in John's day and ours. It gives us confidence in facing the things to come as well as assurance of our safety in Christ in this very moment.

## Reading of Revelation 4 & 5 New International Version, 2011

REV 4: About God	REV 5: About the Lamb
God's glory (4:2b-8a)	The Lamb's glory (5:5-7)
Worship of God (8b-11)	Worship of the Lamb (8-12)
First hymn (8b)	First hymn (9-10)
Narrative (9-10)	Narrative (11-12a)
Second hymn (11)	Second hymn (12b)

C.H.Talbert in Ben Witherington, p.119

#### The Vision of the Throne

- A. Shared by the Father and the Lamb
- B. Including the 4 Creatures, the Elders, and the Heavenly host

## II. The Significance of the 24 Elders

- A. Most likely the 12 tribal heads and the 12 apostles
- B. Representing all of the Church of the Ages

## III. Our Position in Christ

- A. Represented in the 12 Apostolic Elders
- B. Seated with Christ in the Throne

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

NOTES	
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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." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. 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. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of 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. 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. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."