

THE REVELATION

The Throne of God

Revelation 4:1-11

In today's message we want to come back to Revelation 4 and look closely at this passage. One of the questions that puzzles us is: "Is this a dream-like vision, an eyes open revelation into the unseen world, or an actual journey into the 3rd heaven (2 Cor 12:2) where God dwells in His manifest presence?"

I. An Open Door to the Throne (4:1-2)

- A. Two things are happening:
 - 1. John is summoned to heaven to God's throne (and is in awe-struck wonder)
 - 2. John is called up for a purpose: to see the things that must take place after this
- B. The open door—our access to the throne
- C. Our place in the heavenlies

II. The Appearance of God on the Throne (4:3-8a)

- A. The One on the throne is red, like jasper and carnelian
- B. Around the throne
 - 1. an emerald like rainbow
 - 2. 24 elders in white robes with golden crowns around th throne
 - 3. the power of a violent thunderstorm underneath
 - 4. 7 flaming torches representing the seven-fold Spirit of God
 - 5. the crystal-like sea of glass

III. The Living Beings Around the Throne (4:3-8a)

- A. The 4 living Creatures
 - 1. full of eyes—seeing all around
 - 2. each having a different face (lion, ox, human, flying eagle)
 - 3. each with six wings
 - 4. praising God continually
- B. The 24 Elders
- C. Tens of thousands of angels (5:11)
- D. Redeemed of all the ages (5:13)

IV. A Hymn of Praise (4:8b-11)

- A. Glory, honor, thanks,
- B. Glory, honor, power
- C. The Creator God

