



Revelation
4:1-11
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Your
First Fifteen Minutes
In Heaven

Revelation 4:1 ***A Voice From Heaven***

1 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.”



Division of Events Introduced In Revelation 1:19

- ❖ Things which you have seen – *Chapter 1*
- ❖ Things which are – *Chapters 2-3*
- ❖ Things which shall be after – *Chapters 4-22*

Greek  Meta tauta

A Voice Mandates John's Visit to Heaven

Is this the Rapture?


- ❖ John's individual experience
- ❖ At best, a facsimile of Rapture
- ❖ A better analogy to Christian's death experience

A Heavenly Throne

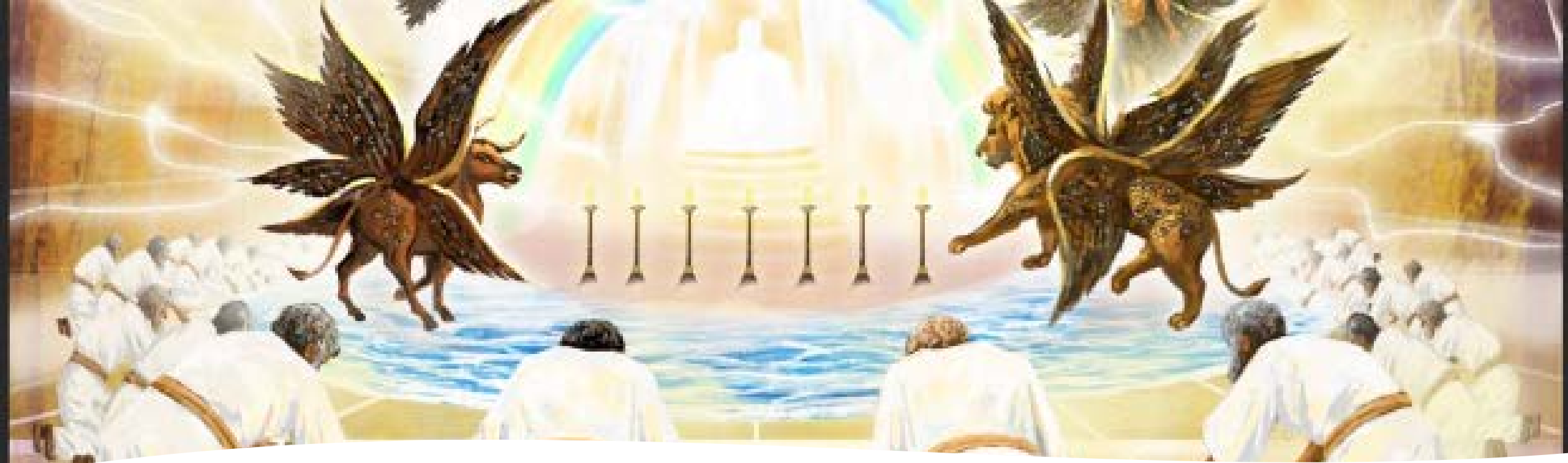
Revelation 4:2-3

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

A Heavenly Throne – Revelation 4:2-3

- ❖ John was in the Spirit
Greek  en pneumati
(2 Cor. 12:1-6)
- ❖ Jasper – Translucent rock crystal
(Perhaps Diamond)
- ❖ Sardian (Carnelian) –
Named for Sardis (Blood Red)
- ❖ Emerald (Bright Green)
wrapped around the throne
- ❖ No description of anything
about God's Face





*Entourage of
Heaven
Revelation 4:4-5*

- 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.
- 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.



Entourage of Heaven

Revelation
4:6-7

- 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.
- 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.



*Entourage
of Heaven*

Revelation 4:8

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!”*

*Entourage of
Heaven*

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4:4-8*

❖ **Twenty-Four Elders**

1. Enthroned

2. White robes – Purity

**3. Crowns – Stephanoi
Victors' crowns**

Four "Living Ones" Zōē

Ezekiel 1-10

Comparison Chart of the Cherubim

Category	Ezekiel's Cherubim (1:4-25) -- (10:1-20)	John's Living Beings (Rev 4:6)
Basic description	"Four Living Creatures" (Ezekiel 1:5)	"Four Living Creatures" (vv. 6,8)
Wings	Four (1:6; 10:21)	Six (v. 8)
Faces *	Lion Ox * Man Eagle (1:10; 10:14)	Lion Ox Man Eagle (v. 7)
Eyes	Multiple (1:18; 10:13)	Multiple (vv. 6,8)
Torso	Like a man (1:5)	
Feet	Like a Calf (1:7)	

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Hands	Like a man (1:8, 10:8,21)	
Movement	Rapid like a flash of Lightning (1:14)	
Sound	Like the rushing of many waters (1:24)	
Transportation	Wheels within wheels for each (1:15-21; 10:9-13)	
	*But in Ezekiel 10, the face of a cherub rather than an Ox	*In Revelation each of the cherubim seem to have one face while in Ezekiel, each had four faces.

**** For a full discussion of these cherubim, see L. E. Cooper Sr., Ezekiel, NAC 17 (Nashville: B&H, 1994), 64–69.**

*Four Faces
of Zoē*

Lion – Wild life

Ox – Domestic life

Eagle – Avian life

Man – Human life

Worship of Heaven
Revelation 4:9-11

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:

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.”

