

Chapter 4: Worship In Heaven

What Has Come To Pass At This Point

1:1-3 The Revelation of Jesus Christ; To John, His servant; For His servants

1:4-8 Greetings to the 7 churches of Asia Minor

1:9-20 The vision of Jesus and the instruction to John to write the things he's seen, the which are and the things which are to come. (Past-the pre-existence of Jesus, Present-the current and abiding presence and activity of Jesus, Future- that which Jesus shall bring to pass in time to come)

God tells John to *prophecy 2:1-3:22

The letters to the 7 churches

2:1-7 The letter to the church in Ephesus

2:8-11 The letter to the church in Smyrna

2:12-17 The letter to the church in Pergamum

2:18-19 The letter to the church in Thyatira

3:1-6 The letter to the church in Sardis

3:7-13 The letter to the church in Philadelphia

3:14-22 The letter to the church in Laodicea

Chapter 4:1

Ezekiel 1:1

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the River Chebar, **that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God**

Revelation 19:11

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Acts 7:55-56

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶and said, **"Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"**

Matthew 3:16

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Acts 10:9-11

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. 10Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance **11and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.**

Revelation 1:10-11

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me **a loud voice, as of a trumpet**, 11saying, ***"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."***

Chapter 4:2

John 3:8

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

- **The spirit cannot be seen, but felt/experienced**
- **The spirit cannot be contained, but can go anywhere and everywhere**
- **The spirit cannot be controlled, but His effects are noticeable**

Revelation 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, ***praying in the Holy Spirit***,

Ephesians 6:18

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

1 Kings 22:19

Then ***Micaiah*** said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: ***I saw the LORD sitting on His throne***, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

Ezekiel 1:16

And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above

Chapter 4:3

Revelation 21:10-11

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God. ***Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal***

Genesis 9:12-17

And God said: “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ***13I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*** ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.” ¹⁷And God said to Noah, “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth.

Ezekiel 1:28

Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. ***This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.***

Chapter 4:4

The identity of the 24 Elders is not mentioned with specificity in the scriptures. However, based upon their garments (white robes and golden crowns). The white robes represent the imputed righteousness of Jesus and the golden crown is a reward. The significance of the 24 elders is not their identity, but their activity.

Revelation 11:16-17

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The

One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Psalm 89:6-7

For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? *Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD? 7God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, **And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.***

In first Chronicles chapter 24:1-5, the writer indicates that King David appointed twenty-four elder sons/lineage of Aaron to represent the entire Levitical priesthood. Some scholars believe that this was done by a revelation that David received about the structure of the heavenly realm concerning the throne of God.

Revelation 4:10-11

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.”

Revelation 5:8-9

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the *twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

Revelation 5:14

Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And **the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.**

Revelation 7:11-12

All the angels stood around the throne **and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

Revelation 11:16-17

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Revelation 19:4

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!”

Chapter 4:5

Exodus 19:16-17

Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Revelation 11:19

Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. **And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings**, an earthquake, and great hail.

Revelation 16:17-18

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” **18And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings**; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Exodus 37:17 & 23

He also made the lampstand of pure gold; of hammered work he made the lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its *ornamental* knobs, and its flowers were of the same piece. And he made **its seven lamps**, its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold.

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, **The Spirit of wisdom** and **understanding**, **The Spirit of counsel** and **might**, **The Spirit of knowledge** and of the **fear of the LORD**.

The seven spirits represent completeness and wholeness in God! Not 7 different spirits, but 7 attributes in spirit form of the One True and Living God!

Chapter 4:6

Ezekiel 1:22

The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures *was* like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads

Revelation 15:2

And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God

Exodus 24:10

and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity

Ezekiel 1:22

The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures *was* like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads

***Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.***

Ezekiel 1:5-9

Also from within it *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7Their legs *were* straight, and the soles of their feet *were* like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8The hands of a man *were* under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9Their wings touched one another. *The creatures* did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

Ezekiel 10:14,15,20

Each one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15And the cherubim were lifted up. This *was* the living creature I saw by the River Chebar. This *is* the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they *were* cherubim

Exodus 25:17-22

You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it *of one piece* with the mercy seat. 20And the cherubim shall stretch

out *their* wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim *shall be* toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. **22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony,** about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Genesis 3:24

So He drove out the man; **and He placed cherubim** at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne **and of the four living creatures,** and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 6:1

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; **and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see**

Revelation 6:6

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and

Revelation 7:11

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders **and the four living creatures,** **and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,**

Revelation 14:3

They sang as it were a new song before the throne, **before the four living creatures,** and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 15:7

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

Revelation 19:4

And the twenty-four elders *and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"*

Lucifer – Ezekiel 28:13-15 & Isaiah 14:12-15

You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone *was* your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14“You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ 15Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

The eyes in front and the eyes in back represent the all seeing nature of the 4 beasts. Theologians indicate that these ***are Not Angels***

They worship, they worship and they obey! There connection between obedience and worship.

Luke 6:46-49

But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? 47Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

Chapter 4:7

Ezekiel 1:10-11

10As for the likeness of their faces, *each* had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. 11Thus *were* their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two *wings* of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies

➤ **The Lion – Revelation 5:5 (strength)**

But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

Joel 3:16

The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem;
The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people,
And the strength of the children of Israel.

➤ **The Calf – Ephesians 5:2 (sacrifice)**

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

➤ **The Man – Philippians 2:5-7 (rational and intellectual)**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, **and coming in the likeness of men**.

Jesus refers to Himself as the Son Of Man 81 times (30 times in Matthew, 14 times in Mark, 25 times in Luke and 12 times in John) in the original Greek language

➤ **The Eagle – Deuteronomy 32:11-12 (Salvation, Swiftmess and Judgement)**

As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, ¹²So the LORD alone led him, And *there was* no foreign god with him.

Exodus 19:4

‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Judges 38:40-42

For thus says the LORD: "Behold, ***one shall fly like an eagle***, And spread his wings over Moab. 41Kerioth is taken, And the strongholds are surprised; The mighty men's hearts in Moab on that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs. 42And ***Moab shall be destroyed as a people***, Because he exalted *himself* against the LORD.

Luke 16:36-37

Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." 37And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "***Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.***"

Revelation 19:17-18

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the ***birds that fly in the midst of heaven***, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ***18that you may eat the flesh*** of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.

Chapter 4:8

The 6 wings on each creature represent the number of man, as well as the number of sin. These creatures are often compared to the seraphim (Isaiah 6:1-3)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. 2Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory

The Seraphim declare the glory of God in the earth! The cherubim declare the character of God in heaven.

6 Wings – Representative of the 6 days of work and also the number of man.

Genesis 2:1-2

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

The eyes all around symbolize wisdom and knowledge. They have awareness of all things.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Ephesians 1:18

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men [Matthew 9:27-31](#)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at [Bethsaida](#) [Mark 8:22-26](#)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes [John 9:1-12](#)

Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac [Matthew 12:22-23](#) & [Luke 11:14-23](#)

Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho [Matthew 20:29-34](#), [Mark 10:46-52](#) & [Luke 18:35-43](#)

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

Lord God Almighty

Revelation 1:8

I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, **the Almighty**.”

Who was, and is, and is to come

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Chapter 4:9

In the Greek, the word “give” is stated as “dōsousin” which means prolonged time. This rendering of adoration does not stop after a brief interval, it is continuous for an elongated period.

Glory is a wide and broad range of consistent glory. Meaning there is not just one word, or one phrase or one act or one thought that can present itself as the contextual context what should be given to God.

Honor is related to the value of the adoration being rendered. It is like a rendering of a high monetary price or a valuable thing. We usually consider this to be a transaction, where by what is rendered is the currency for something we desire. However, this is not of monetary worth, it is denoted as esteem or dignity. In other words, you give all of that up as a joy rendering just to be in the presence of God.

Thanksgiving – the Greek word used here is eucharistos, where we get the word eucharist. This means an active grateful language.

To Him who sits on the throne – The definite article. The only one who can occupy it

Isaiah 42:8

I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

Isaiah 48:11

For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it*; For how should *My name* be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.

Habakkuk 1:12

Are You not from everlasting, O LORD, my God, my Holy One? We will not die. You, O LORD, have appointed them to judge; And You, O Rock, have established them to correct.

Revelation 1:18

I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death

Job 36:26

“Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know Him; The number of His years is unsearchable.

Chapter 4:10

Worship = Posture and Projection

Revelation 5:8

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:14

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He Who Lives Forever

5 crowns of heaven

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| 1. The Incorruptible Crown | 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 |
| 2. The Crown of Rejoicing | 1 Thessalonians 2:19 |
| 3. The Crown of Life | James 1:12 & Revelation 2:10 |
| 4. The Crown of Righteousness | 2 Timothy 4:8 |
| 5. The Crown of Glory | 1 Peter 5:1-4 |

The honor that is earned is nothing compared to the honor that should be given to God. The casting of the crowns is symbolic of the unworthiness to hold any honor in the presence of God, but it ALL belongs to HIM.

Chapter 4:11

Revelation 1:6

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, *to Him be glory and dominion forever* and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:12

saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 102:25

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.

Hebrews 1:10-12

And: "You, **LORD**, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:2-3

has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, *through whom also He made the worlds*; 3who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high