



**“Before the
Throne of
God Above”**

Revelation 4

- A **PROMISE** of salvation, justice, & future renewal
- A **PATTERN** to history
- **PREPARATION** for joyful endurance & gospel faithfulness

Revelation 4:1-2 (ESV)

1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.



Revelation 4:3 (ESV)

3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

Jasper



Carnelian

Emerald



Revelation 4:4 (ESV)

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.” (**Revelation 3:21**)



24 elders

Revelation 4:5-6 (ESV)

5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, 6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

Chaos Waters



The Bronze Sea

Revelation 4:6-7 (ESV)

6 ...And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

Revelation 4:8 (ESV)

8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES OF REVELATION 4

THE LION CHERUB



THE EAGLE CHERUB



THE OX CHERUB



THE MAN CHERUB

“The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.” (Psalm 145:15-16)

“Let everything that has breath praise the
LORD! Praise the LORD!” (**Psalm 150:6**)

Revelation 4:9-10 (ESV)

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.

Revelation 4:10-11 (ESV)

10 ...They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

“The crowns... are now rightly offered back to God in acknowledgment that all creaturely honor is dependent on God’s gifts and must redound to the Creator’s praise.” (Fanning)

Revelation 4:11 (ESV)

11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”



dominus et deus noster

“Our Lord and our god”

Domitian

(81-96 AD)



Revelation 4:11 (ESV)

11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them... My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.” (Psalm 145:17-19, 21)

- Take heart! God is on the **THRONE**.
- Recognize! Your purpose & destiny is **WORSHIP**.

**“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and
enjoy Him forever.”**

(The Westminster Catechism)

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24)

- Take heart! God is on the **THRONE**.
- Recognize! Your purpose & destiny is **WORSHIP**.
- **PRAISE** the Lord! Ascribe God the worth He is due. Worship Him in Spirit and in truth!