

REVELATION Lesson 35

The Throne Room of Heaven 4

I. Review: In our last couple of lessons about the throne room of God we saw that the 24 elders and the crystal sea represent the resurrected, glorified, crowned, rewarded, church in heaven after the Rapture of the church. These are fitting symbols of the glorified church assembled before Jesus in heaven before the Tribulation Period begins on earth.

II. In (Rev. 4:5 NKJV) we have a symbol of the Holy Spirit before the throne of God. *⁵And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

A. You will remember that the Holy Spirit is symbolized by the number 7 in chapter 1:4 *⁴John, 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.*

B. The seven Spirits in chapter 1, or seven lamps of fire burning before the throne in chapter 4, are symbolic passages referring to the Holy Spirit.

1. Seven is the number of Perfection and completeness in the Bible.

2. God created the world in 6 days, and on the 7th day He rested in His completed, perfect work of creation.

3. The Sabbath rest on the 7th day of the Old Testament foreshadowed man's rest in God's finished completed, perfect, work of redemption in the New Testament.

4. Seven denotes the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit before God's throne.

5. (Isa. 11:1, 2 NKJV) gives the sevenfold description of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the Messiah. *¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The (1) Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (2)The Spirit of wisdom and (3)understanding, The (4)Spirit of counsel and (5)might, The Spirit of (6)knowledge and of the (7)fear of the LORD.*

6. In this passage the Holy Spirit is referred to by 7 titles:

1. The Spirit of the LORD.

2. The Spirit of wisdom.

3. The Spirit of understanding.
4. The Spirit of counsel.
5. The Spirit of might.
6. The Spirit of knowledge.
7. The Spirit of the fear of the LORD.

C. You will remember that the Holy Spirit is also symbolized by fire.

1. **(Acts 2:1-4 NKJV)** ¹*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* ²*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.* ³*Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.* ⁴*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

2. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the church in fire.

3. Now you can understand this passage in Revelation. There are seven churches in Asia who are representative of every local church in the world.

4. These seven churches are symbolized by seven lampstands.

5. The oil in those seven lamps and the fire on those seven lamps are represented by the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne...the Holy Spirit.

6. The significance is that every church is a lampstand for the fire of the Holy Spirit, and that is what God has called this church to be.

a. **(Rom. 12:11 NKJV)** ¹¹*not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*

b. 2. **(Rom. 12:11 AMP)** ¹¹*Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.*

C. That is why we must stay full of the Holy Spirit.