

Revelation

“After these things...”

Last Time

- 3 verses describing the view from heaven
- Human expression has failed
- Doors in heaven, speaking trumpets
- THE Throne and its magnificent occupant
- Seated clothed in a substantial light
- Shadowlands and more real than real
- Noah's rainbow ever before His eyes



Revelation 4

Rev 4:4 Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

The Glorious King

- Gives us a view of a King in Scarlet
 - Majestic, powerful, over all, uncontested
 - Isa 6 – we each need this view of God
 - Worthy of Worship and praise
 - Whose presence alone invokes awe
 - Where are we exactly in heaven?



24 Thrones 24 Elders

- 24 Thrones surround the great throne
- Not seats! *Thronos*, stately seat of power
- God is NOT alone Thrones are filled
- Presbuteros position of authority and service
- Why 24?
 - 1 Chronicles 24:3-5
 - 1 Peter 2:9

24 Thrones 24 Elders

- Sitting in the King's presence?!
- Clothed in white garments
- Sardis Rev 3:5 and Laodicia Rev 3:18
- Golden crowns *stephanos* Rev 2:10, 3:11
 - Badge of royalty 1 Peter 2:9
 - Prize in the public games 1 Cor 9:25, Heb 12:1
 - Symbol of honor



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Rev 4:5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

THE Throne

- Lightning and Thunder
 - Sinai Encounter Ex 19:16; 20:18;
 - Glory Ps 18:9-13; Glory
 - Lit Lightning Lightning and Thunder Thunder
- 7 Lamps – from 1:12, *lampas*, torch
 - Jesus was in the midst of lampstands, church
 - But here, they are the 7 Spirits of God again
 - Ge 15:17; Ex 37:23; Zec 4:2

A reconstruction of the Menorah of the Temple created by the Temple Institute

- Israel was given a blueprint for a copy of the original in heaven!





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Rev 4:6 and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

7 The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

Glass sea:

- Sea of Glass – see 15:2 (only times)
 - Ex 24:10 - Sapphire
 - Appearance not material is in view
 - In and around the Throne...
- 4 Creatures, full of eyes – Ezk 1, Isa 6
 - Seraphim = Worship
 - Symbols?





Living Creatures:

- “LIKE” a Lion, Calf, Man, Eagle
 - Appearance not actual animal
 - 6 wings = speed
 - Eyes within, without, all around...
 - This indicates awareness, alert
 - For what purpose?

Making The Case:

- Day and Night Ministry - WORSHIP
 - Initiate Worship for the throne room
 - Holy, Holy, Holy
 - Lord God Almighty
 - Infinite Characteristics – eternal
 - Who was and is and is to come