

Revelation Study
Vision 1
Worship God Almighty
Revelation 4:1-11

- I. A Door Standing Open In Heaven (1)
 - A. Often interpreted as a “rapture passage”
 - 1. Should not be viewed as such
 - 2. The continued presence of the saints throughout the Revelation
 - 3. The concept of “cycling visions”
 - 4. The inclusion of many other “come up here” passages throughout the book
 - B. This is a connection with OT language for prophetic vision (Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, et.al.)
 - C. “after these things” is not chronological – it is a linguistic tool expressing the presentation of a prophetic presentation (Daniel 7, Ezekiel 1)
 - 1. The order John saw the visions
 - 2. Not necessarily the order the visions occurred
- II. The Vision of God on His Throne (2-8)
 - A. Imagery borrowed from Ezekiel 1, Daniel 7, Isaiah 6, and others.
 - B. God is sovereignly seated upon his throne
 - C. He has dominion over all that is around
 - D. He demonstrates both power and glory and the promise of covenantal deliverance (lightning, thunder, rainbow, sea)
- III. The Creatures and the Elders (4, 7-8)
 - A. Four creatures
 - 1. Likely angelic beings
 - 2. Representative of all creation in general
 - B. 24 Elders
 - 1. Representative of all God’s “elect”
 - 2. 12 Tribes of the OT
 - 3. 12 Apostles of the NT
 - 4. Ephesians 2:10-22
- IV. The Song We Sing (8-11)
 - A. God is Holy Trinity
 - B. God is Almighty
 - C. God is Eternal
 - D. God is worthy
 - 1. Of glory
 - 2. Of honor
 - 3. Of power
 - E. God is Creator
 - F. God is Sovereign Sustainer