

Midweek Bible Study

The Throne Room of Heaven Opened Rev. 4:1-11

Introduction to Revelation 4-5

1. The uniqueness of this passage
2. Rev. 4-5 is foundational to the book.
3. The attributes and glory of God form the centerpiece of the throne room scene.
4. A brief reminder about literalism.

I. Behold, a Door Standing Opened in Heaven (4:1)

- A. After these things –
 - B. Behold a door having been opened in heaven
 - C. The first voice which I heard as a trumpet
 - D. Saying, “Come up here and I will show you which is necessary to happen, after these things”

II. The Throne of God Described (4:2-7)

- A. The beauty of the One on the Throne (2-3)
 1. Immediately I was in the Spirit
 2. Behold a throne set in heaven
 3. The One sitting upon the throne
 4. Like the appearance of jasper and sardius
 5. And a rainbow encircled the throne like the appearance of emerald



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- B. The twenty-four elders around the Throne (4)
 - 1. Around the throne, 24 thrones
 - 2. Seated upon the thrones 24 elders
 - 3. Clothed in white garments and crowns of gold upon their heads

- C. Theophany from the Throne (5)
 - 1. Lightning proceeds from the throne
 - 2. And sounds of thunder
 - 3. And seven burning lamps of fire before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God

- D. The four living creatures in the midst and around the throne (6-7)
 - 1. Before the throne a sea of glass, like crystal
 - 2. And in the midst and around the throne, four living beings
 - 3. Full of eyes in the front and the back
 - 4. The first was like a lion
 - 5. The second was like an ox
 - 6. The third has the face of a man
 - 7. The fourth like an eagle flying mid-air

III. The Worship of God Around the Throne (4:8-11)

- A. The four living creatures worship (4:8)



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1. Further description of the living beings
 - a. The four living beings, each one having six wings
 - b. Full of eyes within and without
 2. Their worship
 - a. They have no rest day and night, saying
 - b. Holy Holy Holy is God the Almighty
 - c. The one who was, who is, and who is to come
- B. The twenty-four elders worship (4:9-11)
1. When the four living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the One sitting upon the throne
 2. The 24 elders fall before the One sitting upon the throne
 3. They worship Him who lives forever and ever
 4. And cast their crowns before the throne
 5. Their worship
 - a. Worthy are You, Our Lord and our God
 - b. To receive glory and honor and power
 - c. Because You created all things
 - d. And because of Your will they exist and were created

