

REVELATION 4 vs 1

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Notice: 12 times in this chapter John writes about the magnificent throne... obviously, the center of attention in all creation; yet, the majesty of our great Father is so profoundly underscored, as we learn the One who occupies that chair... is satisfied simply to be recorded 1 time in the 2nd person = he; and 3 times in the 3rd person = him... our loving Father in heaven...who is pleased to receive praise and thanksgiving even from some of the strangest creatures.



1 After this I looked, and there in heaven was an opened door.

And the first voice I heard talking to me like a trumpet said / John, whom Jesus loved, lived longer than the other disciples, as representative of the Love of His life – His church hears a voice;

Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this / being a visual learner... in my bible... throughout the Revelation... verses that seem to detail activities in heaven are highlighted in **blue**; those activities that seem to be on earth in **green**.

2 Immediately I was in the spirit:



and there was a throne in heaven,

and someone sat on the throne / notice the word: one... is in italics, always indicating added by the KJV translators to help us understand better the syntax – the throne was occupied.

3 And the One seated there appeared like a jasper and a sardius stone: and a rainbow with an appearance of an emerald / the look: transparent, costly, colorful.

4 And surrounding the throne were twenty-four seats: and upon the seats I saw twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white clothes; with crowns of gold and on their heads / representing ALL the redeemed.

5 And flashes of lightning and rumblings and thunderous sounds proceeded from the throne:

Seven fiery torches burned before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God / the prophet Isaiah, **says the Spirit of the Lord; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord**... he could have mentioned 10,000 other traits belonging to the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, and Comforter -- **Isaiah 11**.

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6 And something like a sea of glass, like crystal was also before the throne. And four beings: covered with eyes in front and in back were at the center, and around the throne / zoon, creatures, beings; these 4 beings stand closest to God's throne; listening to Him, echoing Him...

7 The first being was like a lion, and the second being like a calf, and the third being had a face like a man, and the fourth being was like a flying eagle.

8 Each of the four beings had six wings, and covered with eyes around and inside / they each can move any direction; they can detect any action:

day and night they never stop, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, the LORD God Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.**

9 And when those beings give glory, honor and thanks to the **One** who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

10 the four and twenty elders / the redeemed of all ages,

fall down before the **One** who sits on the throne, and worship the **One** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 **O LORD, You are worthy,
to receive glory and honor and power:
for You created all things,
and for Your pleasure they exist and were created.**