

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
**The Book of Revelation**  
**Lesson 10**  
**4: 1-11**

- Chapter 4 is a pivotal point in the book of Revelation
  - Chapters 1-3 focused on the 7 churches of Asia and the church throughout history
- But now, a big change is seen in the text, so before we go any farther, let me give you a brief outline for the remainder of the book . . .
  - Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, however, are John's vision of the "throne room of heaven"
  - Chapters \_\_\_\_\_ focus on the events of the Great Tribulation
  - Chapters \_\_\_\_\_ reveals the binding of Satan, the millennial reign of Christ, Satan's final rebellion and defeat, and the Great White Throne Judgment"
  - Chapters \_\_\_\_\_ conclude the book by describing the establishment of the "New Jerusalem" and the eternal reign of Christ, and His bride (the church) over all the earth
- What has happened to the church?
- Next week, I am going to devote the entire study to this issue of the Rapture, but for tonight, please just remember the following
- When the Rapture occurs . . .
- All Christians, who are alive, will be \_\_\_\_\_ and taken to heaven
- All Christians who \_\_\_\_\_ (physically dead) will see their bodies resurrected
- The church's \_\_\_\_\_ will be removed from the earth

**1) Identity of those in the "throne room of heaven"**

- a) v. 1, we find 2 people that need identifying
  - 1) "After these things I looked ..." this is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) "And the first voice which I heard ..." this is the voice of \_\_\_\_\_
- b) v. 2, "immediately I was in the Spirit"...this is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) "and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne"...this is \_\_\_\_\_
- c) v. 3, description of the "One (who) sat on the throne"
  - 1) This is a description of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel originally given in Exodus 28:17-21
- d) v. 4, "Around the thrones were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw \_\_\_\_\_ elders"
  - 1) We can identify them because of their number and their adornment . . .
  - 2) The number 24 is very symbolic and represents 2 groups of 12
  - 3) 12 \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the "redeemed of God" prior to the coming of Christ
  - 4) 12 \_\_\_\_\_ of the church, the "redeemed of God" after the coming of Christ, or the church
  - 5) Now notice what the 24 elders are wearing, "clothed in white robes and they had crowns of gold upon their heads"

- 6) The Greek language refers to 2 kinds of crown, “diadem” and “stephanos”
  - (1) The “diadem” is the crown of a ruling king or government official
  - (2) The “stephanos” is a crown given when someone when a victory in a sporting event, and was usually made of leaves
  - (3) The crown in this passage is a “stephanos” and represents the victory we have over sin and death!
- e) v. 5, Self-explanatory, these “seven lamps of fire” are the “seven spirits of God”
- f) v. 6, “around the throne, were four \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 1) In the Old Testament, we see these living creatures referred to as \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) John describes these living creatures in the following way, and Jewish tradition tells us that God’s created order is represented in the faces of the cherubim
  - 3) “the first living creature was like a \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 4) “the second living creature was like a \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 5) “the third living creature had a face like a \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 6) “the fourth living creature was like a \_\_\_\_\_”
- 7) Therefore, all of creation is involved in worshipping the Creator in Heaven!

## 2) Activity of those in the “throne room of heaven”

- a) Have you ever wondered what you and I will do in heaven?
- b) v. 8-11 tells us that we will be . . .
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - 2) Praising God \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Have you ever been in a worship service, a revival meeting, a prayer meeting when the Spirit of God seemed to just “break loose”?
- d) Imagine a service like that which never ends . . . and you have some idea of what we will be doing in heaven!
- e) Criswell writes, “What ultimate blessedness and glory the Lord has purposes for His people! Until then, precious beyond compare it is to call on His name now, to love Him now, to trust in Jesus now. That is our appeal and invitation to your heart.”