

2At once I was in the Spirit, and I saw a **throne** standing in heaven, with someone seated on it. 3The One seated there looked like jasper and carnelian, and a **rainbow** that gleamed like an emerald **encircled the throne**. 4Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and on these thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white, with golden crowns on their heads. 5From the throne came **flashes of lightning**, rumblings, and peals of thunder. Before the throne burned **seven torches of fire**. These are the seven spirits^a of God. 6And before the throne was something like a **sea of glass**, as clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were **four living creatures, covered with eyes in front and back**. 7The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second like a **calf**, the third had a face like a **man**, and the fourth was like an **eagle** in flight. 8And each of the four living creatures had **six wings** and was **covered with eyes** all around and within. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, Holy, Holy,
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

Revelation 4:2-8

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