

Urgency Part 10 The second Vision

Revelation 4:1-11

The message to the churches is now over. He told them who He is, pointed out their failures, and warned and counseled them to correct their failures. He also gave them a very great promise if they will overcome. Now is the time for the church to see the future events that are coming to this world. It is time for the churches to know that Jesus Christ is coming back to earth. He is going to end this world, and establish the Kingdom of God. Remember the words of John in **Revelation 1:19**. ¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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¹ After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

² And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

³ And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

⁴ And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

⁵ And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⁶ And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

As we look at the book of Revelation we must take note that the church is not mentioned after the 3rd chapter. I am a believer in pre-tribulation that means the true believers will be raptured out of here.

Thought 1- These events will happen as they were recorded and we also have to realize that this book is a book of symbols and it isn't easy to understand you have to work to understand it.

Thought 2- There are three doors mentioned in the book of Revelation: There is the open door of evangelism and missions, the door which God opens to the churches for bearing witness to the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. God will never close these doors I believe, but we must always make sure that we keep those doors open.

Revelation 3:8 ⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Acts 1:8 ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

There is the door of the human heart: When believers carry the message of the gospel to their neighbors, it is then up to the individual person to open up the door of his or her heart to receive the gospel. Every person has a door that has to be opened to receive the gospel: the door of their heart. Revelation 3:20 Jesus said He stands at the door and knocks.

There is a door of revelation: once the person has opened the door of their heart, Christ reveals the glorious things of Himself, of God and Heaven and the world. He will unfold His word to you.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1. God described: There is God sitting on his great throne, no human form can be described. God is described as light, the dazzling light of precious stones.

The countenance of God shone like a jasper stone, this represents God's perfection.

The sardine stone was a fiery red which represents the justice of God.

The rainbow that surrounded the throne looked emerald green, this represents God's mercy.

Note this: the throne of God covers the whole scope of salvation. This is the light of God, the very light that man needs.

Psalms 104:2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

1 Timothy 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

John 12:35-36 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

³⁶ While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

2. The Elders of Revelation: 1. They are seated upon thrones that surround God, they are resting in God, they are given permanent place in God's presence. 2. They are clothed in white, they are pure and holy. 3. They have crowns of gold on their heads, this means they hold positions of authority. People in heaven must serve under them.

3. God's throne: Three things are now added to the throne of God to show how awesome the presence of God is. There is God's voice which is so commanding that it sounds like lightning and thunder. The very will of God is sounded fourth from the throne.

The seven torches of burning fire are a symbol of the Holy Spirit in all of His fullness and completeness. There is a sea of glass stretching before the throne like a big piece of crystal.

Exodus 24:10 and ¹⁰ And they saw [a manifestation of] the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, just as clear as the sky itself.

Ezk 1:22-26 ²² And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

²³ And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

²⁴ And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

²⁵ And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

²⁶ And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

The sea of glass symbolizes the value and presence of God. The glass shows how God can see everything, His penetrating vision into all things. And that He has no impurities in Him.

4. The four creatures surrounding the throne: They are guardians of God's throne. What do they represent? One being like a lion could represent power. One being like an ox, this could represent redemption through sacrifice. One being like a man could represent the son of man, Jesus himself. One being like an eagle could represent strength, swiftness. There are many commentaries on this subject, and sometimes I think that we are not meant to understand everything that's Gregology. I encourage you to go and dig deeper. You could say that these creatures stand for all God is.

5. The 24 Elders: They show subjection and subservience. They fall down before the throne, they yield their all to Him. We could use **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ¹⁹What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Psalms 119:12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

God alone is our hope; we have no other hope.

Truly no one for sure knows who the 24 Elders are. From the commentary I have read the 24 elders represent the church. You will notice the Elders are seated on thrones to sit on a throne as a symbol of power and authority. So I believe that the Elders represent the church, more specifically the overcoming, victorious, and raptured church because these scenes are playing out during the great tribulation. The elders are dressed in white and have crowns, I believe this is the redeemed of Christ. Why 24? In the book of Chronicles 1:24 They are broken down in 24 sections. In 1 Chronicles 25 the musicians were broken down in 24 sections.