

Revelation 4

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4 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. (John is now taken to a time after the 7th Trump has sounded. He is in the Millennium Period, after Jesus has returned as Messiah. God is showing John what we can expect in the end times; so that we may be prepared, and not fooled by antichrist)

NOTE: (God is talking to John; not to the "church" as so many false preachers claim. They use this one verse, out of context. They change its meaning to make a case for their rapture theory. Rapture theory was invented by Margaret McDonald in 1831. It is not Biblical)

²And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. Psalms-103:19-22 (John is taken to the Lord's Day, in the spirit. God showed him so that he could teach us about what will happen in the end days of this Age)

NOTE: (These verses are specifically talking about John, not the church. The rapture theory is a man made false teaching. Those who fall for it will be deceived into worshipping antichrist. His message will be – "I've come to rapture you away. All you have to do is to worship me")

³And 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. (This is God, sitting on His throne, in all His glory)

(Jasper and Sardine stone – are the first and last stones of the Hebrew priest's breast plate – symbolic for the Alpha & the Omega – the first and the last)

⁴And 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. (They made the first resurrection. They have achieved immortality with God) see 1Corinthians 15:53-55

(Many believe these 24 to be the 12 patriarch of Israel, and the 12 Apostles. Judas repented after he betrayed Jesus. He didn't commit suicide. He was cut open so that his guts fell out onto the floor. He

was probably killed by the Kenites so that he couldn't talk. That could have gotten them executed by the Romans; for falsely accusing Jesus and having Him executed) see Acts-1:18

⁵And 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. (One God, many offices – the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, the Angel of God, Melchizedek, Messiah, King of kings, Lord of lords, etc)

NOTE: (The trinity was made up by the early church. There is only one God – not three working together. God is whoever and whenever He wishes to be. Time and space mean nothing to God)

⁶And 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. (sea of glass – symbolic for purity)

(beasts = Zoi<Hebrew>, Zune <Greek> - living creatures, not beasts – bad translation) (These creatures guard the throne of God, like an honor guard. They have no free will)

NOTES: During the First Age, Satan was one of these honor guards. It is believed by some that Michael was the second. God couldn't trust Satan. He rebelled and tried to become the Savior, the Messiah. God sentenced him to death for it. He will die just before the Third Age begins)

(Meanwhile, God uses Satan to test the people. Will we choose good <the ways of God>, or evil <the ways of the world>? That is why we are all here in the flesh – to make that choice. That is the "meaning of life")

⁷And 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. (These 4 are the standards of the Hebrew tribes that guarded the camp in the wilderness, when Moses led them) see Numbers-2, also Ezekiel-1:4-11

⁸And 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. Ezekiel-1:4 & Numbers-2

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, (These creatures are the honor guard of God's throne)

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. (glory and honour and power = The Honor, The Glory, The Power <of God> – in the Hebrew; it loses emphasis in the English translation)

(for thy pleasure they are and were created = we were all created for God's pleasure. Live a good, honest, and charitable life and God will take pleasure in blessing you. Live by His Commandments and have an enjoyable life here; and in the eternity, afterwards)