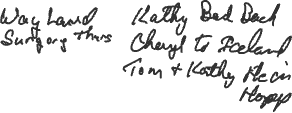
**Lesson 11**



**Rev 4:1-11**



**Revelation 4:1-11 (NASB77)**   
1  After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, " Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."



**III. The Revelation of the Future: "What Will Take Place Later" (**[**chaps. 4-22**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4-22)**)**

In keeping with the divine outline given in [1:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A19), God unfolded to John the details of the future, "what will take place later." This includes the stirring events leading up to the second coming of Christ ([chaps. 4-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4-18)); then the Second Coming itself ([chap. 19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19)); then the aftermath, the millennial kingdom ([chap. 20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20)); and finally the New Jerusalem and the new heaven and new earth ([chaps. 21-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21-22)). It is obvious that the central truth is the second coming of Christ in [chapter 19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19), just as the central feature of the four Gospels was the first coming of Christ.

While many interpretations of the Book of Revelation have been suggested, the only views which provide a cogent understanding are those which consider the book, beginning with [chapter 4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4), as referring to future events. Any other system of interpretation gets lost in a maze of conflicting opinions.

While the events portrayed in this futuristic section are not necessarily all in strict chronological order, they are all yet future. As such, they present a more graphic picture of the future, given in more detail, than is found in any other part of the Bible. Such a revelation is a fitting climax to all the biblical prophecies relating to human history, which are properly centered in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The revelation of the future opens with a vision of heaven ([chaps. 4-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4-5)). Beginning in [chapter 6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+6) the seven seals, as they are broken, constitute the main chronological movement of the Great Tribulation, leading up to the second coming of Christ. The seven trumpets give the details of events which will follow the breaking of the seventh seal. Likewise in [chapter 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16) the seven bowls of the wrath of God unfold the content of the seventh trumpet.

The order is climactic, and as the period approaches the second coming of Christ, events occur with increasing rapidity and greater devastation. Once Christ's second coming is revealed, the concluding chapters briefly summarize the wide expanse of future events—[chapter 20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20) relating to the millennial kingdom, and [chapters 21-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21-22) describing the new heaven and the new earth.

It is obvious that the main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to present the second coming of Christ and accompanying events and to alert the people of God as well as the world as a whole to the importance of being prepared for God's coming judgment.

**A. The vision of the heavenly throne (**[**chap. 4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4)**)**

**1. The Invitation (**[**4:1**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A1)**)**

[**4:1**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A1)**.** John saw the vision of the heavenly throne after he heard the revelation of the messages to the churches. The time sequence is indicated by the expression **after this** (*meta tauta*, in the nasb, "after these things").

John saw **a door... open in heaven** and heard a **voice** inviting him, **Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.** The words "what must take place after this" are similar to those in [1:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A19), "what will take place later." Whereas [1:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A19) indicates that the events *will* take place later, in [4:1b](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A1) the Greek word *dei* is used, which means that the events *must* occur. This points not only to the future but also to the sovereign purpose of God. The similarity of the two expressions confirms the threefold chronological outline given in [1:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A19). Both the revelation and its fulfillment are chronologically subsequent to [chapters 1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1-3).

**Revelation 1:19 (NASB77)**   
19  " Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.

**Revelation 4:1 (NASB)**   
1  After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

2  Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.   
3  And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

**2. The Heavenly Throne (**[**4:2-3**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A2-3)**)**

[**4:2-3**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A2-3)**.** John stated that immediately he **was in the Spirit** (or "in [my] spirit"; cf. [1:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A10); [17:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A3)) meaning that experientially he was taken up to heaven though his body was actually still on the island of Patmos. **In heaven** he saw a great **throne** with One **sitting on it** who **had the appearance of jasper and carnelian.** This jasper (cf. [21:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A18)) is a clear stone in contrast to the opaque jasper stones known today; it may have resembled a diamond. The carnelian, also known as ruby (the niv trans. it "ruby" in the OT), and sardius, were a ruby-red color. The jasper and the carnelian were the first and last of the 12 gemstones worn on the high priest's breast (cf. [Ex. 28:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+28%3A17-21)). Jasper and sardius were used in relation to the king of Tyre ([Ezek. 28:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+28%3A13)) and will be in the foundation of the New Jerusalem ([Rev. 21:19-20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A19-20)). The throne's overall appearance was one of great beauty and color, enhanced by **a rainbow, resembling an emerald,** which **encircled the throne.** The green color of the emerald added further beauty to the scene.

**Revelation 1:10 (NASB)**   
10  I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet,

**Revelation 17:3 (NASB)**   
3  And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

**Revelation 21:18 (NASB)**   
18  The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

**Exodus 28:17 (NASB)**   
17  "You shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row *shall be* a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;

**Exodus 28:18 (NASB)**   
18  and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

**Exodus 28:19 (NASB)**   
19  and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

**Exodus 28:20 (NASB)**   
20  and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.

**Exodus 28:21 (NASB)**   
21  "The stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be *like* the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

**Ezekiel 28:13 (NASB)**   
13  "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

**Revelation 21:19 (NASB)**   
19  The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

**Revelation 21:20 (NASB)**   
20  the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

4  And around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

**3. The 24 Elders (**[**4:4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A4)**)**

[**4:4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A4)**.** Around the principal **throne** were **24** lesser **thrones** on which were **seated... 24 elders. They were dressed in white** and were wearing **crowns of gold on their heads.** The crowns were similar to those given victors in Greek games (*stephanos*), in contrast with the crown of a sovereign ruler (*diadēma*, "diadem"). The crowns seem to indicate that the elders had been judged and rewarded.

There has been much speculation on the identity of the elders. The two major views are (1) that they represent the church raptured prior to this time and rewarded in heaven, or (2) that they are angels who have been given large responsibilities. The number 24 is the number of representation, illustrated in the fact that in the Law of Moses there were 24 orders of the priesthood. (For further discussion of the identity of the 24 elders see the [comments](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=137&sec=00056901#link1523) on [5:8-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A8-10).)

5  And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

**4. The Seven Spirits Of God (**[**4:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A5)**)**

[**4:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A5)**.** The impressive scene of heaven was enhanced by **flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder.** Thunder is mentioned eight times in Revelation ([4:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A5); [6:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+6%3A1); [8:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+8%3A5); [11:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A19); [14:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A2); [16:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A18); [19:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A6)). John also saw **seven lamps** which **were blazing.** These seven lamps were said to be **the seven spirits of God.** These should be understood to represent the Holy Spirit rather than seven individual spirits or angels, with the concept of the sevenfold character of the Spirit ([Isa. 11:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+11%3A2-3); cf. [Rev. 1:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A4); [5:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A6)). With God the Father seated on the throne and the Holy Spirit represented by the seven lamps, the stage was then set for the revelation ([chap. 5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5)) of Christ Himself as the slain Lamb.

**Revelation 4:5 (NASB)**   
5  Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

**Revelation 6:1 (NASB)**   
1  Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."

**Revelation 8:5 (NASB)**   
5  Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

**Revelation 11:19 (NASB)**   
19  And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

**Revelation 14:2 (NASB)**   
2  And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps.

**Revelation 16:18 (NASB)**   
18  And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

**Revelation 19:6 (NASB)**   
6  Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Isaiah 11:2 (NASB)**   
2  The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

**Isaiah 11:3 (NASB)**   
3  And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

**Revelation 1:4 (NASB)**   
4  John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

**Revelation 5:6 (NASB)**   
6  And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

6  and before the throne *there was,* as it were, a sea of glass like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.   
7   And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.   
8  And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, " HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, who was and who is and who is to come."

**5. The Four Living Creatures (**[**4:6-8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A6-8)**)**

[**4:6-8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A6-8)**. A sea of glass, clear as crystal,** was **before the throne** and reflected all the brilliant colors of the entire heavenly scene (cf. [15:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A2)). **In the center** of the picture **four living creatures** were compared to **a lion... an ox... a man** and **a flying eagle. Each of the... creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around.** They were said to be continually praising God as the **holy... Almighty** (*pantokratōr*; cf. [1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A8); [11:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A17); [15:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A3); [16:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A7), [14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A14); [19:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A6), [15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A15); [21:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A22)), and eternal One (**who was, and is, and is to come;** cf. [1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A8); [11:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A17)). This is the first of 14 doxologies in the Book of Revelation (see the [chart](about:blank#link136)).

Many interpretations have been given of the four living creatures. As the Holy Spirit was seen symbolically in the seven lamps, probably the four living creatures symbolically represent the attributes of God including His omniscience and omnipresence (indicated by the creatures being full of eyes)—with the four animals bringing out other attributes of God: the lion indicating majesty and omnipotence; the ox, typical of faithful labor and patience; man, indicating intelligence; and the eagle, the greatest bird, representing supreme sovereignty. Another possible view is that they represent Christ as revealed in the four Gospels: in Matthew, the lion of the tribe of Judah; in Mark, the ox as the servant of Yahweh; in Luke, the incarnate human Jesus; and in John, the eagle as the divine Son of God. Another alternative is that the four living creatures are angels (cf. [Isa. 6:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+6%3A2-3)), who extol the attributes of God.

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| **14 Doxologies in the Book of Revelation** | | |
| **References** | **The One(s) Giving the Praise** | **The One(s) Receiving the Praise** |
| [4:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A8) | 4 living creatures | God the Father |
| [4:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A11) | 24 elders | God the Father |
| [5:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A9-10) | 24 elders and 4 living creatures | The Lamb (Christ) |
| [5:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A12) | Many angels | The Lamb |
| [5:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A13) | Every creature | God the Father and the Lamb |
| [7:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A10) | Tribulation martyrs | God the Father and the Lamb |
| [7:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A12) | Angels, 24 elders, and 4 living creatures | God the Father |
| [11:16-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A16-18) | 24 elders | God the Father |
| [15:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A3-4) | Tribulation saints | God the Father and the Lamb |
| [16:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A5-6) | Angel | God the Father |
| [16:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A7) | "The altar" | God the Father |
| [19:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A1-3) | A great multitude | God the Father |
| [19:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A4) | 24 elders and 4 living creatures | God the Father |
| [19:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A6-8) | A great multitude | God the Father |

**Revelation 15:2 (NASB)**   
2  And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

**Revelation 1:8 (NASB)**   
8  "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Revelation 11:17 (NASB)**   
17  saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

**Revelation 15:3 (NASB)**   
3  And they \*sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

**Revelation 16:7 (NASB)**   
7  And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

**Revelation 16:14 (NASB)**   
14  for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 19:6 (NASB)**   
6  Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Revelation 19:15 (NASB)**   
15  From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 21:22 (NASB)**   
22  I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

**Revelation 1:8 (NASB)**   
8  "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Revelation 11:17 (NASB)**   
17  saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

**Isaiah 6:2 (NASB)**   
2  Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

**Isaiah 6:3 (NASB)**   
3  And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

9  And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,   
10  the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,   
11  " Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

**6. Worship In Heaven (**[**4:9-11**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A9-11)**)**

[**4:9-11**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A9-11)**.** The worship by the four **living creatures** is attended by **the 24 elders** also worshiping the One **on the throne** and attributing to God **glory and honor and power** (cf. [5:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A12-13)) and acknowledging that He is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe (cf. [John 1:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+1%3A3); [Eph. 3:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+3%3A9); [Col. 1:16-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+1%3A16-17); [Heb. 1:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+1%3A2-3); [Rev. 10:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+10%3A6); [14:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A7)). **They lay their crowns before the throne** in ascribing all glory to Him as the Sovereign.

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**Revelation 5:12 (NASB)**   
12  saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

**Revelation 5:13 (NASB)**   
13  And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

**John 1:3 (NASB)**   
3  All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

**Ephesians 3:9 (NASB)**   
9  and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

**Colossians 1:16 (NASB)**   
16  For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

**Colossians 1:17 (NASB)**   
17  He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**Hebrews 1:2 (NASB)**   
2  in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

**Hebrews 1:3 (NASB)**   
3  And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Revelation 10:6 (NASB)**   
6  and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,

**Revelation 14:7 (NASB)**   
7  and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

**Open it**

1. What do you most look forward to about heaven?   
 **Talking with God and a new body, no tears**  
  
**Explore it**

2. After receiving messages for the seven churches, what did John see? ([4:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A1))   
 **A door standing open in heaven**

3. What did the voice John heard say to him? ([4:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A1))   
 **Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.**

4. How did John describe the one sitting on a throne? ([4:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A3))   
**3  And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.**

5. How did John describe what he saw? ([4:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A3))   
 **He described the person as precious stones**

6. How were the twenty-four elders dressed? ([4:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A4))   
 **Clothed in white with golden crowns upon their heads**

7. What came from the throne? ([4:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A5))   
 **lightning and thunder**

8. What kind of creatures were "in the center, around the throne"? ([4:6-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A6-7))   
 **creatures full of eyes from and back, with 6 wings**

9. What attribute of God did the four living creatures praise again and again? ([4:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A8))   
 **"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."**

10. How did the twenty-four elders worship the Lord God? ([4:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A9-10))   
 **They fell down before him and will worship him forever, casting their crowns before him**

11. Why did the elders say God was worthy of their worship? ([4:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A11))   
**11  "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."**  
**Get it**

12. Why do you think God’s throne figures prominently in the book of Revelation?   
 **It means we are with him and will be able to praise and worship him as he deserves for our salvation**

13. What attitudes do you think are expressed by falling down before God?   
 **We are not worthy to stand before him, by falling down we recognize he is our Lord and God**

14. What does it mean to worship God?   
 **To praise him for all that he has done for me, us and give him the glory for doing it**

15. What changes are you moved to make when you reflect on the holiness and majesty of God Almighty?   
 **I realize just how humble I should be, how much he has done**  
  
**Apply it**

16. What reminders can you use this week to keep the reality and glory of God at the front of your mind?   
 **Prayer, study, praise him**

17. How can you begin today to make praise and worship of God a more regular part of your life?   
 **See 16**