

Revelation Chapter 4



Quick outline:

- Vs 1 The Door
- Vs 2,3 The throne of God
- Vs 4 24 Elders
- Vs 5 7 Lamps burning
- Vs 6 The sea of glass
- Vs 6-8 The Cherubim

Understand.

- These are not visions!
- After these things.
- Remember the outline 1:19
 - 4:1 After these things /things that will take place after this.
 - So we are turning a page into a NEW section of time.
- I looked.
- Go Back to Ch 1:10 (on Earth for Ch 1-3)

Revelation 4:1

- A door.
 - When we think of a door it means it is either open or closed
 - A barrier.
- *thoo'-rah*
- Apparently a primary word (compare "door"); a *portal* or entrance (the opening or the closure, literally or figuratively): - door, gate.
- **Total KJV occurrences: 39**
- **Matt 25:10, Matt 27:60, Luke 13:25 (Matt 7), John 10:1-2,7,9, 4x in Rev**
- Key in on these verses.

Revelation 4:1

- A door.
 - What do you note about the door?
 - Just like the stone that freed Jesus to come out of the grave, we too are freed to come out of our earthly grave.
 - But what else?
 - Jesus in John 10 is that very door.
 - Matt tells us that the door is closed to some. (don't mistake take this in 3:20)
 - So now lets look that this in perspective.
 - John is where?
 - And sees what?
 - And Where is it?
 - So now, for the living on the Earth the door has been opened.

Revelation 4:1

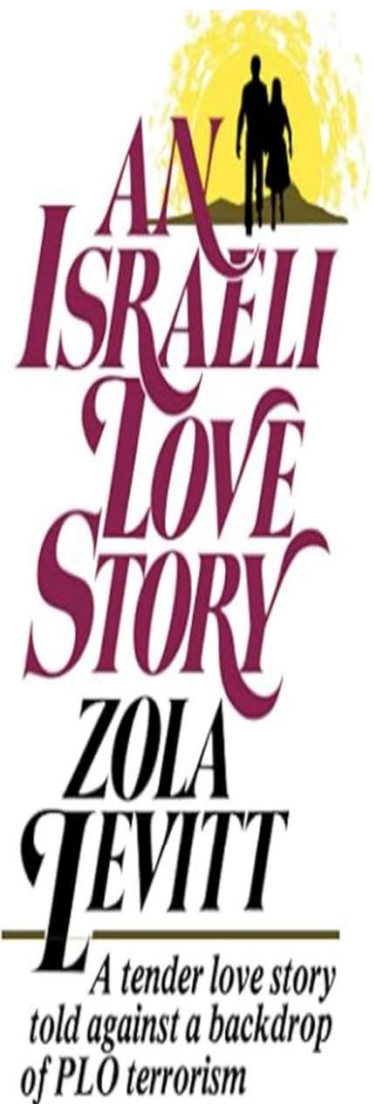
- What does this mean?
- 1 Thess 4:13-5:11
- VS 4:17 "caught up" (some say 7)
- *har-pad'-zo (Rapture)*
- From a derivative of [G138](#); to *seize* (in various applications): - catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).
- **Total KJV occurrences: 13**
- **REV 12:5, 1:9,11, Isa27:19-20,Zep 2:3, Psa 27:5**
- Now the first voice was like a trumpet (1 thess 4:16)
 - The Trump of God, 2 times, here and at mount Ex 19 Tie with Acts 1:11
- Told "Come up here"

Revelation 4:1

- What is prophecy?
 - Greek model predict and it comes true
 - Hebrew model Pattern, Pattern, Pattern.
- What Patterns do we have?
 - Jewish wedding
 - The betrothal (would drink a cup of wine with her, sealed the deal)
 - The payment (after all was done, wine was drunk, the groom would announce that he was leaving to prepare a place for them, a bridal chamber, like a honeymoon suit. He would say "I go now to prepare a place for you")
 - It would have to be approved by the father, stocked for a seven day time-period
 - When he was asked when the wedding was, he would reply I don't know, only my father knows.
 - Set apart (sanctified wore a veil to show she was taken)
 - Tradition was for him to come at night like an abduction, a snatching. This means they would be waiting and watching with enough oil in her lamp for the night.
 - When the night came, The groom would shout as he came near to the house, and she would know his voice and they would rush into he house and take her, that is the one with the veil.
 - They would consummate the marriage and the bride would stay in the chamber for 7 days.
 - At the end of the seven day, she would come out, unveiled and they would now have the marriage supper.

Revelation 4:1

- The Covenant 1 Cor 11:25
- Purchase price 1 Cor 6:19-20
- Bride is set apart Eph 5:25-27, 1 Cor 1:2, 6:11 Heb 10:10,13:12
- Reminded of the covenant 1 Cor 11:25-26
- Bridegroom left for the Fathers house. John 14:3
- Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His bride 1 Thes 4:16-17 Some believe the OT saints, Pre-Jesus will come with Him.



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Revelation 4:1-2

- John was taken up! (not a vision)
- I will show you, what will take place after this.
 - After what?
- The Throne room
 - Throne appears 58 times, 43 in Revelation, 14 of which are in Ch 4.
 - Psa 110:1 Father's throne
 - Throne of His mercy Heb 4:16
 - David's throne Isa 9:7, Luke 1:32
- The 12 Apostles
 - Sit on 12 thrones, judge angle and the 12 tribes. Mt 19:28, 1 Cor 6:3
- 24 Elders sit on thrones

Revelation 4:3

- Description of the One who sits on the Throne.
 - 12 Stone



Revelation 4:4

- The 24 Elders
 - White
 - Crowns (they cast back in vs 10)
 - 24 first mention is from David assigning the course of Priests.
 - 1 Chron 24:1-19
 - When those 24 were together it represented the whole.
 - Not all were Levites!
 - Jethro Exo 3:1
 - Jacob gave tithes Gen 28:22
 - Melchizedek Gen 14:18-20
 - Church 1 Peter 2:5

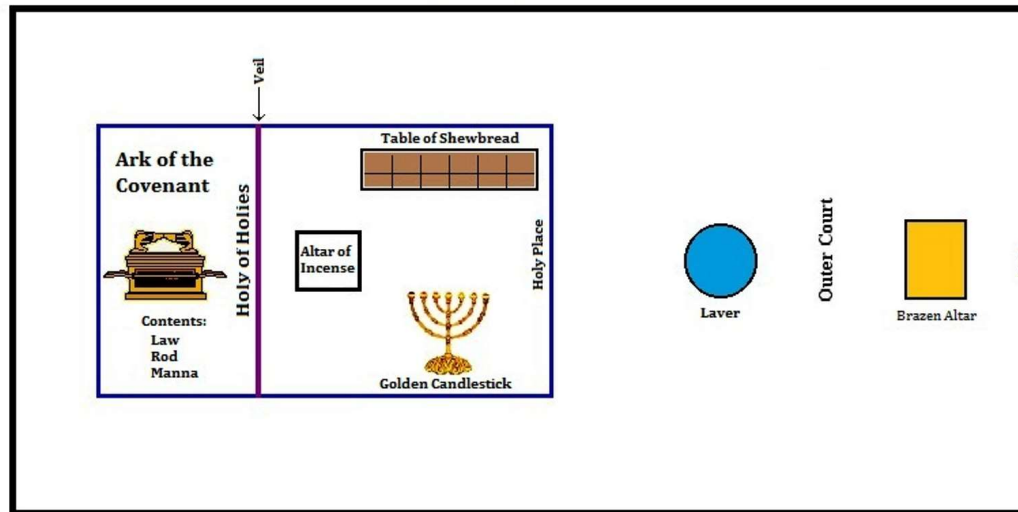
Revelation 4:4

- The 24 Elders
 - They can not be
 - Tribulation saints. Rev 7:9-14 The Elder answered
 - Angels are not numbered, crowned or enthroned
 - Plus they are different than angels as per 5:8-11, 7:11
 - Israel because of Rev 7 and 12
- Going back.
 - Sitting on thrones 3:21
 - White garments 3:25
 - Crowns of gold 2:10,3:11
 - Song of the Redeemed 5:9,10
 - Rev 5:10 calls them Elders but also Kings and Priest

Revelation 4:5-6

Moses' Tabernacle

Exodus 25



- 7 Lamps of fire
 - 1:20 The lampstands are the seven churches.
 - Ch 1 the lamp stands were on earth, Ch 4 they are in the throne room.
- The sea of glass.

Water/ Washing

1. The **function of the Laver in the tabernacle** was to:
Provide a means for priests to wash their hands and feet before serving in the Tabernacle.
2. Symbolize purification, consecration, and preparation for divine service.
3. Emphasize the importance of holiness and purity in worship.
4. Highlight the need for both ceremonial and moral cleansing before approaching the presence of God.
 - John 13:4-5
 - Eps 5:26

Revelation 4:6-7

- Okay so the door is Jesus and His payment upon the brazen altar.
 - The water that washed is now our crystal foundation.
 - The candle stick is in the throne
- The 4 living creatures.
 - Lion.
 - Calf.
 - Man.
 - Flying Eagle.
 - Isa 6:1 (Seraphims)
 - Are they different then Cherubim?

Revelation 4:7-11

- Cherubim and seraphim are both heavenly beings, but they differ in the following ways
- Appearance: Cherubim have four faces and four wings, while seraphim have six wings.
- Function: Cherubim help God, while seraphim praise God.
- Biblical mentions: Cherubim are mentioned many times in the Bible, while seraphim are only named in the book of Isaiah.

Let's wrestle.

- Is the church the bride of Christ?
- At least 22 times in the NT the Church is called the body.
- How many times is the church called the bride?
- Isreal is the Bride of Christ.
- Hosea tells us that God marries Isreal, divorces Isreal and then will remarry Isreal.
- So what about the Church.
- Mark 10:8
- Gal 3:9