

Revelation 4

John Describes His Vision of Glory

- I. The Summons to Heaven (4:1)
 - A. The vision (4:1a): John sees a door standing open in heaven.
 - B. The voice (4:1b): A voice says, "Come up here."

- II. The Sights in Heaven (4:2-8)
 - A. John sees someone seated on a throne (4:2-3a): He has the appearance of a jasper and cornelian stone.
 - B. John sees an emerald rainbow above the throne (4:3b).
 - C. John sees many creatures surrounding the throne (4:4, 5b, 6b-8)
 - 1. Twenty-four elders (4:4): They are dressed in white and wear golden crowns.
 - 2. Seven spirits of God (4:5b)
 - 3. Four living creatures (4:6b-8)
 - a. Their description (4:6b-8a)
 - (1) They are covered with eyes (4:6b).
 - (2) The first has the appearance of a lion; the second, an ox; the third, a man; and the fourth, a flying eagle (4:7).
 - (3) Each has six wings (4:8a).
 - b. Their duties (4:8b): Day and night they proclaim the holiness of God.
 - D. John sees a crystal sea of glass in front of the throne (4:6a).
 - E. John sees a storm developing from the throne (4:5a).

- III. The Song of Heaven (4:9-11)
 - A. The singers (4:9-10): All the inhabitants of heaven.
 - B. The song (4:11): They worship God for his great work in creating all things.