

The Church In Heaven Revelation 4

V.2: Everything in Heaven is centered around the _____ of _____.

V.3: God's appearance is _____.

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. - 1 John 1:4

V.4: The 24 elders are _____.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation..." - Revelation 5:8-9

...let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:16

V.5: There is a _____ on the Throne of God.

See Isaiah 9:7, Luke 1:32, Hebrews 1:3, 10:12, & 12:2

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. - Mark 16:19

For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked... ...Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. - Psalm 73:3&17

A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. - Jeremiah 17:12

V.6-8: The 4 Living Creatures

- Also described in Ezekiel 1:5-25 & Isaiah 6:2

- Possible parallel to the representation of Jesus in the 4 Gospels

- Possible parallel to the 4 banners in the camp of Israel in Numbers 2

V.10: crown = "stephanos" in Greek (*the wreath or garland which was given as a prize to victors in public games*)

- The Crown of Life for those who have endured temptation, trials, and suffering for Jesus (*James 1:12 & Revelation 2:10*).

- The Crown of Righteousness for those who loved His appearing (*2 Timothy 4:8*).

- The Crown of Glory for those who fed the flock (*1 Peter 5:4*).

- The Crown of Rejoicing for those who lead others to Jesus (*1 Thessalonians 2:19*).

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

- *Philippians 3:13-15*

...to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:21

...we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God... - Hebrews 4:14

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God... - Hebrews 10:12

...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ... - Philippians 1:6