

Q: What response is given by the 24 elders? Why is this significant?

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Q: What initial response do you have after reading about the majesty, holiness and awesomeness of our God on heaven's throne?

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Q: How does this perspective of God encourage your faith and make you more aware of His holiness, our sinfulness and His grace? \_\_\_\_

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Q: (v.11) sums up the entire scene in heaven. In troubled times, how does this reminder of our Merciful, Holy, Sovereign God on His throne, help put everything in your life in proper perspective? \_\_\_\_

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Q: How might this vision of God expand your view of Him and enhance your own personal and corporate worship of Him?

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*PRAY: Lord thank you for giving us this amazing view into heaven and the picture of You on the throne, in all Your glory and majesty and in sovereign control. In this world full of trouble, and personal trials, thank you for the reminder that You are Holy, Merciful, You welcome us to come into Your presence, through Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. Thank you for your comforting presence in our lives today. Lead me into a deeper daily fellowship with you. Lead me into a purer worship of You. Everything You have blessed me with, I lay at your feet in praise. Draw me near to You. In Jesus, name, Amen!*



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# Growing Deeper

**A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church**  
(for personal and/or small group study)

**Week of November 7, 2021**

**Revelation 4:1-11**

With each election cycle, we may not be able to predict who will win and occupy the White House or “thrones” of government and power. But we do know our God sits on His Throne in Heaven and is Ruler of all! Revelation 4 takes us into the throne room of heaven.

*(Rev 4:1) After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. 3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, 6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.*

*And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. 8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” 9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*

Q: In chapters 4 & 5, The scene is moved from the churches (on earth), to a glimpse into the throne room of heaven with God in total control. (see Ezek 1:1) Why is this significant especially for persecuted churches of John's day (and even today)? Why also is this significantly placed before the revelation of chapters 6-18, which describe the coming wrath of God upon those who continue to reject Christ?

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Q: When have you been most aware of the awesome power and holy majesty of God (perhaps in the midst of a trial, or after one)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: John is taken up to heaven "in the Spirit." What does he then describe? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: How difficult would it be to describe the glory of God?! How does John describe the One seated on the throne? \_\_\_\_\_

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\*(among other colorful descriptions is the rainbow, a reminder and symbol of God's faithfulness (Gen 9:12-17).

Q: (v.4) Who surrounds the throne and whom might they represent? (for OT significance of the #24, see 1 Chron 24:1-19; 1 Chron 25). How might they represent God's people from all time (believing Jews and Gentiles)? (See also 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10). \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: (v.5) How else is the scene described? How does this compare with depictions of God on Mt. Sinai? (Exo 19:16; Ps 77:18)

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Q: How might this view of God frighten you or provide comfort that He is in total control (or both)? Explain.

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Q: How is God the Holy Spirit described? (see Zech 4:2-6)

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Q: How are the four living creatures described? How do these descriptions compare with those in Isa 6:1-5 and Ezek 1:5-10? How might each reflect the attributes (quality and characteristics) of God?

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Q: What do all these descriptions imply about who God is and how He relates to His creation? What is the significance to you, that God reveals Himself here as Holy, Mighty, Sovereign, in control of all creation, including your problems too? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: How do these four angelic beings elicit worship of our God? Notice they worship God highlighting of utmost importance, His holiness. What is it about God's holiness that draws us to worship Him?

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