

Raptured Into The Throne Room



Witness the Coronation of the Worthy One

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I. “HELP, I Don’t Understand Revelation!” - Rev. 1:3; 22:17

³ *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep those things** which are written in it; for the time is at hand.*

⁷ *I come quickly! Blessed is he who **keeps the words** of the prophecy of this book.*

If we’re responsible to keep Revelation, we can understand Revelation!

A. 3-Part Outline for Revelation (1:19)

¹⁹ *Write the things which you have seen (1), and the things which are (2-3), and the things which take place ‘after this’ (‘after’ the church age 4-22).*

Phrase	Chapter	Description
• “things you have seen”	1	The Vision of Jesus
• “things which are”	2-3	Church Age - 7 Churches
• “things to take place after this”	4-22	Future events after Church-Age

B. 3 Terms for the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:14-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Rev. 4:1-2)

1. Voice/Shout - Trumpet - Change/Spirit (Rev. 4:1-2)

*After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first **voice** which I heard was like a **trumpet** speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.*

² *Immediately I was **in the Spirit**.*

2. Rapture: Occurs at the end of the Church-Age - Before the Tribulation (6:1)

II. What’s Behind That Door? - “a door standing open in heaven” (Rev. 4:1)

III. What’s Heaven Really Like?

A. A Country (Heb. 11:16), a City (Heb. 11:10), the Heavenly Jerusalem (Heb. 12:22)

C. Did you know God’s Temple is in Heaven? (mentioned 10 times in Revelation)

1) Menorah (4:5) 2) Altar of Incense (8:3) 3) Ark of the Covenant (11:19)

IV. The Throne of Thrones! The Center of Everything! - Rev. 4:2-3

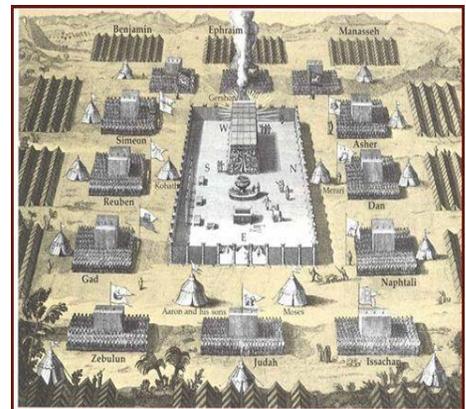
And behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

- A. God the Father Seated on His Throne (See 5:1, 7)
- B. God is Still on the Throne! (Isa. 14:26-27; 46:9) Unmovable, In complete control!
- C. The Throne is Positioned as the Center of Attention in the Throne Room
- D. Everything in the Throne Room is described in reference to the Throne

10 Prepositions Pointing Toward the Throne

● 4:2	The Throne	God's throne
● 4:2	On the throne	God the Father
● 4:4	Around the throne	24 elders
● 4:5	From the throne	Lightening, thunder, voices
● 4:5	Before the throne	7 burning lamps - Holy Spirit
● 4:6	Before the throne	Sea of Glass
● 4:6	In and around the throne	4 living creatures
● 5:6	In the midst of the throne	The Lamb who was slain
● 5:13	To the throne	Worship and praise
● 8:3	Before the throne	Altar of Incense

1. Central Location of Tabernacle - Num. 2
2. Is Jesus the CENTER of our life?
3. Learning to Dwell (Abide) in God's Presence
4. 'Yielding Control' - Rom. 6:11-13



**Despite all the alluring attractions in this world,
We must Keep God CENTRAL in our Heart, Life and in Everything we do!**

V. God's Beauty and Indescribable Glory - Rev. 4:3

³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardis stone in appearance: and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

Paying Attention to Color Symbolism in Revelation - God's Art Gallery

A. **Jasper Stone** - Crystal clear diamond (Rev. 21:11)

B. **Diamond** - Refracts the colors of God's Glory throughout the Throne Room

C. **Sardis Stone** - Fiery bright red depicts the fire around the Throne - Dan. 7:9

D. **Rainbow** - A cool, emerald-green hue, dominates the multi-colored rainbow

1. Not a ½ circle rainbow but 360 degrees around the Throne

2. God's Throne sits high, perched on a Raised Platform - Isa. 6:1; 37:16

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up (6:1)

The God of Israel is enthroned above the cherubim (37:16)

²⁶ Above their heads looked like a throne, and high above on the throne was a figure that looked like a man. - Ezekiel 1:26

3. The Message of the Rainbow (Gen. 9:12-13)

¹² "This is the sign of the covenant between me and you for all generations: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, as a sign that the waters will never again become a flood to destroy all life on earth.

a. The message for the Church in heaven: "The Storm of Life is Over"

b. Also - We've been Rescued from the Storm of the Tribulation Period

c. Satan has Stolen the Rainbow for LGBTQ - We need to take it back!

a. It's a symbol of man's open rebellion against God - Romans 1

b. It will bring God's judgment on earth once again - Luke 17:28

As it was in the days of Lot, it will be again in the Coming of the Son of Man.

VI. God's Glory, Shimmering on the Sea of Glass - Rev. 4:6

⁶ Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal.

A. There is no Sea in Heaven (21:1) This has the appearance of a sea

B. A crystal like, Sapphire-blue surface serves as the floor of the Throne Room

There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. Exodus 24:10 (ESV)

C. The floor stretches out like a great glistening Sea (Ex. 24:10; Ezek. 1:22)

D. Purpose: To reflect the brilliant colors of God's Glory in the Throne Room

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe (God's Glory) filled the temple. Isa. 6:1 (Also see 2 Chron. 5:13)

E. The jasper crystal in New Jerusalem also reflects God's Glory - Rev. 21:21

¹¹ It shone (Reflected) with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

1. Crystal clear walls - No sun or moon needed

2. The clear walls serve to illuminate the brilliance of God's shining Glory

F. Unlike the visible Glory of God in the Temple, God has blessed the Church with the Indwelling Glory of God by the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 6:19-20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

G. Is YOUR life reflecting out God's Glory? - 1 Cor. 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1. You can see God's Glory in a Transformed Life - 2 Cor. 5:17

2. The more you empty yourself, the more God fills you with the Holy Spirit

VII. Who Are the 24 Elders? How did They Get There? - Rev. 4:4

⁴Surrounding the throne were 24 thrones and seated on them were 24 elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

A careful study of the 24 elders seated on thrones before the start of the Tribulation, shows the elders represent YOU and me. They are the Raptured Church in heaven called to be witnesses for the Coronation Ceremony of Jesus.

A. The 24 Elders Are Not Symbolic of the Angels

1. "Elder" never applies to angels in the Bible
2. The term Elder infers an aging process that does not apply to angels
3. The 24 Elders are Redeemed which does not apply to angels - Rev. 5:9

B. The 24 Elders Are Not Symbolic to Israel

Since the Elders are on their thrones, they do not portray Israel

1. The Tribulation has not yet begun which completes God's work for Israel

Tribulation Period ("Daniel's 70th Week") God's purposes for Israel

2. Israel is not yet Saved - Jer. 30:7; Zech. 12:10-14; 13:8-9; Dan. 12:1
The (Tribulation) will be a time of trouble... but your people shall be saved

3. Israel has not yet been Resurrected - Dan. 12:2

Israel's resurrection is at the end of the Tribulation (not before)

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame & everlasting contempt

4. Since Israel is not yet Saved or Resurrected, the 24 elders do not symbolize Israel, sitting enthroned in heaven before the start of the Tribulation

VIII. 24 Elders - The Raptured Church in Heaven!

4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.



The 24 Elders are Described using 5 Distinctive Features for the Church

A. “Elders” = *presbuteros* - The most common term for the leadership of the Church in Acts and the Epistles - Acts 11:30; 14:23; 15:2,22; 1 Tim 5:17; Titus 1:25

B. Sitting on Thrones - Distinctive promise to the Church - Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:9

26 He who overcomes... I will give power over the nations. 27 He will rule them with a rod of iron; They will be dashed to pieces like potters stones.

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

C. Clothed in White Robes

1. Only Church-Age “overcomers” are promised white garments - Rev. 3:5

He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments

2. The White Robes are symbolic of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us

For you who have overcome sin, the bride of Christ, it is only fitting that you wear garments that are without “spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but ... holy and without blemish.” Ephesians 5:27

D. Sounds like the Church... Saved out of every nation - Rev. 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

E. Wearing Golden ‘Crowns’ - “stephanous” (That we don’t deserve)

1. Promised to the church of Smyrna (Rev. 2:10) and Philadelphia (Rev. 3:11)

2. While the angels never wear crowns and Israel is never promised crowns, the church is promised five different crowns as rewards for serving Jesus.

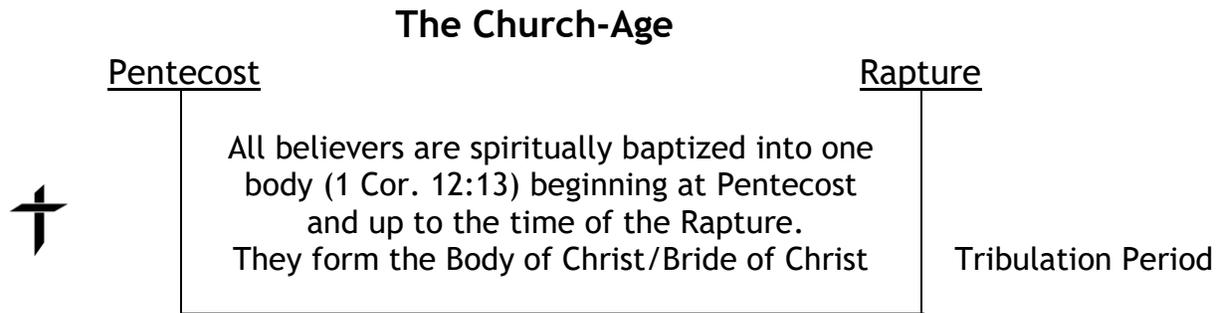
3. Being undeserving, we will ‘cast our crowns’ before the Throne - 4:10-11

IX. The Exciting Future of the Church in Heaven - Eph. 2:6-7

6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

During the 7-year Tribulation, God’s purposes for the church will be carried out in heaven not on the earth!

A. The Church will be Resurrected and Glorified at the Rapture
 2000 years of believers will rise together in a nano-second!



B. The Church Appears before the Judgment Seat of Christ - 2 Cor. 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

C. The Church is called to be Witnesses at the Coronation of Christ

D. The Church as Bride will be Married to the Lamb - Rev. 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

E. The Church Returns to Rein in the Millennium- Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 19:14

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.



X. The Coronation of King Jesus

A. Meaning of Coronation - *“The Ceremony of Crowning a Sovereign”*

B. Purpose of Christ’s Coronation Ceremony

The court of heaven requires official authorization on the One who has the Father’s authority and legal right to commence the Tribulation Judgments

C. The Timeline of Christ’s Coronation

- Christ was never crowned King while He walked on earth
- He was still not crowned on Patmos in 95 AD - Rev. 1:12-20
- We see Him wearing His Golden Crown at His Second Coming (14:14)
- He will be coronated in heaven just before the start of the Tribulation



XI. Court in Session - The Search Begins - Revelation 5

With the Church seated on their witness stands around the Throne, the Throne Room becomes the Courtroom, and the ceremony begins.

A. The first scene opens and the court is ready. The Father, serving as Judge appears on His “Bench” with the Scroll in His hand

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. (5:1)

B. The angel-bailiff shouts, *Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?*

C. A **WORLDWIDE SEARCH** is ordered to locate someone worthy enough to open the scroll - Rev. 5:3

And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

XII. The Case is Made for the Worthy One

Revelation 5:4-7 illustrates how the uniqueness of the God-Man could pay for our sins and qualify Jesus as the Worthy One

Messianic Prophecy: What Is It?

Messianic prophecy is the collection of over 100 predictions about Jesus the Messiah. The predictions were written by multiple authors, in numerous Bible books, over 1,000 years. Messianic Prophecy is more dramatic today because with the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls their reliability can be assured that prophecies were not conspired after-the-fact.

A. His Human Qualifications - Rev. 5:5

Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome to open the scroll.

1. His Messianic Title: *'Lion of the Tribe of Judah'* - Gen. 49:10; Heb. 7:14

One of the earliest titles for Messiah: Speaks of fierceness & strength

2. His Messianic Pedigree: *'Root of David'* - 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1

Jesus Expands this Phrase: *"I am the Root and the Offspring of David"* - Rev. 22:16

Christ is the source (root) of David's life and line of descendants which establishes His **DEITY**. He is also a descendent of David (offspring), which established His **HUMANITY**. This phrase gives powerful testimony to Christ as the God-Man (2 Tim 2:8).

3. His Astonishing Achievement Understated: *'He has Overcome'* - Rev. 5:5

We **OVERCOME** because Jesus **OVERCAME** - Jn. 16:33; 1 Jn. 5:4

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

⁴Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has Overcome the world, even our faith.

You become an "Overcomer" when you put your faith in Jesus!

B. His Divine Qualifications - Rev. 5:6

I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out to all the earth.

1. Seven Horns - Symbolic Language - #7/Complete - Horns/Power - Col. 1:17

Exemplifies the Omnipotence of Christ as God - He is All Powerful

2. Seven Eyes - Symbolic Language: All Seeing/All Knowing - Heb. 4:13

Exemplifies the Omniscience of Christ as God - He is All Knowing

3. Seven Spirits - Symbolic for Christ's Omnipresence - He is everywhere

The seven eyes are dispatched "*out all the earth*"

No One Compares To Jesus

With the unrivaled display of His human and divine qualifications, coupled with His deeply personal love to die for our sin, Jesus Christ is Worthy to be crowned King and to break open the scroll!

XIII. Who is This? A Lamb Walks Into Court! - Rev. 5:6a

I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain

A. Christ the Lamb Appears as the 'Pet,' Passover Lamb

1. "Lamb" - Greek says it as: "*a little pet lamb*"

2. The Passover law required keeping a lamb as a pet for 4 days - Ex. 12:3, 6

This was done to accentuate what would happen to Christ

3. Jesus our Passover Lamb - Isa. 53:7; Jer. 11:19; Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

B. Showing His Scars to the Jury, He moves among the Elders - Rev. 5:6

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain (ESV)

1. The Lamb walks amongst the **Church Elders displaying His Wounds**
2. The Nails in His hands and feet, the gash in His side, and the marks on His Face

The only thing Man-made in Heaven are the Scars our Sin Caused on His Body!

C. The Testimony of the Wounds of Jesus

1. Displayed to Thomas - Jn. 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

2. Displayed to Israel at His Second Coming - Zech. 12:10

They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

3. On Display in the New Jerusalem - Rev. 21:22-23

D. Heaven and Earth Erupt - Dancing in the Streets - Praise and Worship!

He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. 5:7

1. The Royal Transfer of Authority now passes from Father to Son - Daniel 7:14

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

2. Waves of Worship sweep heaven and earth - Rev. 5:8-14

3. Judgment Time has Arrived - The Tribulation can now begin! - Rev. 6:1

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard a voice say, "Come and see!" ²I looked, and there was a white horse

Maranatha

The Church and Expectation for Jesus

<u>Church</u>	<u>Passage</u>	<u>Phrase</u>
Rome	Romans 8:23	Waiting
Corinth	1 Cor. 1:7	Eagerly waiting
Phillipi	Phil. 3:20	Eagerly waiting
Thessolanica	1 Thess. 1:9-10	Waiting for Jesus
Thessolanica	2 Thess. 3:5	Paitiently waiting (KJV)
Jewish Believers	*Hebrews 9:28	Eagerly waiting
Peter	2 Peter 3:12	Looking for
John	Rev. 22:20	Even so come

**Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear the sins of many once and for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring full salvation to those who are eagerly, constantly, and patiently waiting for and expecting Him. (AMPC)*