



What will we do our first day in heaven?

4:4 . The 24 elders

Rev. 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

Matt 19:28 Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“ crowns:

2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the **crown of life**.

1 Cor 9:25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an **imperishable crown**.

2 Tim 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Js 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the **crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1 Pet 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown of glory** that does not fade away.

4:6-8 . Before the throne

Rev 4:6-8 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: %holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!+

“ **Crystal sea:** 1 Kings 7:23

Rev 15:2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

“ **4 living creatures:** Ezk 1:4-25, 10:15

Is 6:2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

“ **Heaven's worship:**

Is 6:3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.”

4:9-11 . Casting crowns

Rev 4:9-11 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹~~you~~ You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.+

Col 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

“ **The elders fall down and worship:**

Rom 14:11 For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus 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.

1 Cor 3:12-15 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

“ They cast their crowns before Him:

1 Cor 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

“ Creation matters in eternity:

Rom 8:20-22 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.



That's what we'll do our first day in heaven.

1. How do we know that God intends to redeem planet earth?

Rom 8:19-23 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.



Rev 5:1 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.



2. The scroll: the title deed to planet earth+

- “ The concept of this scroll is most likely taken from the Jewish culture & represents the title deed to a family's land.
- “ The redemption of the land involved the kinsman redeemer: Ruth



- “ The information on the inside and outside detailed the reasons for forfeiture and the terms of redemption.
- “ The scroll was often sealed with seven seals.
- “ Only the kinsman redeemer+ had the authority to break the seals and execute the terms.



“ **Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer:**

Heb 2:10-11 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,



Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.+

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs. heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

3. Who is worthy to open the scroll?

Rev 5:2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **Who** is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?+

“ **A search is conducted for a man .**

Ezk 22:30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Is 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, **Whom** shall I send, and who will go for Us?+

“ **The right to rule the earth is in question .**

Gen 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Ex 9:29 So Moses said to him, **As** soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.

Ps 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

Lk 4:5-6 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Col 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Col 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

“ When the seals are broken, disasters overtake the earth .

1st seal: Rev 6:1-2 . the White Horse

2nd seal: Rev 6:3-4 . the Red Horse

3rd seal: Rev 6:5-6 . the Black Horse

4th seal: Rev 6:7-8 . the Pale Horse

5th seal: Rev 6:9-11 . those slain by the Anti-Christ

6th seal: Rev 6:12-14 . the planets and stars are affected

7th seal: Rev 8 & 16 . the 7 Trumpets & 7 Bowls of wrath

4. No one was found worthy

Rev 5:3-4 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.

“ Many were willing

“ None was worthy

Rom 3:10 There is none righteous, no not one

“ John was overcome with grief

5. There is only One Who is worthy

Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, ~~Do~~ Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.+

“ The Lion .

Amos 3:8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



“ Root of David

Is 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.+

Lk 1:32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

Rom 1:3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

Matt 15:22, 30-31, 21:9

“ Has prevailed .

Jn 19:30 He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Col 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

6. Behold, a Lamb

Rev 5:6-7 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

" The Lamb

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

" The Lamb was slain . Ex 12:3-6



" The Lamb "takes" the scroll from the One on the throne



7. The saints worship

Rev 5:8-10 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. ⁹And 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,¹⁰And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.+

“ Each had a harp

“ All of the believers prayers are saved .

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

“ The saints sing .

Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

“ There are no racial barriers to salvation .

Acts 17:26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth

“ The saints will reign .

2 Tim 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

Rev 20:6 but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

8. All of creation worships

Rev 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice: %Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!+ ¹³And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: %Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever! ¹⁴Then the four living creatures said, %Amen!+And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

" Angels worship

1 Pet 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven- things which angels desire to look into.

" Every earthly creature worships .

Lk 19:40 But He answered and said to them, %otell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.+

Rom 14:11 As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (Is 45:23)