



The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ

Rapture & God's Throne Lesson 12: Chapter 4x

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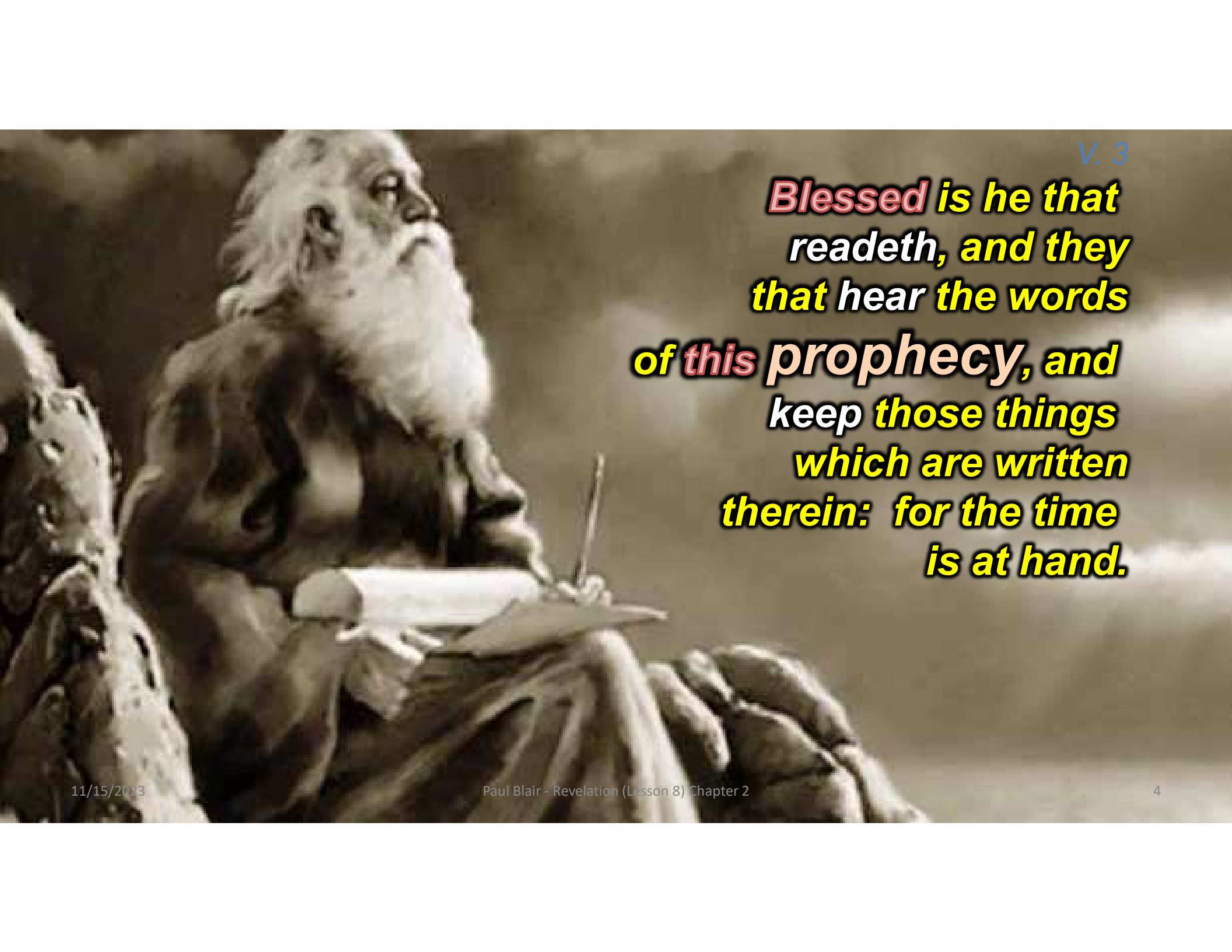
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*I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's day ...*

**“I came to be, in the
Spirit, on the Day of
the Lord”**

Complete Jewish Version



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***Blessed is he that
readeth, and they
that hear the words
of this prophecy, and
keep those things
which are written
therein: for the time
is at hand.***

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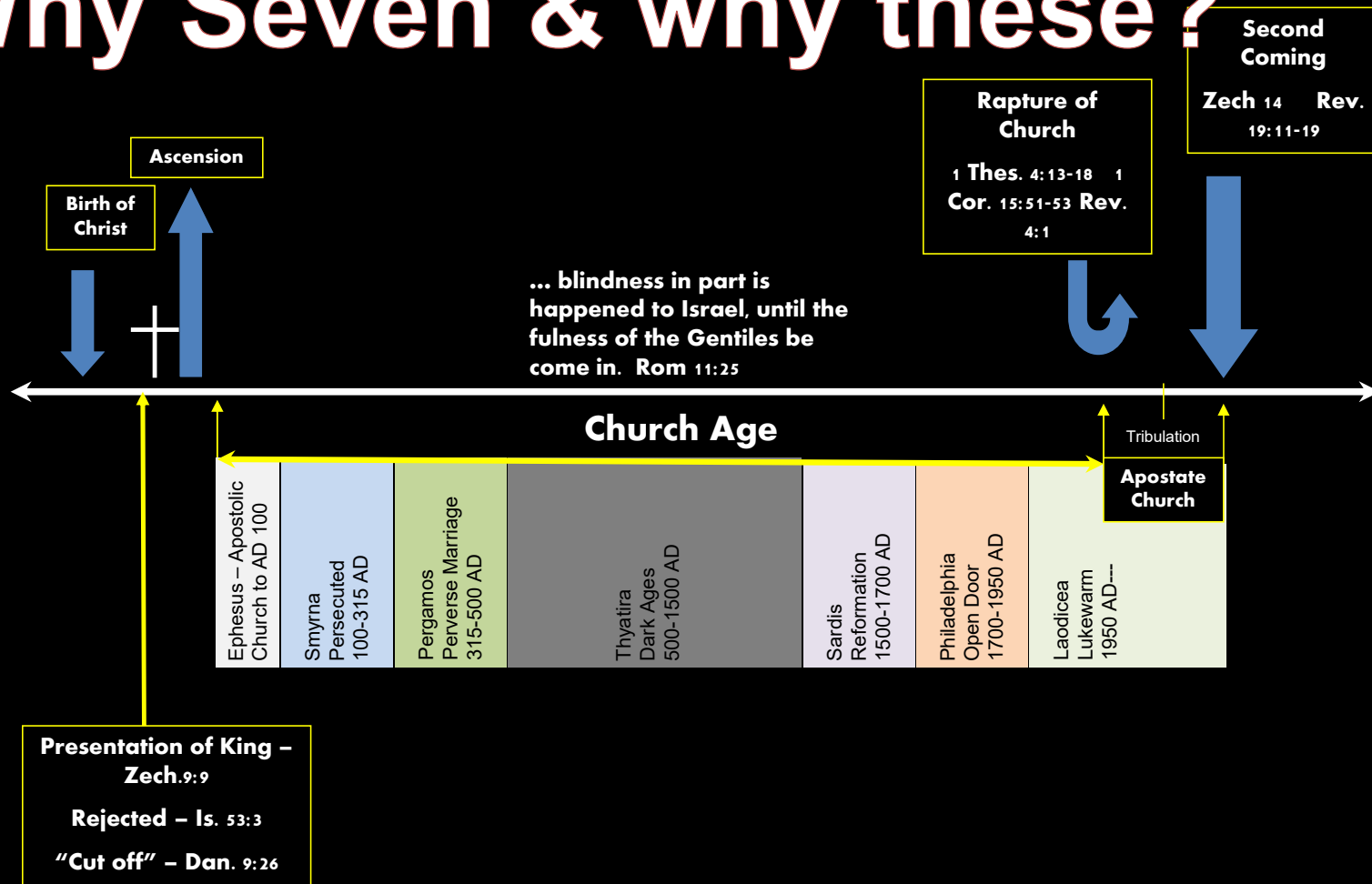
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Why Seven & why these?



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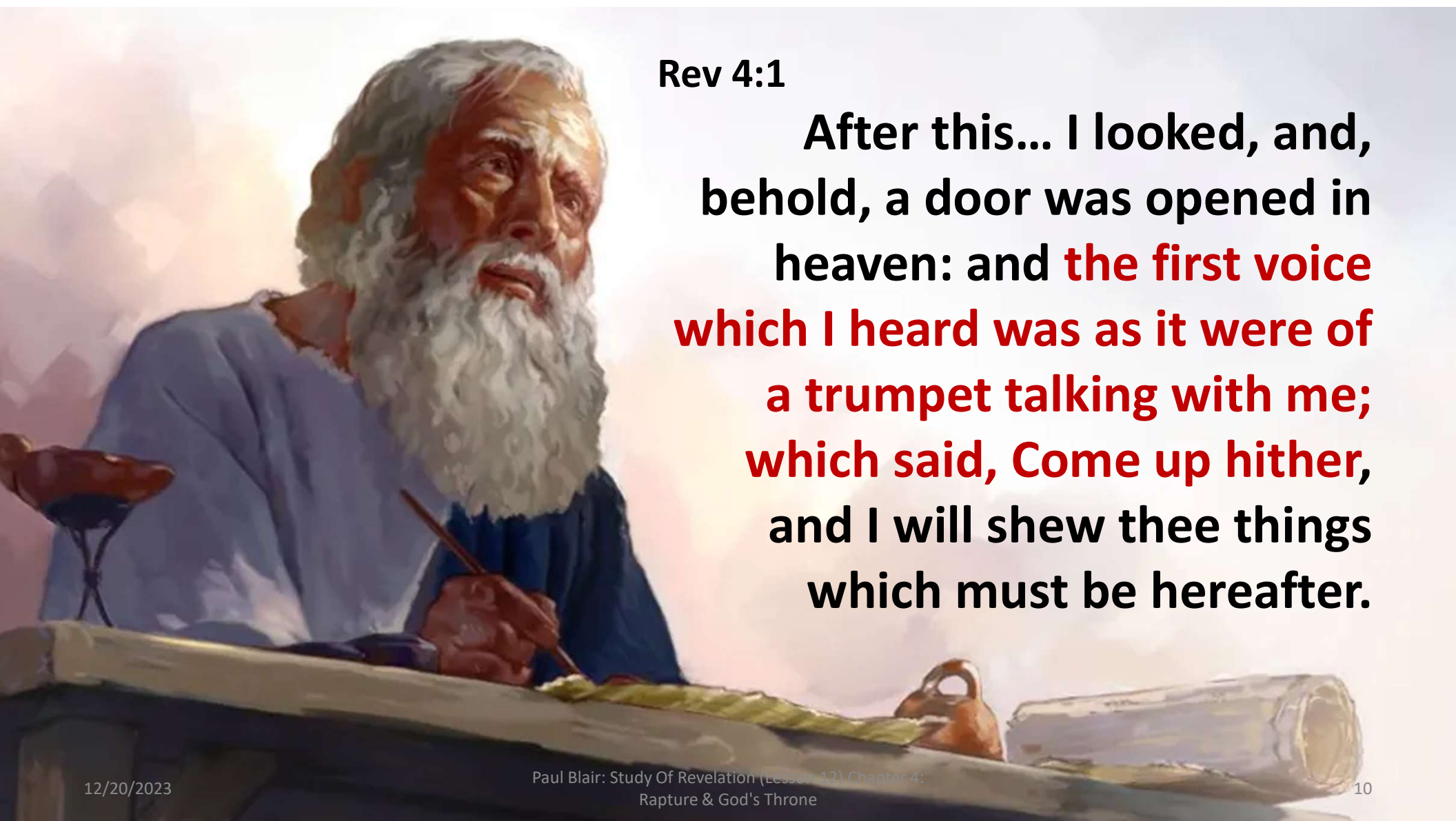
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2. Which Are – Chapters 2-3 (***The Church***)
3. Chapters 4-22 – things hereafter (***“meta tauta”***)

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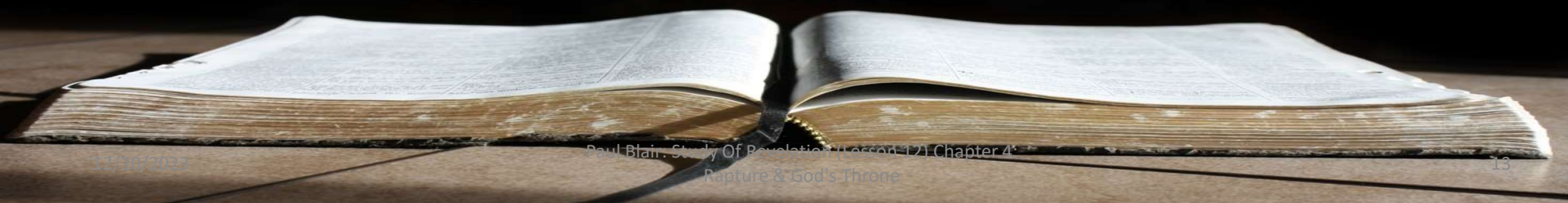
1 Thes 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep....



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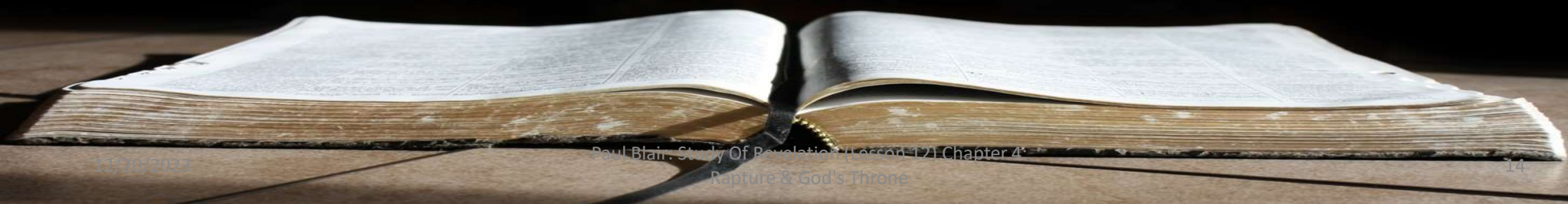
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with **the voice of the archangel**, and **with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

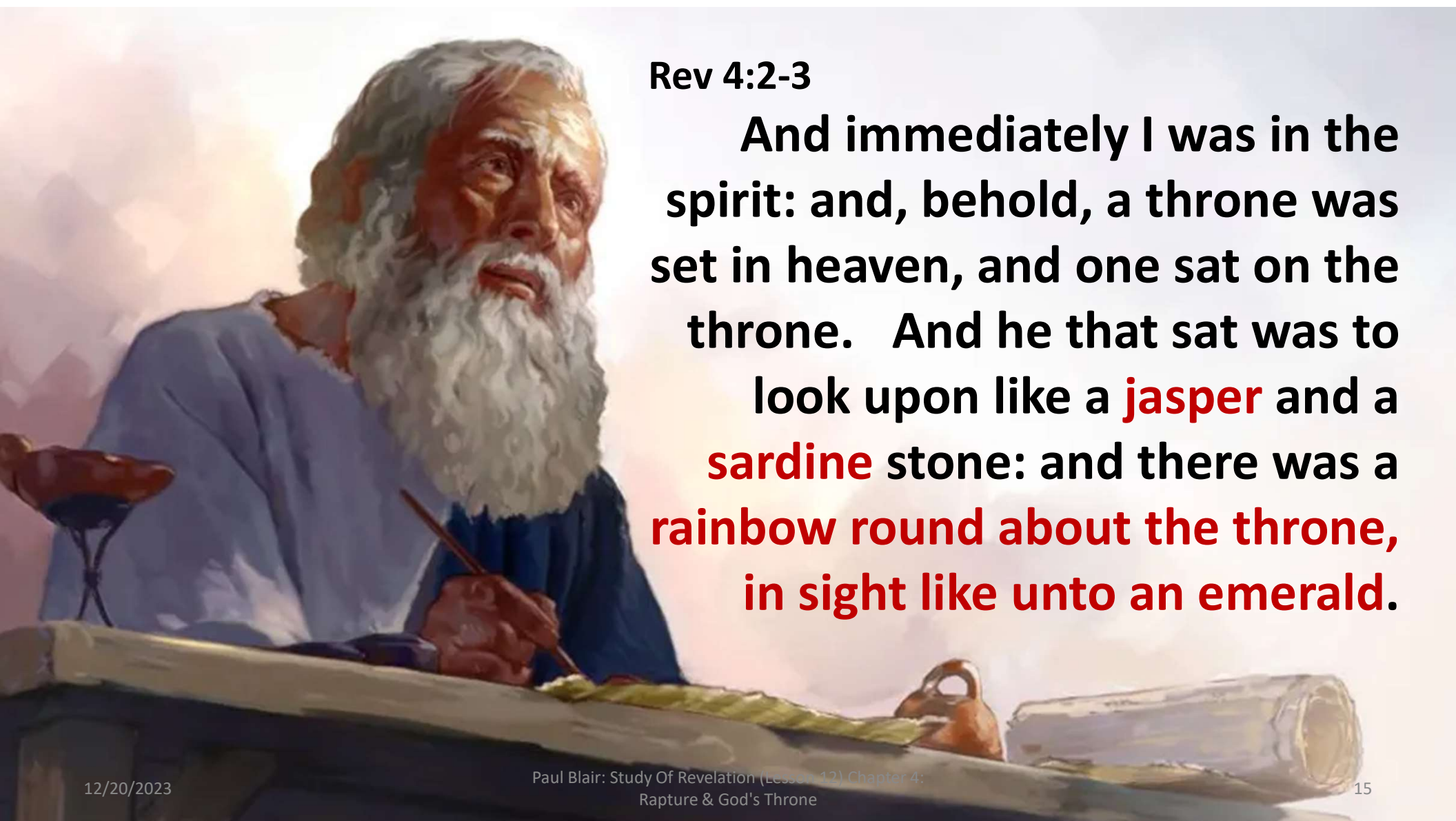


1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; *We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for *the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*





Rev 4:2-3

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a **jasper and a **sardine** stone: and there was a **rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.****

Sardine (First) Stone

- Reuben - the firstborn son

Jasper (Last) Stone

- Benjamin – the last son

**The Throne of God as seen previously
In Isaiah 6 and in Ezekiel 1.**

Deity: First and the last





EZEKIEL

WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL

Ezek 1:28

As **the appearance of the bow** that is in the cloud in the day of rain, **so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.** And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw **four and twenty elders** sitting, **clothed in white raiment;** and **they had on their heads crowns of gold.**



Four and Twenty Elders

Cannot be: Tribulation Believers Rev 7:13-14

Rev 7:9-14

⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Cannot be: Believing Israel

Rev 7:4-8

⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

⁵ Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

⁶ Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

⁷ Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

⁸ Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Four and Twenty Elders

Distinguishing Characteristics:

- **Thrones**

- Rev 3:21 *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

- **White Raiment**

- Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment (Sardis)
- Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment (Laodicea)
- Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (Bride)

Four and Twenty Elders

Distinguishing Characteristics:

- Thrones Rev 3:21
- White Raiment Rev 3:21
- Wearing Stefanos Crowns Rev 2:10; 3:11
 - Rev 2:10 - Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Smyrna)
 - Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. (Philadelphia)

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- Wearing Stefanos Crowns Rev 2:10; 3:11
- Song of Redeemed Rev 5:9,10
 - Rev 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

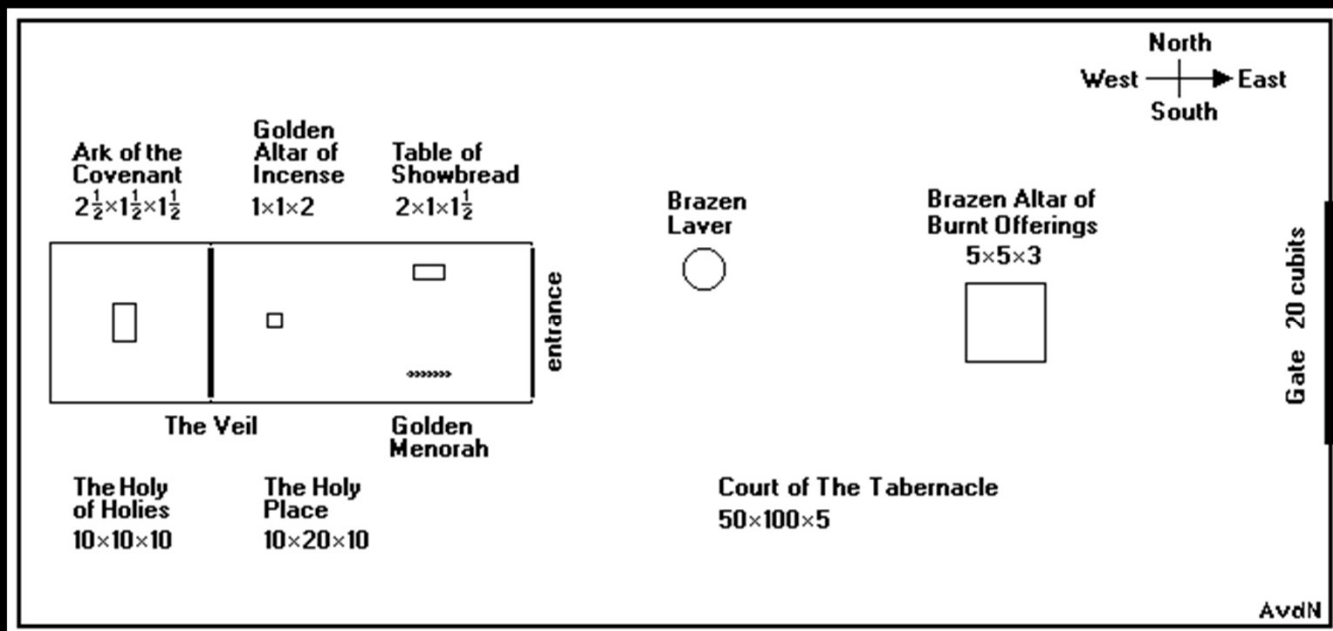
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- Crowns of gold Rev 2:10; 3:11
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- Called “Kings & Priests” Rev 1:6, 5:10
 - Rev 1:6 And hath made **us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
 - Rev 5:10 And hast **made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

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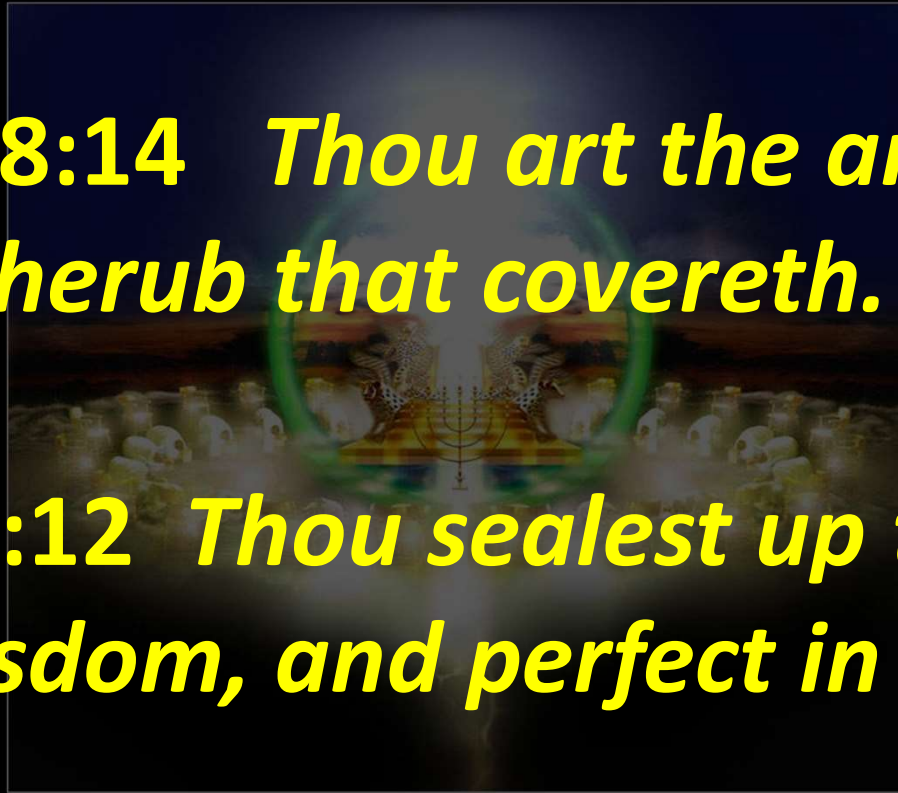


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Ezekiel 28:14 *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth.*

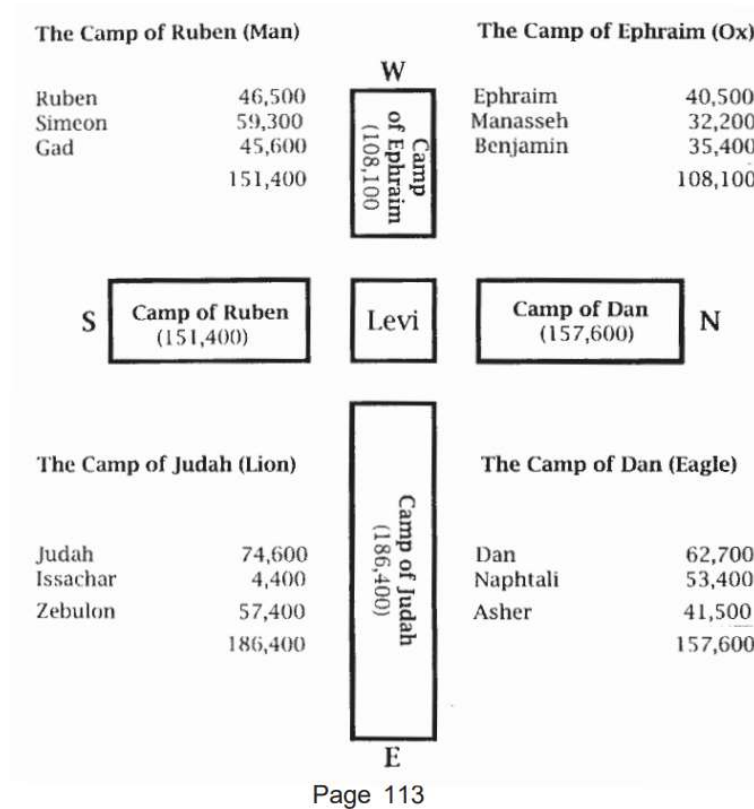
Ezekiel 28:12 *Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.*



Standard of Ephraim: Ox (Jesus the Servant)

Standard of Ruben: Man
(Jesus the Man)

Standard of Dan: Eagle
(Jesus the God Man)



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Standard of Judah: Lion (Jesus the King)

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Rev 4:9-11

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.



Crowns?

- **Crown of Life** (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10) for those who have suffered for His sake.
- **Crown of Righteousness** (2 Tim 4:8) for those who loved His appearing.
- **Crown of Glory** (1 Pet 5:4) for those who fed the flock.
- **Crown Incorruptible** (1 Cor 9:25) for those who press on steadfastly.
- **Crown of Rejoicing** (1 Thess 2:19) for those who win souls.



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God's Throne & the Scroll Lesson 13: Chapter 4