

Revelation 4:1~11

Introduction:

1. In Revelation 1:19, John is given the outline of this book when Jesus said to him, “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter...”
 - A. The things, which John “had seen,” are recorded in the **Gospel** of John as well as chapter 1 of The Revelation.
 - B. The “things which are” are recorded in chapters two and three of The Revelation, where John was instructed to write letters which were dictated to him by Jesus to seven churches that existed during his lifetime. They were “present tense” to him. Those churches were also indicative of the “church age” which will end with the rapture of the saints. The “church” is not seen in The Revelation past chapter three.
 - C. The “things which shall be hereafter” begin in chapter four of The Revelation and detail the events that follow the “**church age**.”
2. The **Rapture** of the saints is the next event on God’s calendar of grand events.
 - I. The **Summons** To Heaven (4:1)
 - A. The **Vision** (4:1a): John sees a door standing open in heaven
 - B. The **Voice** (4:1b): A voice says, “Come up hither...”
 - II. The **Sights** in Heaven (4:2-8)
 - A. John sees someone seated on a throne (4:2-3a)
 - B. John sees an **emerald** rainbow above the throne (4:3b)
 - C. John sees many creatures surrounding the throne (4:4, 5b, 6b-8)
 1. Twenty-four **Elders** (4:4): They are dressed in white and wear golden crowns.
 2. Seven **lamps** burning which are the seven spirits of God (4:5b)
 3. Four living **creatures** (4:6b-8)
 - a. Their description (4:6b-8a)
 - (1) They are covered with eyes (4:6b)
 - (2) The first has the appearance of a lion; the second of a calf; the third of a man; and the fourth of a flying eagle (4:7)
 - (3) They each had six wings (4:8a)
 - b. Their duties (4:8b): Day and night they proclaim the holiness of God.

- D. John sees a crystal sea of glass in front of the throne (4:6a)
- E. John sees lightning and hears thunder emanating from the throne. (4:5a)

III. The Song of Heaven (4:9-11)

- A. The singers (4:9-10): All the inhabitants of heaven.
- B. The song (4:11): They worship God for His great work in creating all things and being sovereign over all things.