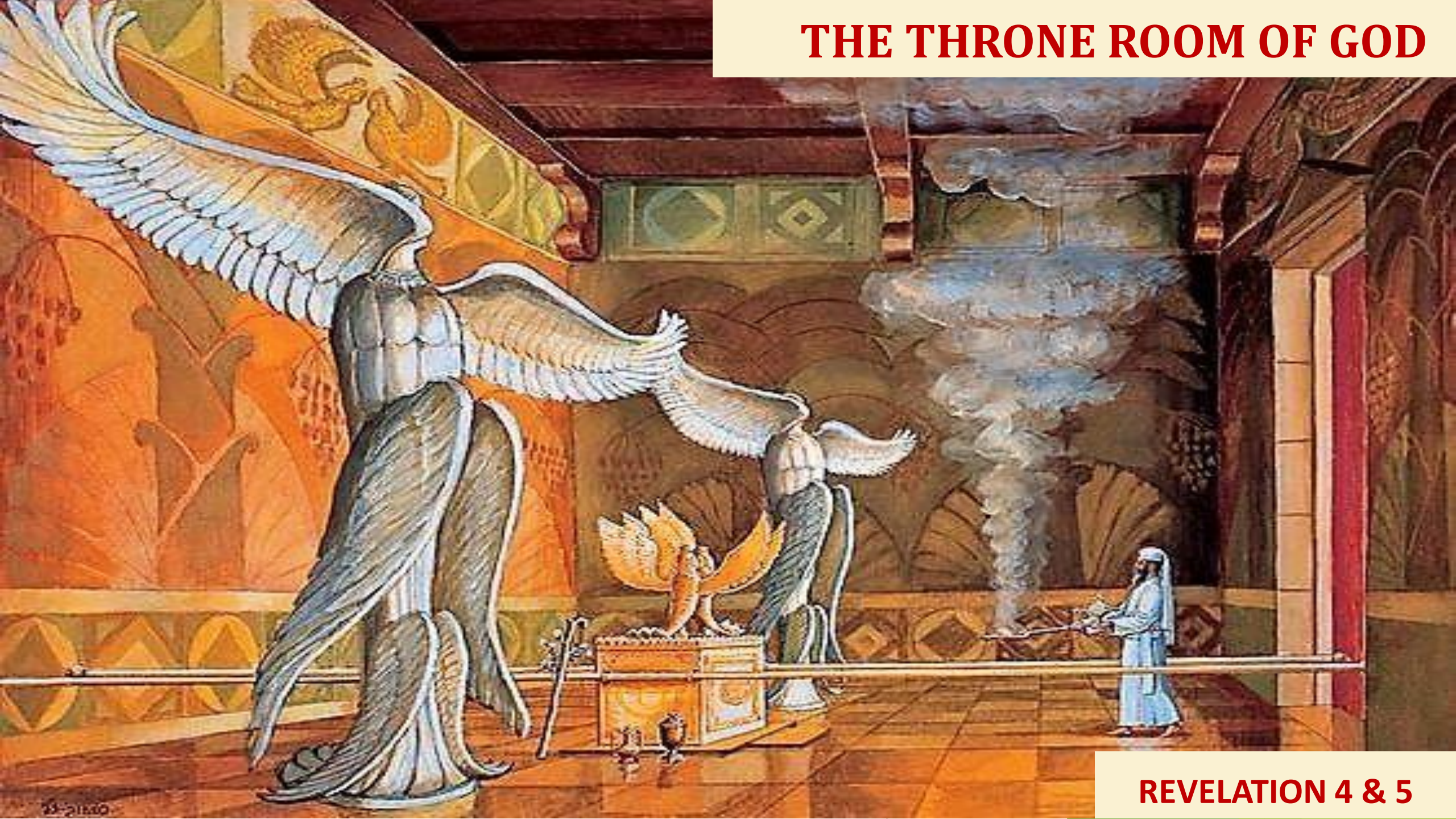


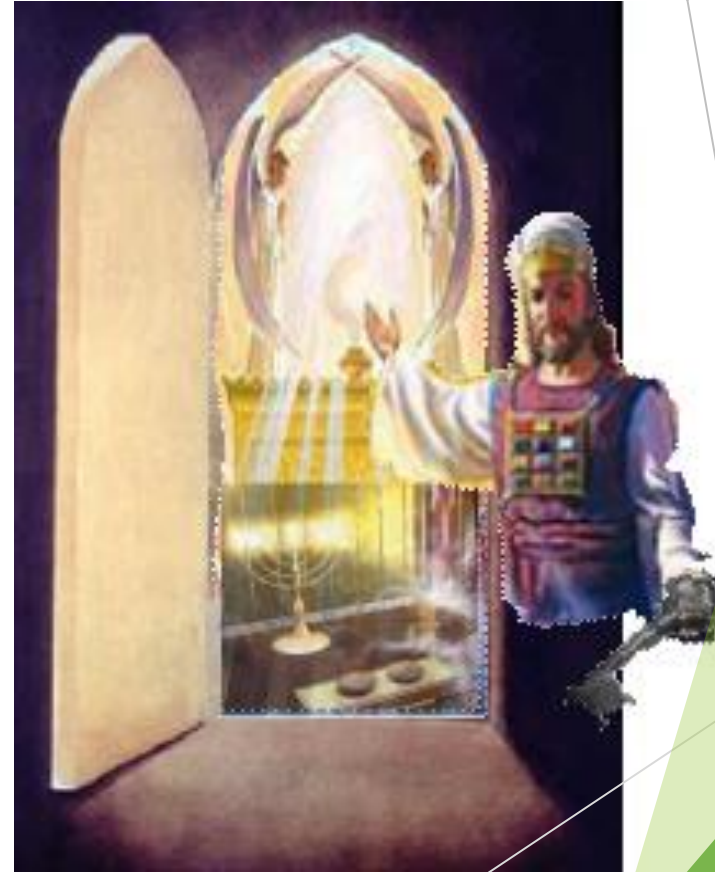
THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD



REVELATION 4 & 5

Introductory Characteristics

- ▶ This events of this chapter take place through the door into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary.
- ▶ One who sat on the throne (v2).
- ▶ 24 thrones and 24 elders (v4).
- ▶ A vast sea of glass like crystal (v6).
- ▶ Four living creatures (v6).
- ▶ The Lamb of God on God's throne (ch5).
- ▶ The Lamb prevailed to open the seals.
- ▶ A worship service to God (v8-11).



The Open and Shut Door



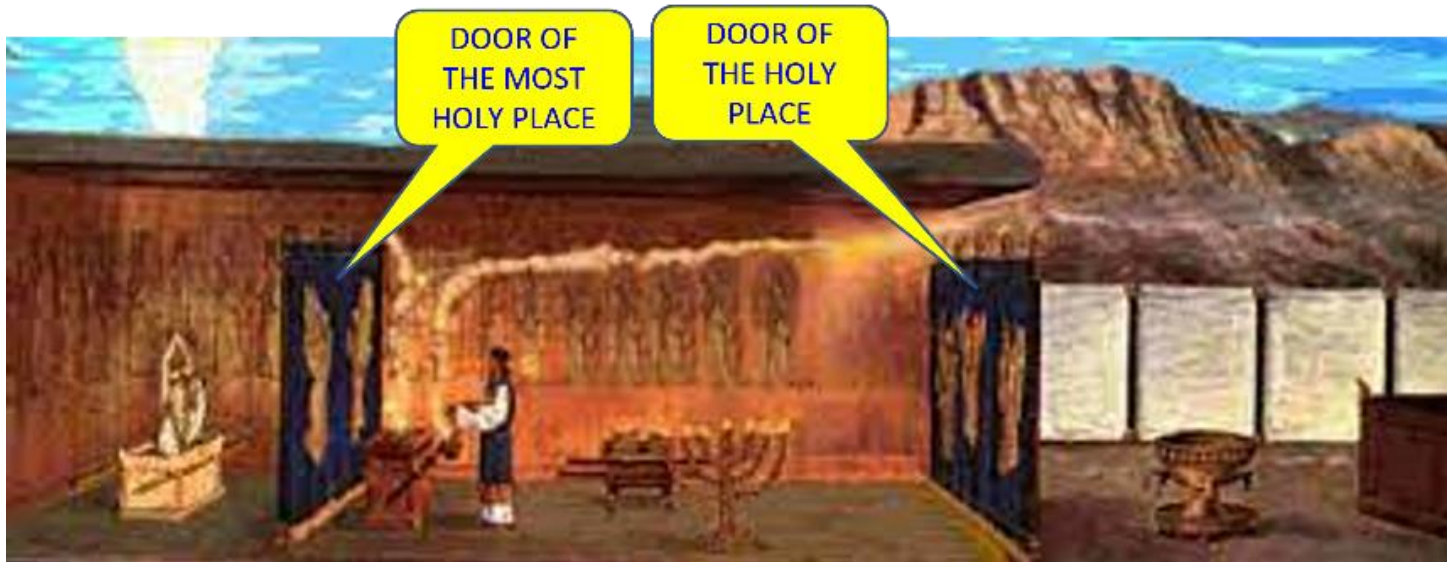
Rev 4:1-2, "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven:... ² And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."

NOTE: This is the "open door" that was spoken of by Jesus to the church of Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-8). Although speaking to John, he was really placed in the TOE (1798-1844). Why? Because it was time for Him to gather His people once again and to cleanse the sanctuary. They needed a view of the Most Holy Place.

The Open and Shut Door

“An expression derived from Revelation 3:7, 8, where Christ is described as the one that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth” (an allusion to Isaiah 22:22), and as the one who says to the Philadelphia church, “Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” Seventh-day Adventists have applied these texts to the closing of the first phase and the opening of the second and final phase of Christ’s ministry in heaven, where He has been the Christian’s high priest since His sacrifice on the cross (see Sanctuary)...”

The Open and Shut Door, p249.1 (Ellen G. White).



A View of the Most Holy Place

Note: This door to the Most Holy is important for us because it relates to what Scripture calls the “Midnight Cry”, and we need to learn what this is, and give it successfully. Ellen G White informs us that on October 22, 1844, the ministration of Jesus solely as Mediator ended and He took on the additional job as High Priest, to cleanse the sanctuary (Dan 8:14). This work could only take place in the Most Holy Place. By faith we are in there also.

“Then Jesus rose up and shut the door in the holy place, and opened the door in the Most Holy, and passed within the Second Veil, where He now stands by the ark; and where the faith of Israel now reaches. I saw that Jesus had shut the door in the holy place, and no man can open it; and that He had opened the door in the Most Holy and no man can shut it: (Revelation 3:7, 8)”

Present Truth, p1:21, Aug 1849, (EGW)

Q. Why did Jesus enter into the Most Holy?

NOTE: Here we see that Jesus took on the work as High Priest. We also see that those who followed Him into the Most Holy, had light, power, love, joy and peace, while those that remained in the Holy Place prayed and Satan answered them. The door had closed for these.

“Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, ‘Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.’ Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father.”

Early writings, p54-55.

Rev 4:3-5



Q. How is God's Throne Room Described?

"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. 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. ⁵ And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."

Heavenly Events of October 22, 1844

NOTE: The Father stands up and leaves the Holy Place, entering the most Holy and sitting on His throne. The Son then follows Him and they share much light. Jesus then waved this light over the people before the throne to see if they would receive it. This light was only for them, not those outside the Most Holy.

"I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way." Early Writings, p55.

"I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children." (Ibid).

The Activities of the Investigative Judgment

NOTE: Although it is a description of the throne room, it is also a preparation for a judgment about to take place.

Q. What is this judgment?

Dan 7:9-10, " I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."



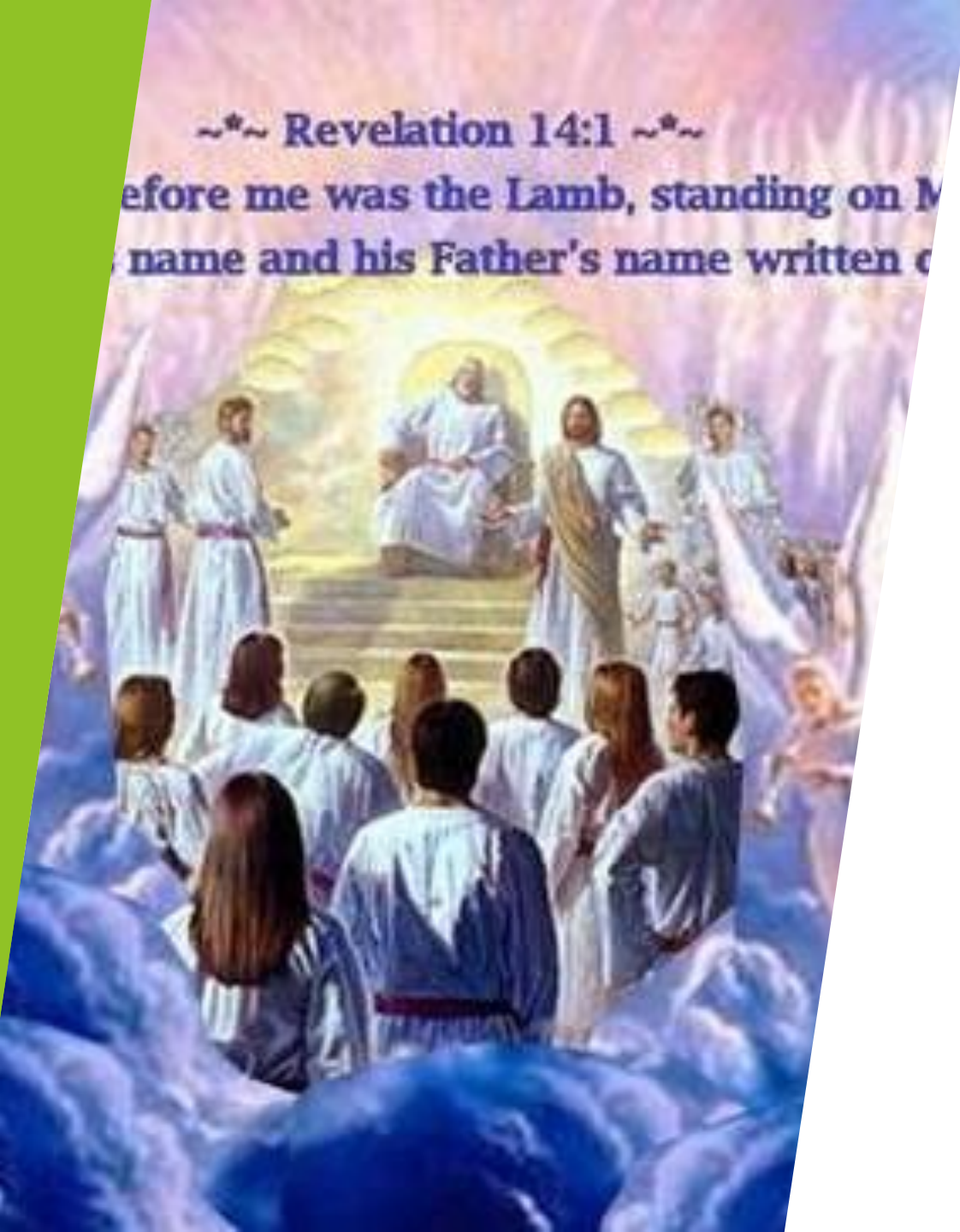
The Heavenly Court Scene

NOTE: In this court scene, Jesus, is not just appearing before God to look slain. He presents His sacrifice:

- ▶ He gives evidence of His blood, by the wicked Babylon (Pagan Rome and her cohorts).
- ▶ He presents the time of the 7 churches, 7 seals and 7 trumpets to show the results of the mystery of iniquity upon the church.
- ▶ All these pointed to the same historical periods of persecution of His people.
- ▶ He is found to be the Lamb that was slain – the only One who could open the scroll (5:4-5)
- ▶ Jesus is receiving His kingdom (His people)
- ▶ He has to cleanse it by cleansing the sanctuary (Dan 8:14).
- ▶ He will present them to Himself, pure and white (Rev 19:7-8, 21:2-4).

~*~ Revelation 14:1 ~*~

before me was the Lamb, standing on M
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What surrounded the throne?

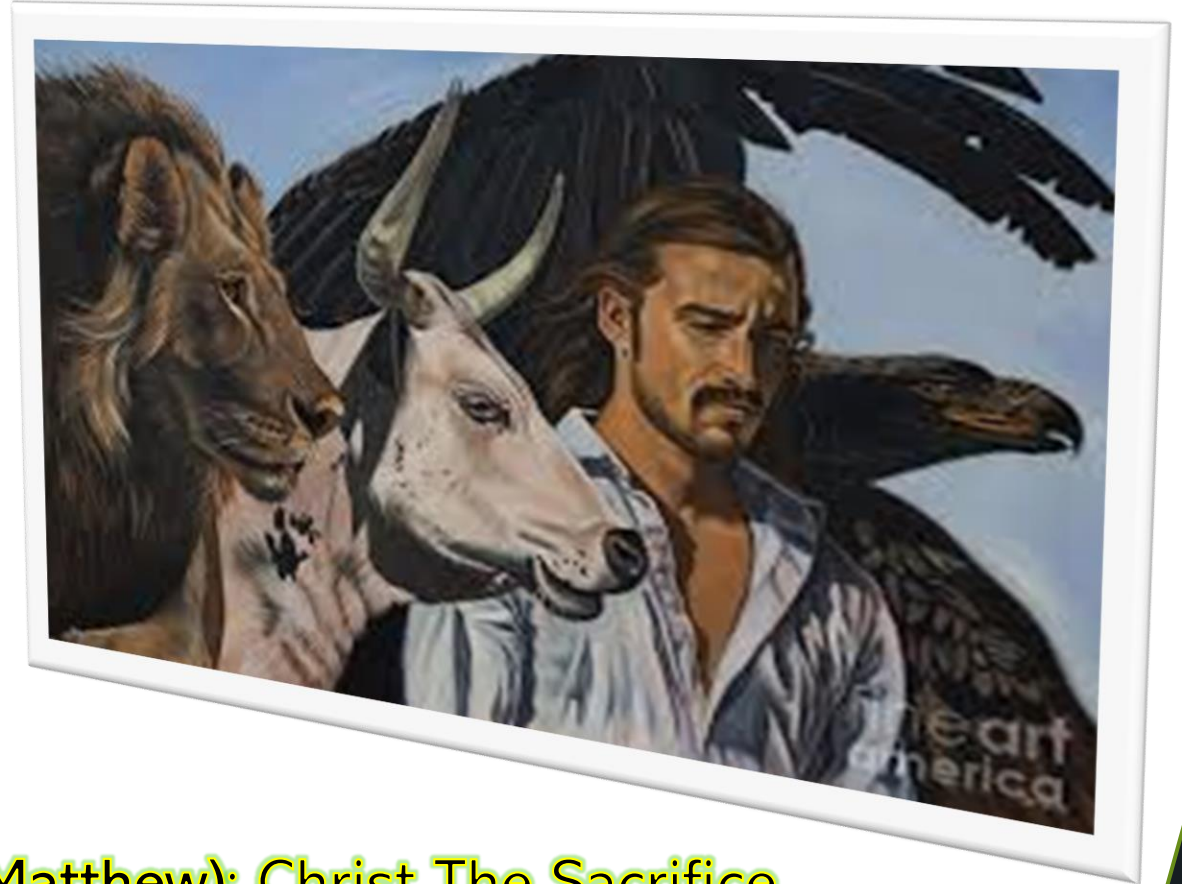
Rev 4:6-8, "...and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within:..."

Man (Luke): Christ In Humanity

Eagle (John): Christ The Divine



Ox (Matthew): Christ The Sacrifice

Lion (Mark): Christ The King



Who else surrounds the throne?

V4, “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.”

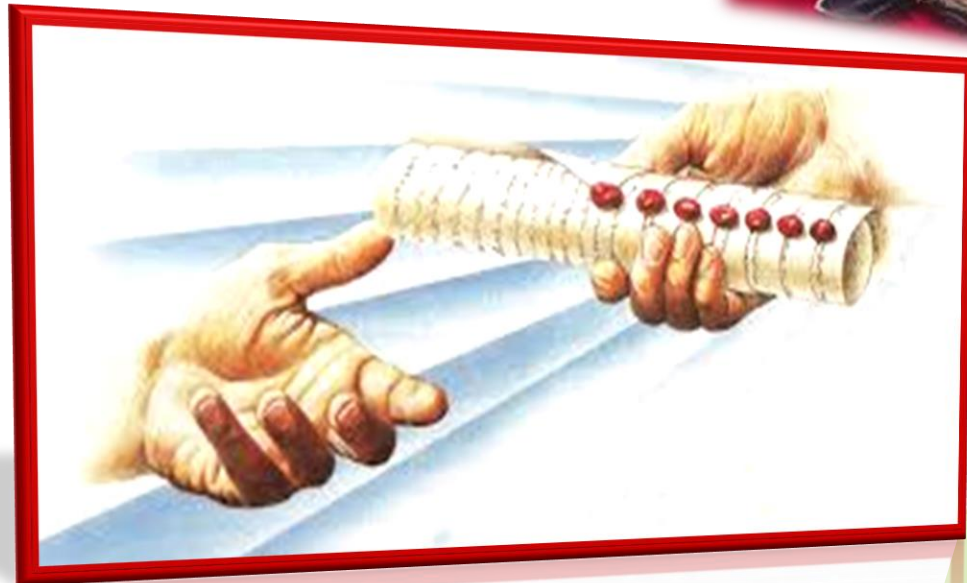
Who are the 24 Elders?

“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.” ⁹ And 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,” ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

NOTE: Clearly, these elders are people from earth, who were resurrected at some point and were taken to heaven. They are identified as elders (Rev 4:4,10) and as those who will reign on the earth for they themselves have been “*they were redeemed*”. In other words, they are overcomers, having the character of Christ.

What captures John's attention?



V1, "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book [*a scroll*] written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

V6, "in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes,..."

How is our High Priest described?

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¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to
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And we shall reign on the earth.”**

Rev 5:9



**“Blessing and honor and
glory and power
Be to Him who sits on
the throne, And to the
Lamb, forever and ever!”**

Rev 5:13



