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God sits on the throne of heaven

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Chapter 4 describes John's vision of God's throne in heaven. John saw an open door in heaven, and he heard a voice inviting him to come up and see what had to happen after that. Upon entering, John saw a throne on which sat a man who looked like jasper and rubies. Around the throne, John saw 24 elders wearing golden crowns, who worshiped God day and night. There was constant lightning and thunder in front of the throne, and seven lamps burned in front of it, representing the seven Spirits of God. Four living creatures with eyes and wings surround the throne, each with a different face: a lion, a cow, a man, and an eagle. They continually praise God, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, was, is, and will always be." ”

This chapter lays the groundwork for the rest of the book, emphasizing God's sovereignty and holiness. The apostle John saw the following anomalies in turn:

The heavenly gates are opened (a voice speaks to John, who is moved by the Holy Spirit); In difficult situations, even when the Lord is persecuted or feels like there is no way out, the doors of heaven are open for us. It was as if our doors were all shut, because God closed one door and then opened another. Therefore, believe that there is always a way to follow God, and the doors of heaven will be opened for us.

There is a throne on which sits a person who represents the authority of the ruler. There is a throne in heaven that reigns, as God said to Daniel that the Most High reigns in the kingdom of men.

There are twenty-four seats around the throne, on which twenty-four elders are seated;

seven fire lamps in front of the throne, and a sea of glass; The sea of glass is like the sea, but it is glass, and there is no water in it. Later in the book of Revelation speaks of fire being mixed with fire. The sea of glass is actually a judgment, everything must be seen through, and all impurities will be refined.

There are four living creatures in and around the Throne. This chapter is the first part of the chapter on anomalies, which the apostle John saw. The first anomaly was a voice speaking to John, and when he looked back, he saw a man like the Son of Man walking among the seven golden lamps, with the seven stars and the David's keys in his hands, and the seven spirits, seven messengers, and seven lampstands, carrying the messages of the seven churches. and a door from heaven was opened" (v.1), as the prophet Ezekiel had seen. "Heaven" represents the dwelling place of God. "For the first time I heard a sound like a trumpet" (v.1), referring to the voice of the Lord of glory that the apostle John first heard. First of all, the gates of heaven were opened. There are many verses in the Bible about the opening of heaven, such as the time of Jesus' baptism, when the heavens were opened; And when Stephen was martyred, "I behold, the heavens are opened, and the Son of Man is at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56) But here it is the gates of heaven, which are opened. The gate here may refer to the gate of the kingdom of heaven, that is, the narrow gate. "Jesus said to the people, 'You have to try to get through the narrow gate. I tell you that there will be many people who want to get in in the future, but they can't. (Luke 13:24) From this chapter onwards, the revelation of the Lord Jesus shifts from the church on earth to "the things that shall come to pass." These "things that must be done" are God's eternal plan, not accidental events to satisfy our curiosity. The root of everything on earth is in heaven, and only when believers "go up here" in the spirit and see through the perspective of the heavenly throne can they gain insight into the intricacies of the world and see the ultimate direction of history. Originally, the seven churches were in the midst of hardship and struggle, and they were very weak, but God still said that they would win, that they should become the churches of the tree of life, and that the divinity of God should be in the middle of the church, and that the church should become the pillars of the temple, and that God would raise the church from the hardships and weakness, which was what the church had to go through at that time, and what God is going to do today. "Thou hast come up here" (v.1) means that the church as a whole was raptured before the great tribulation, or that the overcomers were raptured, so that from chapter 4 onwards the church age (chapters 2-3) has passed. 'Immediately I was moved by the Holy Spirit' (v.2), which reads, 'Immediately I was in the Spirit' (1:10), indicating that the Apostle John was spiritually in heaven and not in a physical rapture. 'He who sits' (v.3) is the King of kings, the God who rules the universe. John avoids depicting God in human form, instead describing the radiance of God's glory "like jasper and rubies." The "rainbow" (v.3) is the sign of God's covenant with Noah, symbolizing God's covenant faithfulness. The emerald (v.3) is also the gemstone set on the high priest's breastplate

The "twenty-four elders" may be angels representing all the saints of the Old and New Testaments, just as the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem in the future will bear "the names of the twelve tribes of Israel" and the twelve foundations of the walls will bear "the names of the

twelve apostles of the Lamb." The priests of the Old Testament temple were divided into twenty-four classes, and these twenty-four elders also served before God. These twenty-four elders also praise before God (5:8). "Lightning and sound and thunder" show God's righteousness and majesty from God who sits on the throne.

The "seven Spirits of God" represent the Holy Spirit, the "sevenfold spirit," which signifies the omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence of the Holy Spirit, v.2-6) God gave John a vision of heaven as if it were the Holy of Holies in heaven. John saw the throne of God in the Holy Spirit and saw the image of God. The twenty-four elders are the elders of the church, dressed in white, with good works, with the righteousness of God, and with a golden crown of victory. When the elders came to heaven, the crown was given to them by God. Some received the crown of life, as the church of Shimeina did; Some receive a crown of glory that never fades. First Peter tells us that to shepherd faithfully as a shepherd and small group leader will have a crown of glory that will never fade. He who loves the Lord's revelation and fights the good fight for the truth will receive the crown of righteousness. Therefore, the crown can go to heaven. The church is overcome, just like the elders of the church. When the twenty-four elders received the crown, they felt that they were not worthy of it, so they offered the crown to God again. This is the second praise that God is worthy of glory, honor, and authority. Heavenly revelation tells us that all things were created by God and created by God's will. The seven lamps of fire are the Holy Spirit, and the four living creatures are the guardians of God, looking upon the throne and worshipping there. (v.7-8) The four living creatures are heavenly creatures that belong to God, and they are worshipping, which is the highest worship. "The Lord God" is not only God, but also the Lord, the most powerful and powerful One, who lives forever, who is not controlled by time, who can intervene in our lives at any time, who is holy, who transcends time and space, who is full of power, who can intervene in our lives and make decisions in our families. The identity of the "four living creatures" may be angels representing all creation. 'The lion, the calf, the man, and the eagle' (v.7) may represent the noblest, strongest, wisest, and most agile creatures, and the Jewish rabbis around A.D. said that "the most powerful of the birds is the eagle, the most bull of the fowl, the most lion of the beasts, and the crown of man over all". It is also believed that the "lion, the calf, the man, and the eagle" all symbolize Christ: the "lion" symbolizes the king of the kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew, the "ox" symbolizes the servant of God in the Gospel of Mark, the "man" symbolizes the perfect Son of Man in the Gospel of Luke, and the "eagle" symbolizes the Son of God in the Gospel of John. The first praise in verse 8. There are fourteen hymns in the book, all in the form of hymns that can be sung. As we suffer from the persecution and heresy of the world as the early church, remember that the four living creatures are still in heaven 'day and night' (v.8) and promise us 'day and night' that a holy, eternal, all-powerful God will keep the church from all sin, enemies and circumstances! At that time, the church was very difficult, but the church was in God's creation, and it was okay for God to save the church from suffering immediately, but God let the church have His heart, He had His good will, and He was in power. God is the creator of all things, and it is easy to change the heavens and the earth, but it takes time to change people, and it is very difficult to change a person who is very weak and almost wants to abandon God and want to follow the world, to make him a tree of life. Just as it is easy for God to give us gifts, it is laborious to change our

lives. God has put us through all kinds of suffering, not because he doesn't help us, but because He has a deeper heart.

Let's pray:

Abba Father, John saw the throne of God. Before the throne, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders worshipped day and night, offering honor, glory, and thanksgiving to the God who sat on the throne, who was and was present. Perhaps this is our life in Heaven, where we enjoy God's presence, behold His beauty, and worship and praise Him in spirit and truth for all eternity. Thank you for giving John a vision of heaven and reminding us that Your throne is always secure, no matter what the circumstances. Help us to keep looking to You in our lives and to offer our worship and thanksgiving to You because You are the Holy and Almighty Lord God. May we spend our whole lives in Your presence, enjoying Your beauty, and praising You without ceasing for eternity.

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. amen

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4:1 After that, I looked, and saw that a door in heaven was opened, and for the first time I heard a sound like a trumpet, and said to me, Come up here, and I will tell you what is to come.

4:2 Immediately I was moved by the Holy Spirit and saw a throne in heaven and a throne on a throne.

4:3 behold the sitting like jasper and red stones. There is also a rainbow surrounded by a throne like a green jewel .

4:4 And around the throne there were twenty-four seats, on which sat twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with a golden crown on their heads.

4:5 There were lightning bolts, sounds, thunder, and lightning from the throne. And there were seven lamps lit in front of the throne, and these seven lamps were the seven spirits of God.

4:6 in front of the throne it is like a glass sea like a water crystal . There are four living creatures in and around the throne, and the front and back are all full of eyes.

4:7 The first was like a lion, the second like a calf, the third with a man, and the fourth like an eagle.

4:8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and their eyes were full of eyes inside and out. They do not dwell day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God. He is the Almighty who was and is now and will always be in the future.

4:9 When the four living creatures will be glorified, honored, and thanksgiving, to him who sits on the throne and lives forever and ever,

4:10 And the twenty-four elders fell down before the throne, and worshipped him who lived for ever and ever, and set their crowns before the throne, saying,

4:11 Your Lord and our God you are worthy of glorious and noble authority. For Thou hast created all things, and all things have been created by thy will.

The fourth chapter of the book of Revelation describes John's vision of the throne of God in heaven. Here's a quick summary:

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The key verses of the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation are in the Chinese version in the Harmony Version.

1. Revelation 4:1 - And it came to pass, after these things, that I looked, and behold, a door in heaven was opened, and for the first time I heard a voice like a trumpet, and said unto me, Come here, and I will shew you what is to come. "

2. Revelation 4:8 - Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and their eyes were full inside and out. Day and night they said, "Holy! Holy! Holy! The Lord God is the Almighty, who was, is, and will always be. "

3. Revelation 4:11 - Our Lord and our God, you are worthy of glory and honor and authority because you created all things, and all things were created by your will.

Revelation chapter 4 depicts John's vision of heaven and the throne of God and the worship that accompanies it. This chapter emphasizes God's dignity, power, and creativity, and the need for believers to face God with reverence and praise. Here are some highlights of the theological implications, theological thinking, and spiritual implications of chapter 4:

Depiction of Heaven: This chapter depicts a vision of heaven, including the throne of God, living creatures, and elders. John saw a seated God on the throne, which emphasized God's power and rule.

Worship and Awe: Angels and elders worship continually before the throne of God and chant the Holy Shrine three times as they express praise, reverence, and reverence for God. This reminds believers to draw near to God in fear and put Him at the center of their lives.

The glory of creation: The throne of God is surrounded by living creatures that demonstrate God's creative power and glory. This emphasizes God as the creator and master of the universe.

Spiritual Devotion: Elders cast their crowns before the throne of God to signify their spiritual devotion and service to God. This reminds believers to give their lives to God and become servants living in His will.

God's Sovereignty: depicts God's power over world events, expressing his sovereignty and control over the course of history. This lets believers know that God is still in control despite the chaos that the world may be.

In terms of theological thought and spiritual influence, Revelation chapter 4 emphasizes God's power, glory, and creativity, and the need for believers to treat God in worship and fear. This chapter also reminds us to put God at the center of our lives, to worship Him, and to be willing to give Him all we have. By describing worship and God's power in heaven, this chapter inspires believers to remain steadfast in the face of challenges and difficulties, knowing that God is in control and that we can trust in His plan and guidance.