

Revelation 4:1, "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this'."

SEVEN Key Identifications in Rev. 4

The Throne and the One sitting on it: <u>God the</u> <u>Father</u>

The 24 Elders sitting on thrones: Raptured CA Believers

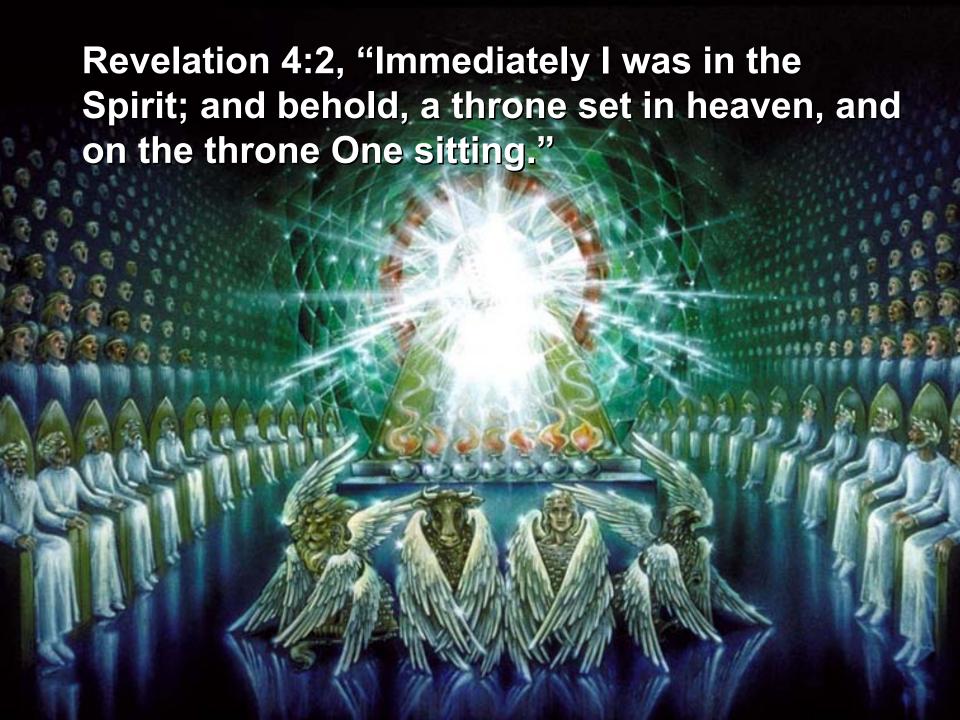
The seven Lamps and the Seven Spirits of God

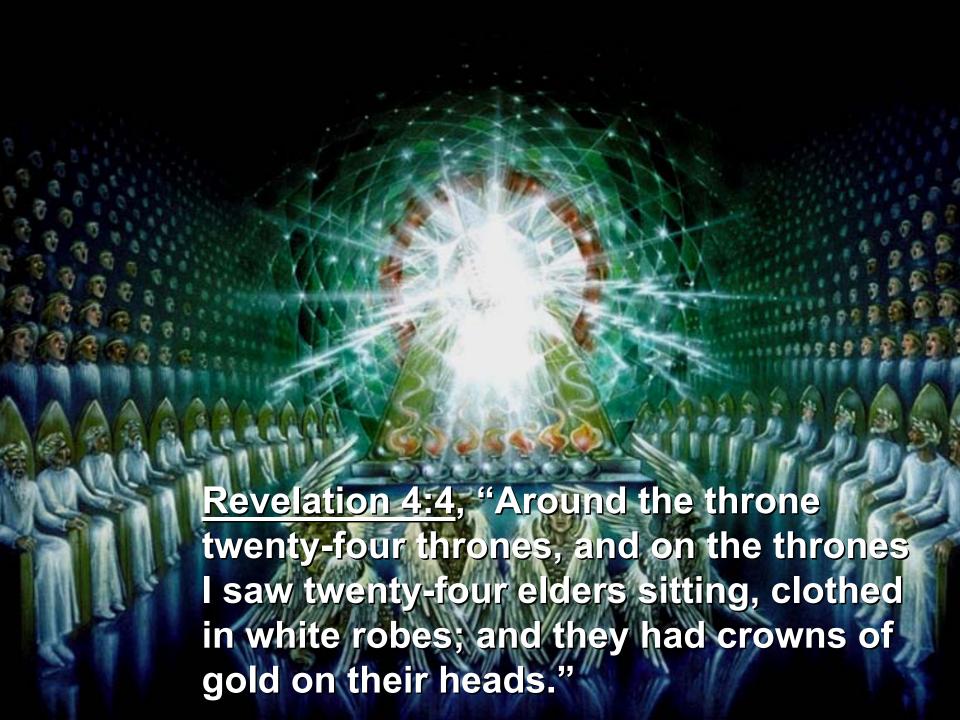
The 4 living Creatures

The Lamb

The Scroll

The seven Seals on the Scroll







Isaiah 29:6, "You will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire."





Revelation 1:4, "John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,"

Zechariah 4:6, "So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts'."

Zechariah 4:10, "For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

Revelation 4:6, "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.

Revelation 4:7, "The 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.

Revelation 4:8, "The 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!"

Revelation 4:9, "Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,"

An Introduction to the Doctrine of Angels

1. Both the Greek [ἄγγελος ággelos] and Hebrew [מֵלְאָרְ *mal'āk*] terms for "angel" mean "messenger."

- 2. This term describes a class of rational, immaterial, spirit beings created by God to fulfill a variety of functions. During human history angels function as:
 - Mediators of divine revelation (Gal. 3:19),
 - Messengers of God (Dan. 10:11),
 - Witnesses of God's Justice (Revelation),
 - Attendants to the Divine Throne (Ezekiel 1:5, Isaiah 6:2–6, Rev. 4–5), and
 - Overseers of the outworking of Divine judgment (Revelation).

3. Angels can appear in human form (Genesis 18:1–8). They always appear as males (Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4). At least three categories of angelic beings, seraphim and cherubim and living beings, have wings (Isaiah 6:2–6; Ezekiel 1:5–8; Rev 4). Several angels are described as flying (Daniel 9:21; Luke 1:19).

- Cherubim are the highest class of angels.
 They attend the glory, holiness, and majesty of God (Ezekiel 1:5–14).
- Seraphim are "burning ones" or angelic incendiaries who are ablaze with the glory of God and continually announce His triune holiness (Isaiah 6:3).

- Living beings (Hebrew, hayoth) is a general designation of the angels who both direct the worship of God and express His judgments (Revelation 4; 14). The four living beings in Rev. 4 may be a variety of Cherub due to their similarity to the description of Cherubim in Ezekiel
- Michael is designated as the "archangel" in Jude 9.
- Gabriel is the messenger who announces significant events related to Israel.