**Revelation**

The Throne of God

Background

* Revelation
	+ Ch 4-5: Heaven (in the future…..things which must be hereafter – v1)
	+ Ch 6-19: Judgment Unleashed
	+ Ch 20: Millenium
	+ Ch 21-22: Glimpse of eternity with Jesus Christ (new heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem, no night, no curse, no sin, etc)
* Only four described as seeing heaven
	+ Isaiah 6
	+ Ezekiel 1
	+ Paul – II Corinthians 12 (…heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter)
	+ John - Revelation

Throne (v 1-3)

* In Heaven
	+ One sat upon the throne
		- Like looking at a jasper and a sardine stone
			* 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. (Rev 3:21) – Church of Laodicea
			* Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; (Rev 21:11)

Out of the Throne (v 5)

* Lightnings
* Thunderings
* Voices
	+ And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (Rev 8:5)
	+ And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. (Rev 11:19)
* Seven Lamps of Fire
	+ 1 ¶ The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me
		- 1) to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me
		- 2) to bind up the brokenhearted,
		- 3) to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; 2
		- 4) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God;
		- 5) to comfort all that mourn; 3
		- 6) To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
		- 7) to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Is 61:1-3)

Before the Throne (v 6)

* Sea of Glass
	+ Like Crystal
		- 1 ¶ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. (Rev 22:1-2)

Round About the Throne

* Rainbow (v 3)
	+ Like an emerald
		- 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. (Gen 9:13-15)
* 24 Seats (v 4)
* 24 Elders Sitting on the seats (v 4)
	+ Clothed in White
	+ Crowns of Gold
	+ Elders fall down and worship the One on the Throne saying
		- Thou art worthy to receive
			* Glory
			* Honor
			* Power
		- Why is He worthy?
			* He created all things
				+ All things are and were created for His pleasure
		- NOTE: Elders fall down when the beasts give glory and honour and thanks (v 9)
* Four Beasts
	+ General
		- 6 Wings
		- Full of Eyes
		- Crying
			* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come
				+ One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. (Ps 27:4)
			* Give
				+ Glory
				+ Honor
				+ Thanks
	+ Specific
		- First - Like a Lion
		- Second – Like a Calf
		- Third – Face as a Man
		- Fourth – Like a Flying Eagle