**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