

## The Throne Room

The detailed discussion is at the bottom. The purpose of this study is to show how the vision of The Throne Room CHANGED between Ezekiel and John. It clarifies primary issues.

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Read the Ezekiel and Revelation accounts below slowly a couple of times. Let it paint a picture for you. Do not think of it as "symbolism," but as a photograph of the Throne of God in the eternal spiritual dimension.

"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are **temporal**, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:18

[ *The Temporal and Eternal* ] "For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor 5:1

REMEMBER, The Spiritual dimension CONTROLS the natural world of our five senses.

## EZEKIEL



## Ezekiel 1 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

### The Vision of Four Figures

**1** Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw <sup>[a]</sup>visions of God. **2** (On the fifth of the month <sup>[b]</sup>in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile, **3** the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

**4** As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire. **5** Within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form. **6** Each of them had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight and <sup>[c]</sup>their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze. **8** Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, **9** their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. **10** As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; <sup>[d]</sup>all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and <sup>[e]</sup>all four had the face of an eagle. **11** Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies. **12** And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went. **13** <sup>[f]</sup>In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, <sup>[g]</sup>like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was <sup>[h]</sup>flashing from the fire. **14** And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.

**15** Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living beings, <sup>[i]</sup>for each of the four of them. **16** The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like <sup>[j]</sup>sparkling beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship being as if <sup>[k]</sup>one wheel were within another. **17** Whenever they <sup>[l]</sup>moved, they <sup>[m]</sup>moved in any of their four <sup>[n]</sup>directions without turning as they <sup>[o]</sup>moved. **18** As for their rims they were

lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were full of eyes round about. <sup>19</sup> Whenever the living beings <sup>[p]</sup>moved, the wheels <sup>[q]</sup>moved with them. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also. <sup>20</sup> Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction<sup>[r]</sup>. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living <sup>[s]</sup>beings was in the wheels. <sup>21</sup> Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living <sup>[t]</sup>beings was in the wheels.

### Vision of Divine Glory

<sup>22</sup> Now over the heads of the living <sup>[u]</sup>beings there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of <sup>[v]</sup>crystal, spread out over their heads. <sup>23</sup> Under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward the other; each one also had two wings covering its body on the one side and on the other. <sup>24</sup> I also heard the sound of their wings like the sound of abundant waters as they went, like the voice of <sup>[w]</sup>the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings. <sup>25</sup> And there came a voice from above the expanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

<sup>26</sup> Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like <sup>[x]</sup>lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man. <sup>27</sup> Then I <sup>[y]</sup>noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like <sup>[z]</sup>glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him. <sup>28</sup> As the appearance of the rainbow <sup>[aa]</sup>in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

JOHN



## Revelation 4 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

### Scene in Heaven

**4** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” <sup>2</sup> Immediately I was <sup>[a]</sup>in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a <sup>[b]</sup>rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

### The Throne and Worship of the Creator

<sup>5</sup> Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the <sup>[c]</sup>center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. <sup>7</sup> The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each one of them

having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night <sup>[d]</sup>they do not cease to say,

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO <sup>[e]</sup>IS TO COME.”

<sup>9</sup> And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they <sup>[f]</sup>existed, and were created.”

## Revelation 5 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

### The Book with Seven Seals

<sup>1</sup> I saw <sup>[a]</sup>in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a <sup>[b]</sup>book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the <sup>[c]</sup>book and to break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the <sup>[d]</sup>book or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the <sup>[e]</sup>book or to look into it; <sup>5</sup> and one of the elders *said* to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the <sup>[f]</sup>book and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And I saw <sup>[g]</sup>between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When He had taken the <sup>[h]</sup>book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the <sup>[i]</sup>saints. <sup>9</sup> And they *sang* a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the <sup>[j]</sup>book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

### Angels Exalt the Lamb

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup> And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Ezekiel saw the crystal ceiling of the Throne Room from below.

John saw it as a floor.

The four faces (Lion, Man, Ox, Eagle) are in both scenes but appear differently.

The four faces are the primary attributes of God which he has put in each human being that he made.

In Exekiel the angels with the faces have four wheels under them.

Wheels always indicate earthly actions. (ie: an airplane only needs wheels to land.)

In Revelation the angels change from earth agents to heavenly praise angels.

Jesus walks among the candle sticks in Revelation which represent his blood cleansed church.

The Throne room changed after the earthly ministry and sacrifice of Jesus.

The power is now in the prayers and praises of the Church.

Believers have to pray and praise and SAY.

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the **sea**,’ it will happen.” Mt 21:21

“And they **overcame** him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.” Rev. 12:11

The Blood of the Lamb Jesus is ALL authority in earth and in heaven.

We testify (SAY) the power of the Lamb.

Sometimes we are literally martyred for our testimony.

Other times we are bold to not worry about our reputation or what people think of us. This is a form of dying to self. It is no coincidence that in the Greek the word “*martyrion*” also means “witness.” It is amazing the amount of power and authority we give up to avoid being embarrassed!