

A Heavenly Scene

Revelation 4:1-11

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A. Who Makes Heaven - Heaven

1. The Door **Personified** - The **Church** Understood the connection

1b I looked, and, behold, a door(**The Door**) was opened in heaven:

- Jesus Revealed **Himself** as the Door

John 10:1-13

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by **THE DOOR** into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by **THE DOOR** is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his VOICE**.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I AM THE DOOR** of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 **I AM THE DOOR**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

2. The **Voice** Identified

1c and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me;

- **Humanity** (**Adam & Eve**) knew Who the VOICE was

Genesis 3:8-10

8 And they heard the **VOICE** of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- **Israel** Knew - Israel on Mt. Sinai

Exodus 19:10-19

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, **Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:**

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, **that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the TRUMPET exceeding loud;** so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when **the VOICE of the TRUMPET sounded long, and waxed louder and louder,** Moses spake, and God answered him by a **VOICE**.

- **Daniel** also knew Him

Daniel 10:5-6

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of **lightning**, and his eyes as **lamps of fire**, and his arms and his feet like in colour to **polished brass**, and the **VOICE** of his words like the **VOICE** of a multitude.

3. The Voice is revealed to the **world**

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me **a great VOICE**, as of a trumpet,

B. What Makes Heaven Complete - The Church - His Bride

1. The Church is **Raptured** out

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you **by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**

16 For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the **VOICE** of the archangel, and with **the TRUMP of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1d which said, **Come up hither**, and I will shew thee things which must be **hereafter**(***meta tuata - coming after***).

- **King Solomon** alludes to it

Proverbs 25:4-7

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, **Come up hither**; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

- **Jesus** Illustrates it

Luke 14:7-11

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that bade thee and him **come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.**

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, **Friend, go up higher:** then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

- **The Rapture of the 2 Fallen Witnesses**

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither.** And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

2. This is **a spiritual** event

2 And **immediately(directly)** I was in the spirit:

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great **voice**, as of a **trumpet**,

3. The **Throne**

2b and, behold, **a throne** was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

- **Isaiah's** eyewitness

Isaiah 6:1-4

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also **the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**

2 Above it stood **the seraphims**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the **DOOR** moved at the **VOICE** of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a **jasper** and a **sardine stone**:

a. **The First and Last**

Exodus 28:17-20

17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius**, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.
18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.
20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a **jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

b. The rainbow

3b and there was **a rainbow round** about the throne, in sight like unto **an emerald**.

Genesis 9:12-17

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

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**.

16 And **the bow shall be in the cloud**; and I will look upon it, **that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh** that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

4. 24 elders

4 And round about the throne were **four and twenty seats**: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty **elders** sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads **crowns of gold**.

Luke 22:24-30

24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

29 And **I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;**

30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and **sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

It seems like 12 of them would be the 12 disciples; there is no real direct connection to who the other 12 may be. Some suggest the other 12 may be the 12 tribes of Israel.

C. THE HEAVENLY **PRAISE SERVICE**

1. The 7 Lamps & 7 Spirits

5 And out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings and voices**: and there were **seven lamps of fire burning** before the throne, which are **the seven Spirits of God.**

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and **the seven golden candlesticks.** The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and **the seven candlesticks** which thou sawest are **THE SEVEN CHURCHES.**

2. The **Throne's** Description

a. The **Face** of the Throne - Sea of Glass - **Purity** of God

6 And **before(in the face of)** the throne there was **a sea of glass** like unto crystal:

Exodus 38:8 And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

b. The **Middle** of the Throne

6b and in **the midst(middle)** of the throne,

c. **Around** the Throne

6c and **round about(in a circle)** the throne, were **four beasts full of eyes before and behind.**

7 And the first beast was like **a lion**, and the second beast like **a calf**, and the third beast had a **face as a man**, and the fourth beast was like **a flying eagle.**

8 And the four beasts had each of them **six wings about him**; and they were **full of eyes within**: and **they rest not** day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

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4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and **the house was filled with smoke.**

9 And when those beasts **give glory and honour and thanks** to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders **fall down** before him that sat on the throne, and **worship him** that liveth for ever and ever, and **cast their crowns(wreath)** before the throne, saying,

3. The Heavenly **Praise Hymn**

11 **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Matthew 24

The Temple shall be destroyed (Matthew 24:1-2)

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to **shew him the buildings of the temple.**

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, **that shall not be thrown down.**

Disciples want an explanation of His return to save Israel (Matthew 24:3)

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

- **He answered their questions about the Jews then explains where they – the Church would be**
- **Proof is in the Disciples question in Acts 1**
- **Explanation of the church age**

Antichrists (Matthew 24:4-5)

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; **and shall deceive many.**

Wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6)

6 And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye **be not troubled**: for all these things **must come to pass**, but **the end is not yet.**

Famines earthquakes pestilence (Matthew 24:7-8)

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: **and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

8 **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Hated for Jesus' sake (Matthew 24:9-11)

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Jews and Christians alike)**

10 And then shall **many be offended**, and shall **betray one another**, and shall **hate one another**.

11 And many **false prophets shall rise**, and shall deceive many.

Sin abounds love is cold (abortion and euthanasia) (Matthew 24:12-14)

12 And because **iniquity shall abound**, the **love of many shall wax cold**.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations**; and then shall the end come.

Attack on the Jews (Matthew 24:15-24)

The Tribulation (Matthew 24:15)

15 When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-26)

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for **the elect's sake** those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall **shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect**.

To The Church

The Rapture

25 Behold, I have told you before. (**Matthew 24:5-14**)

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 **Immediately after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 And he shall **send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

God's Words are forever

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, **but my words shall not pass away.**

36 But **of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

The Days of Noah

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

No one knows when

42 **Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore **be ye also ready**: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.