



“Heavenly Perspective on Mankind’s Future”

Revelation 4:1-3
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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 4:1-3 NASB95]

Introduction.

"1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. 3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. [Rev 4:1-3 ESV]

1. The scene changes from a vision on Patmos to a _____ vision.

"1 After these things I looked, and there was a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said: "Come up here so that I can show you what must happen after these things."" [Rev 4:1 NET]

1. John is invited to go through a door opening a _____ from heaven of prophetic events.

1. “After these things I looked” is a transitional phase that signals a _____ vision. [7:9;15:5;18:1]

2. The door standing open represents unlocked _____ between heaven and earth.

"7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write the following: "This is the solemn pronouncement of the Holy One, **the True One, who holds the key of David, **who opens doors no one can shut**, and shuts doors no one can open:" [Rev 3:7 NET]**

3. Christ taught that He descended from Heaven and opened _____ to heaven.

"13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." [Jhn 3:13 ESV]

2. Christ invites John to “come up here” to _____ earthly events from a heavenly perspective.

And the first voice I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said: "Come up here so that I can show you what must happen after these things."" [Rev 4:1b NET]

1. The first voice He heard speaking was the voice of Christ’s _____ in Revelation 1:1

"1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John," [Rev 1:1 ESV]

2. This serves to mark a new section in the _____.

3. These things refer to the messages to the _____ in chapters 2 and 3.

1. The repetition to each of the seven churches was “the Spirit says to the churches [_____].

"29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." [Rev 2:29 ESV]

2. “After these things” refers to the interim church ____ consummated with Daniel’s ____.

"27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for **one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."" [Dan 9:27 ESV]**

(1) The vision of Daniel’s 70th week is given in chapters 6 thru 19.

(2) The millennial kingdom in chapter 20.

(3) The eternal state in chapters 21 & 22

2. *The first view through the door is of the throne in the _____ of _____.
At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne." [Rev 4:2 ESV]*

1. *This throne is where judgment is made and the Father's _____ is commissioned.*

1. *The incarcerated Apostle John is assured of _____ judgment here.*

"9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." [Rev 1:9 ESV]

2. *At the throne we have an _____ with the Father.*

"1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, **Jesus Christ the righteous**;" [1Jo 2:1 NASB95]

2. *Seated on the throne is the glorious _____ God.*

1. *This throne is our _____ place where we wait for God's word.*

"114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word." [Psa 119:114 NASB95]

2. *This throne is where _____ control is issued.*

"34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?""
[Dan 4:34-35 ESV]

3. *Seated on the throne is a _____ description of God the Father.*

And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald." [Rev 4:3 ESV]

1. *A person is identified with a _____ pronoun .*

"And he who sat there"

2. *There is no image or figure but an appearance of ancient _____ difficult to identify by color.*

🕯 **Jasper** is usually identified as a greenish opaque color but a range of other colors are possible.

🕯 **Carnelian or sardis** - usually redish brown or orange stone

🕯 **Emerald** - is a bright green color identified by today's appearance.

Conclusion: John 2nd Vision

God on His heavenly throne [4:1-11]

The Lamb who was slain to accomplish God's redemption [5:1-14]