

THE THRONE ROOM

Revelation 4-5

Chapter 4 begins with the most detailed description of the Lord’s throne room found anywhere in the Bible. The three members of the Godhead are present and around the throne are 24 elders. Let’s begin by examining who these elders from Rev 4:4 represent.

“ 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. ”

24 ELDERS

The word **elder** is always used in conjunction with human beings who lead God’s people.

Later in Revelation 20:4 we’re told that the **saints** will receive **thrones** to **judge** in the Kingdom.

The number 12 represents government or leadership over God’s people, e.g. 12 tribes govern Israel, 12 apostles governed the church, 12 months govern the year, etc.



The Greek word for **crown**, *stephanos*, specifically describes an award for excellent performance, like an olympic wreath. It represents the eternal rewards available to believers.

White garments represent righteous acts of the saints. In the letter to Sardis, (Rev 3:5) John writes, “The one who overcomes will be clothed the same way, in white garments...”

Doubling a number means to emphasize or make complete the concept behind that number, so 24 elders represents ALL the leaders of the church being present in the throne room (i.e. raptured) prior to the Tribulation.

Revelations 4 and 5 are the transition chapters from the Church Age into the 7 year Tribulation period. It describes the throne room as Jesus is found worthy to open the scroll. As he breaks the seals on the scroll, Tribulation commences and great devastation is poured out on the Earth.

“ And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. ”



In Rev 4:5, John explains that the 7 lamps represent the 7 spirits of God, just like Isaiah describes the Spirit using 7 characteristics in Isa 11:2. We know the number 7 signifies **the total, or complete number for perfection**, and therefore conclude that the 7 spirits of God there means the Holy Spirit **in His entirety** is in the throne room.

If the Holy Spirit is not on Earth at this point, it also means that the entire church has left the earth, as Jesus made it clear that His presence would remain with the Church until the end of the Age. This suggests the church has raptured by this point in Revelation 4.

THE 7 FEASTS

In Leviticus 23, God instituted a religious calendar of 7 feasts for the Israelites to follow. Through these feasts, the Jewish people celebrated their identity, faith and blessings of God. Prophetically, these feasts are a timeline of Jesus redemptive plan as he dramatically fulfils the hope of each feast. The first 4, known as the Spring Feasts are a picture of Christ’s death and resurrection and have been fulfilled, whereas the Fall Feasts relate to His second coming and are yet to pass.

The Feast of Trumpets is set at the end of the final harvest and involves several loud blasts of a ram’s horn (*shofar*) to call the people to stop work, and prepare themselves for the atonement 10 days later. This gathering of people by way of a trumpet blast after the harvest is complete is symbolic of the rapture, for in 1 Cor 15:51-52, Paul writes:

“ Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ”

PASSOVER	UNLEAVENED BREAD	FIRST FRUITS	WEEKS	TRUMPETS	ATONEMENT	TABERNACLES
<i>Pesakh</i> 14th day of 1st month End March or April	<i>Matsoth</i> 15th day of 1st month Day after Passover	<i>Yom Havikurim</i> 16th day of 1st month 2 days after Passover	<i>Shavuot</i> 50 days after Passover May or June	<i>Rosh Hashana</i> 1st day of 7th month Sep or early Oct	<i>Yom Kippur</i> 10th day of 7th month Sep or Oct	<i>Sukkoth</i> 15th day of 7th month Late Sep or Oct
God passed over the Israelite firstborn of the homes with lamb’s blood. Jesus, the Lamb of God died during Passover.	God’s deliverance out of Egypt. First grain was offered to God. Jesus burial coincided with this offering. Jesus is our Bread of Life.	Celebrates God’s gift of harvest. Jesus resurrected on this day. He became the first fruits of those raised from the dead.	Anniversary of receiving the Law. Coincides with Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit.	Jewish new year. 2 day feast preparing for God’s Judgement at harvest end. Symbolic of the Rapture.	A time of repentance and fasting. Jews will acknowledge Jesus is the Messiah leading to His return.	Remember wilderness living before entering Canaan. Symbolic of entering the 1000 year New Kingdom.