

Throne of Glory, Honor and Power

Rev. 4:1-11
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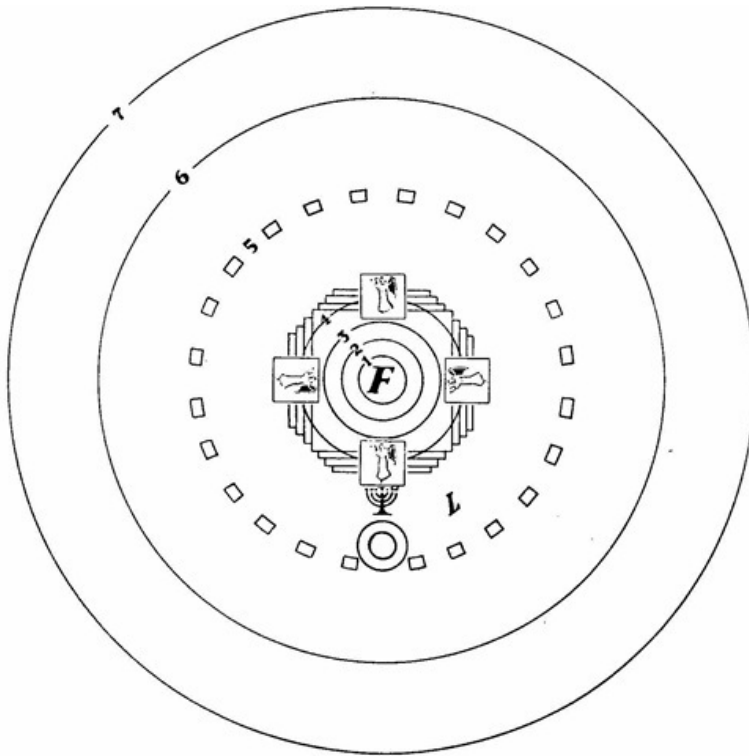
God gives us a vision in Rev. 4:1-11 that includes special angels and twenty-four thrones and twenty-four elders (v.4, 10,11).

Try to visualize the Throne of God as it is revealed (Diagram is from William Hendriksen's book *More Than Conquerors*, page 83. There are **7 circles** to imagine). Hendriksen was an Idealist/Spiritualist. The glimpse of the throne reveals who God is (v.8) and what he deserves (v.11).

At the center (v.2), **The Father sits on the throne**

- circle 1 (v.3), white diamond/jasper;
- circle 2 (v.3), sardius;
- circle 3 (v.3), emerald rainbow.
- circle 4 (5:6), four living creatures or cherubim;
- circle 5 (v.4,10), twenty-four elders.
- circle 6 (5:11), many angels.
- circle 7 (v.11), "all things" in the entire universe.

The seven lamps and the sea of glass are also before the throne (**4:5,6**). The Lamb (**L**) stands between the throne and the living ones on the one side, and the twenty-four elders on the other (**5:6**). But **the Lamb later advances to the throne (5:7), and is now seated on it with the father (22:1)**.



Remember that God is a Spirit without a body like men dwelling in inapproachable light (**1 Tim. 6:13-16**). In other words, this diagram is not even close to a good picture of the heavenly structure.

Where in the seven circles are created things?

God's throne is mentioned in 18 of the 22 chapters in the book of Revelation. The Greek word for "throne" is found 47 times in the book of Revelation, which is 47 of the 62 total times in the New Testament. Why the strong references to the throne of God?

Consider our view of heaven in light of what is revealed in Rev.4. Will we be able to actually see God the Father on the throne? (1 John 3:1, 2; 1 Tim. 6:13-16).

Let us consider first steps and applications through the Revelation 4 door.

1. The right vision of the throne of glory, honor and power Calms Our Worries.

2. The right vision of the throne of glory, honor and power Cultivates Our Worship.

3. The right vision of the throne of glory, honor and power Clarifies Our Way.

4. The right vision of the throne of glory, honor and power Strengthens Our Faith.