

# The great throne in the book of



**A**s described in chapter 4 verse 1 of the book of Revelation, John has the vision of an open door in heaven and he hears the Lord who invites him to go up and see the future events.

All of us who have believed in Jesus also have an **open door and free access to God** to ask Him to help us understand His word, thank Him for His kindness, talk to Him like to a friend, and ask Him for forgiveness or help in all our needs.

John sees the majesty of the divine throne and tries to describe it. Let us read Revelation 4:2-3. He who is seated is the Heavenly Father. John describes Him using the brightest colors he knows. The jasper stones have wonderful colors. In the sunlight, the sardine reflects a beautiful reddish light and the emerald has a lovely transparent green color; all of which is beautified by the diaphanous light of the rainbow above. The rainbow is a symbol of the covenant of grace that God made with man.

Verse 6 says: *“And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal.”* A transparent square as if it were made of glass or ice. Then he describes the characters there.

## 1. What other thrones are there besides the throne of God? Revelation 4:4.

*“And round about the throne were 24 seats, and upon the seats I saw 24.....”*

- ✓ The twenty-four elders are first fruits, representatives of humankind who are in the presence of God. They were consecrated men, maybe prophets. Some were translated to heaven alive, like Elijah and Enoch, (2 Kings 2:19; Genesis 5:24) and the others resurrected, as Moses did (Jude 1:9, Matthew 17:3). We know the names of these three and we know that the other 21 resurrected on the occasion of Jesus’ death and resurrection. (Matthew 27:52- 53; Ephesians 4:8).

## 2. What other evidence is there that they were human beings? What do they tell in their songs? Revelation 5:9-10.

*“hast redeemed us to God by thy blood ..... and nations....”*

- ✓ They are dressed in white and have crowns on their head (Revelation 4:4). This means they were sinners and by faith they have received the mantle of Christ’s righteousness. (Revelation 19:8). They have been forgiven and declared righteous. The crowns are symbols of the victory obtained when their earthly race is over.



**3. What other living beings were by the throne? Revelation 4:6-8.**

*They were similar to: the first one .....  
the second one ..... the third one .....  
the fourth one .....*

- ✓ The prophet Ezekiel sees the three living creatures (Ezekiel 1:10) by the throne of the Almighty and he says they are cherubs (Ezekiel 10:20), a kind of guardianship. Their living presence is an adornment to the throne and their aspect represent the virtues of God. The lion represents the power and strength, the ox strength and perseverance, man intelligence and sensibility, the eagle speed and sharp sight. They have eyes all over, a sign that God is omnipresent. They have 6 wings (verse 8) like the seraphim mentioned in Isaiah 6:2. *“With twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly”*. As a sign of reverence and obedience to God.

**4. How is the presence of Jesus by the divine throne described? Revelation 5:6.**

*“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders,..... as it had been slain, having.....eyes.”*

- ✓ Jesus is called “Lamb” 29 times in the book of Revelation. “As if has been slain, this as makes us understand that it is a symbol. The term “slain”, as if it had a bleeding wound on its neck, refers to the sacrifice of lambs in the Old Testament, a symbol of Christ’s vicar death for us. It appears so real as if it had just happened. The 7 horns symbolize the power (horns) of this sacrifice made for us. The 7 eyes speak of his perfect wisdom and intelligence and they identify with the 7 spirits of God referring to the Holy Spirit He promised to send. (John 16:7).

**5. Besides the Father, the Son, the living creatures and the 24 elders, who else were there still near the throne? Revelation 5:11.**

*“And I heard the voice of many ..... and the number of them was .....*



- ✓ The innumerable host of angels described there refers to the ministering spirits that serve around the throne of God. They are the ones that look after us in times of peril and keep a record of our life. Hebrews 1:13, 14.

**6. How does the prophet Daniel describe God’s judgment? Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.**

*The Judge – the Father- sat down and ..... were opened (verse 10).*

*"One like the ..... cam with the clouds of heaven. (verse 13).*

- ✓ It is a very impressive scene. Thrones were placed, we have already seen that there sat the 24 elders. Then comes the Judge, God Father. There are millions of angels, living witnesses who although invisible to us, watch all our deeds and register them on the books that are now opened. We are blessed to have a Lawyer! Jesus, the Son of Man comes. He wants to intercede for those who have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord.
- ✓ As it is written in Daniel 7:14, *"And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him"* It is a kingdom that is not corrupted as earthly kingdoms are.

## **7. Our eternal destiny depends on what is written on what books?**

a) *Revelation 3:5. The book of .....*

b) *Revelation 21:27. Only those whose names are written in ..... will obtain eternal life.*

- ✓ In order to be saved, we have to accept Jesus and then our names will be registered in the book of life. If we reject Him, our names will be blotted out. In Revelation 20:12 as well as in Daniel 7:10 *"other books"* are mentioned (plural). Malachi 3:16 mentions the *"book of memories"* where are registered the good works of those *"who feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name."* There is another book where our sins are written down. In Ecclesiastes 12:14 it is written *"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."* God's law will be the rule by which men's characters and lives will be tested in the judgment. We cannot reject it since we are going to be judged by it. (James 2:12). Is your name registered in the book of life? Have you accepted Jesus as your Saviour and Lord so that you can be sure of the love and forgiveness of God and enjoy today the gift of eternal life?

Chapter 5 of Revelation tells us that John went through much anguish of spirit and cried much because no one was worth to open the mysterious book, written within and sealed without.

## **8. Who was found worthy to open the book and undo the 7 seals? Revelation 5:4-7.**

*In the midst of the throne .....  
.....slain.*

- ✓ Here it is spoken of Jesus, the only one worthy. Only He knows who is saved and who is lost, since He is the only capable of reading hearts. He is called *"the lion of the tribe of Judah"*, due to His power and because He came from David, from the tribe of Judah, and He has the eternal kingship.
- ✓ Only He has overcome. In other words, He was the only being who lived on earth and led a sinless life. Therefore, He could die on our stead and save us.

## **9. According to the song of praise of the living creatures, why is only the Lamb worthy? Revelation 5:8-12.**

*"For thou wast ..... by thy blood ....."*

- ✓ Only Jesus can clean us from sin, because only He died on the cross on our stead. We as sinners deserved the punishment that He willingly took upon Himself. This is the song of heavenly being and it should also be ours. There are many reasons to be full of gratitude, since we were reconciled with God through the blood of His Son. (Romans 5:10).



**10. What are the prayers of the children of God compared with? Revelation 5:8.**



*"Golden vials ..... the prayers of the saints."*

✓ Prayer is the means we have to approach God. We can speak with Jesus as with a friend and tell Him our failures and victories. We should always pray to the Father in the name of Jesus because as sin created a gap between God and man, it is necessary for our imperfect prayers to be purified by the intercession of God's Son. He takes them as odorous incense before the Father and shows the scars of the nails on His hands, where He has the marks of His atoning sacrifice on our behalf. (Habakkuk 3:4)

**11. Is there any other intercessor worthy to come before God on my stead? 1 Timothy 2:5.**

*"For there is one God ..... between God and men, ..... Jesus"*

**12. What is another reason that is constantly mentioned by the heavenly beings by God's throne? Revelation 4:11.**

*"Thou are worth, o Lord to receive the glory and honor,..... all things."*

We must honor Jesus as our Creator and Saviour. In the same way the heavenly being do it, we should express His love, greatness and power with the words of our songs. "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." (Revelation 5:13).

Hebrews 13:15 says: "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." To speak to others about God's power and love is the way of expressing our gratitude, faithfulness and love.

**My decision:**

- I acknowledge Jesus as my Saviour and Creator. I confess Him my sins and I wish that my name may be registered in the book of life by the merits of His blood.*
- I intend to pray to him every day and praise Him for being my Savior and Creator.*

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