

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 2
Heavenly Worship – Our Destiny
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Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” ² And **instantly** I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. ³ The **One** sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones — like jasper and carnelian (*or sardius*). And the glow of an emerald circled His Throne like a rainbow. ⁴ Twenty-four thrones surrounded Him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. ⁶ In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. ⁷ The first of these living beings was like a **lion**; the second was like an **ox**; the third had a **human** face; and the fourth was like an **eagle** in flight. ⁸ Each of these living beings had **six wings**, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, Holy, Holy is the **LORD** God, the Almighty —
the One who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

⁹ Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the **One** sitting on the throne (the **One** who lives forever and ever), ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the One who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, ¹¹ “You are worthy, O **LORD** our God, to receive glory and honor and power.

For You created all things, and they exist because You created what you **pleased.**”

1. **The Rapture occurs AFTER the Church Age Officially Ends** (Officially by Jesus Himself).
Revelation 4:1 exemplifies this. “AFTER THIS” – “AFTER THESE THINGS”
AFTER WHAT? → After the Church Age (the Gospel Age) seen in Revelation 2 & 3
(i.e. the 7 churches – Represent all of “Church History”)
2. **The First thing** we will be doing once we get to **Heaven** After the Rapture is to **Worship God**.
It is the Reason we were Created ... to Worship Him. Everyone and Everything is Worshipping God in heaven. If you aren't used to this NOW, what makes you think you will be want to do this Forever? This is not God being Selfish, wanting us to Worship Him, it is for our good.
3. **We will see God as He Is, Fully, Really** – He described in Symbolic Terms here . . .
Jasper / Sardius or Carnelian – **Emerald Rainbow** ... What do these all mean?
4. **Four Living Creatures** – Lion, Ox/Cherub (as in Cherubim), Man (human face), Eagle
Eyes all around ... these are Symbolically Described – but they are Real Living Beings”
(what we might call angelic beings)
This similar to what we see in Ezekiel 1 and Isaiah 6
Symbolically the Same as the Flags/Banners of the Four Main (Head) Tribes that surrounded the Tabernacle in the Wilderness →
Lion → Judah | Ox/Cherub → Ephraim | Man/Human → Reuben | Eagle → Dan
5. **Creation** → from Genesis to Revelation → God is Creator → (just takes it for Granted)
Everything He Created – He Created for His Good Pleasure (compare with Romans 1:18-32)