



The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST
ALPHA / OMEGA

*Session 11 — Before the Throne of God Above
[Revelation 4] — March 28, 2021*

- I. God's **throne** is in the midst of the **heavenly temple** in the **New Jerusalem** – and stands as the **holiest** place in the **universe**.
- II. All that we see in the **earthly realm** is merely a **copy** and **shadow** of the true **substance** of things not seen in the **heavenly realm**.
- III. Contrary to **popular** opinion, John's vision of heaven has **nothing** to **do** with the pre-tribulation **rapture** of the **church**.
- IV. The **24 Elders** represent God's **kings** and **priests** who **sit** on the divine **council**, **serve** in the holy **temple** and **rule** with Christ in His **kingdom**.
- V. Seraphim/Cherubim are **throne guardians** who belong to the highest **ranking order** of **angelic** beings and who dwell in **closest proximity** to God's glory!
- VI. Because **God alone** is supremely **holy**, He alone is forever **worthy** receive all honor, glory, worship and praise! [see Psalm 145]

Personal Application

- ➔ Let us forever praise JESUS – the King of kings and our Great High Priest – and live holy lives before Him.
- ➔ Remember, how we serve Christ now in this life will determine how we serve Him in the kingdom.



Small Group Listening Guide — April 4, 2021

Read Revelation 4 Out Loud

1. Where is John taken, how does God take him, and what does He see?
2. Discuss the details and description of God's throne.
3. What are we told about these 24 Elders and how are they described?
4. What is the significance of the "crowns" on their heads and how is it connected to being an overcomer in Christ?
5. Who or what is immediately surrounding the throne? Describe the four living creatures.
6. How do we see the living creatures and the 24 Elders responding to God? What should this teach us about how we respond to God?
7. What does it mean to be holy, even as God is holy? What does it mean to live holy lives?