

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 12

Section 3: Jesus takes the scroll - Rev 4:1-5:14

I. THE THRONE ROOM – REV 4:1-11 THE BEAUTY REALM (CONTINUED)

D. Around the throne

1. Rainbow like an emerald

a. Shape of an emerald or the color of an emerald?

(1) Positioned

(a) the dias which the throne sits upon in the shape of a cut emerald?

(b) A sphere around the throne as one of the layers of glory that he wraps himself with?

b. Rainbow – covenant

c. Green color – mercy – think Noah -

2. 24 thrones with Elders

a. Clothed in bright garments – garments of light

b. Golden crowns – stephanus – laurel wreaths

c. Who are they?

(1) Heavenly beings?

(a) Seraphim - no

(b) Cherubim - no

(c) Hosts of heaven - ?

(d) Angels - ?

(e) Other?

(2) Saints?

(a) 12 Apostles – does John see himself?

(b) 12 Sons of Israel

(c) Others?

3. Four living creatures
 - a. Seraphim – burning ones
 - (1) Is 6:1-7
 - (2) 6 Wings
 - (3) Full of eyes
 - (4) 4 faces
 - (a) Lion – Royal - Gen
 - (b) Ox – Strength
 - (c) Man – Image of God
 - (d) Eagle – in flight (Isaiah 40:31)
 - (5) Positioned
 - (6) What they do – gaze up on God for eternity
 - b. Cherubim – those who cover
 - (1) Ez 1 – 4 faces – same but different...
 - (2) Ez 10:15 Creatures called Cherubim
 - (3) 4 wings
 - c. Positioned
 - (1) Ez 10:20 Under the throne (Ps 80:1; Ps 99:1; Is 27:16)
 - d. What they do?
 - (1) Chariot of God
 - (2) Guardians
 - e. Lucifer? Ez 28:14