Revelation
Chapter 4
Instructor

Contents: A graphical representation of what be. A metaphorical[i] vision of the ***GOD***'s throne in heaven, with the enthroned elders, the four living creatures and the elders' worship praising ***GOD***'s creation.

Characters: ***CHRIST, HOLY SPIRIT***, John, 24 elders.

Conclusion: The day is approaching when there shall be a shifting of scenes in the heavens and ***GOD*** will execute all ***HIS*** purposes toward the earth. Thundering black clouds shall gather for ***HIS*** last judgment upon the earth, but even in the darkness of that day heaven will reflect the glory of ***GOD*** in the storm reminding all that ***GOD*** has not forgotten ***HIS*** promises. In that day the saints in heaven will contrast the perfect rest of heaven with the troubled waters of earth and will give great glory to ***HIM***.

Key Word: Things coming to pass, 1

Strong Verses: 11.

Striking Facts: ***CHRIST*** is not seen here upon the throne, but as having risen for the execution of other purposes which effect the establishment of ***HIS*** Messianic Kingdom. Heaven is preparing to execute judgment prior to **CHRIST'**s coming with ***HIS*** saints to reign. The elders are seen identified with ***HIM*** in the judgment which is to be executed. The royal priesthood will be redeemed and glorified? The answer as to how they got there is not given here, but will be answered later.

Questions:

1. How many thrones will there be?

2. How did John enter heaven?

3. How many creatures were there and what was their description?

4. What did the elders do when the creatures gave glory?

Question: Is this metaphorical or literal? Why?

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[i] **Metaphorical** - a figure of speech in which a term or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable in order to suggest a resemblance, as in "*A mighty fortress is our God.*"