

Vision #1 – The Seven Lampstands

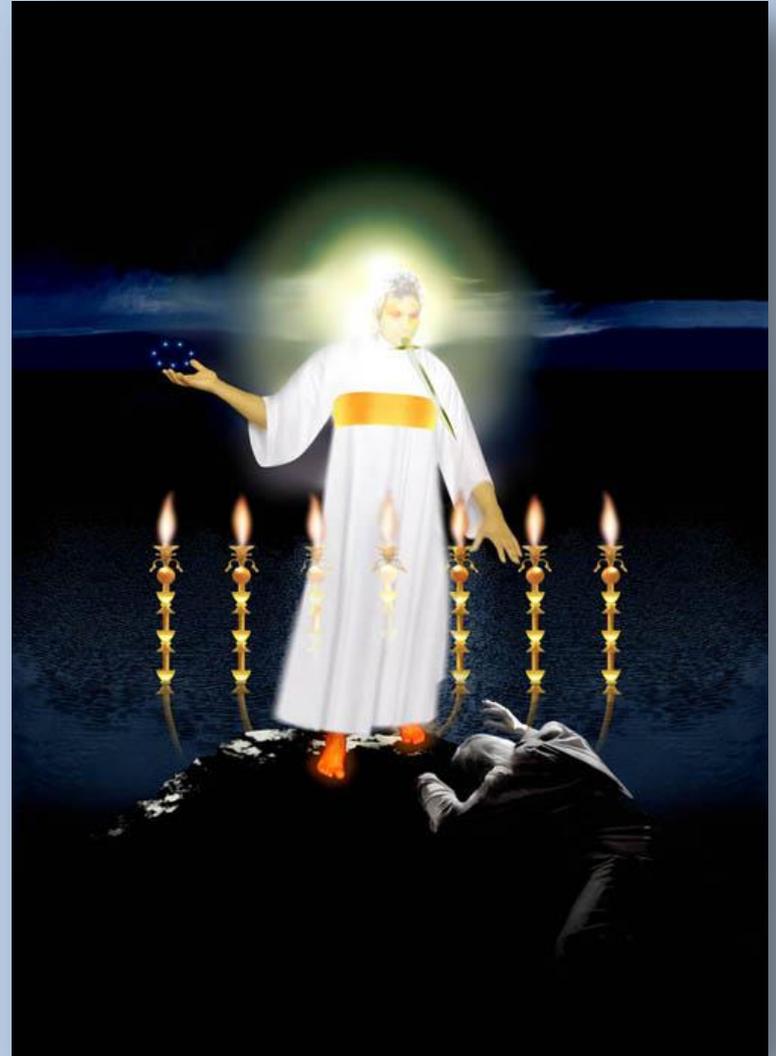


“...I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man...”

Revelation 1:12,13

The Appearance of Christ

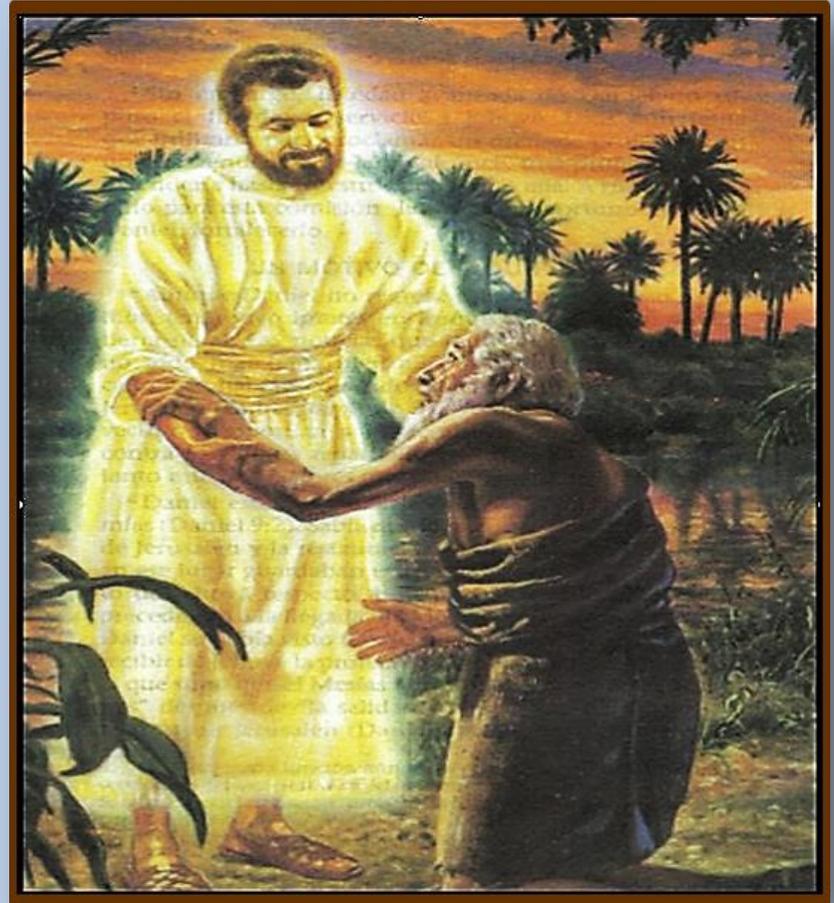
- One like a son of man
- Long robe with a golden sash
- Hair white like wool or snow
 - Daniel 7:9
- Eyes like fire
- Feet like burnished bronze
 - Ezekiel 1:7
- Voice like the roar of many waters
 - Ezekiel 1:24
- Seven stars in His hand
- Sharp two-edged sword from His mouth
 - Hebrews 4:12,13
- Face shining like the sun



Daniel's Vision

“On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.”

Daniel 10:4-6



The Titles of Christ

- The First and the Last (the Alpha and Omega)
- The Living One
- The Holder of Keys of Death and Hades



Old Testament & New Testament Church



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.”
Matthew 5:14,15

The Seven Stars



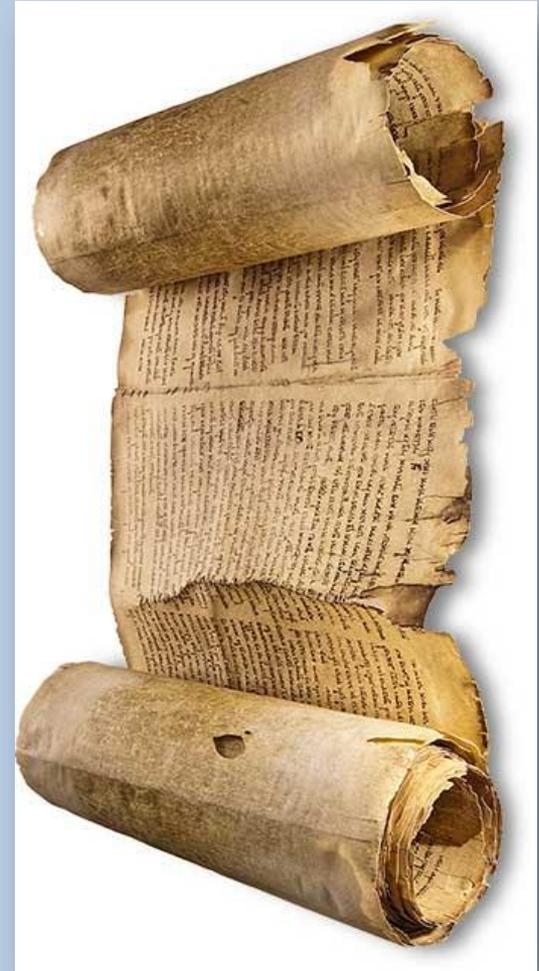
Aggelos: “messenger” –
angel or pastor?

The Seven Churches of Revelation



The Form of the 7 Letters

- **Salutation** – “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write...”
- **Christ’s Signature** – “The words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.”
- **Christ’s Commendation** – “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil...”
- **Christ’s Condemnation** – “But this I have against you, that you have abandoned the love that you had at first...”
- **Christ’s Warning** – “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place...”
- **Christ’s Exhortation** – “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
- **Christ’s Promise** – “To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”



The Condition of the Seven Churches

- **Ephesus** – Faithful in works and doctrine, but lost its “first love”
- **Smyrna** – Poor and persecuted in this world but rich in Christ
- **Pergamum** – Faithful in persecution but tolerating false teaching
- **Thyatira** – Faithful in works and endurance, but tolerating “Jezebel”, a false teacher and seductress
- **Sardis** – Almost spiritually dead, with a small faithful remnant
- **Philadelphia** – Small, but spiritually faithful and strong
- **Laodicea** – Materially wealthy, but spiritually poor and “lukewarm”

Trials of the Seven Churches – Persecution, False Religion, & Worldiness

“The sevenfold condition of these churches actually existed at that time. It exists today. It has existed during the entire intervening period. These seven churches represent the entire Church during the entire dispensation. It has become abundantly evident that the one great question is this... Do they hold fast the name of the Lord in the midst of the darkness of this world (Revelation 1:20)? In other words, *are they lampstands, light-bearers?*”

William Hendriksen

Vision #2 – The Seven Seals



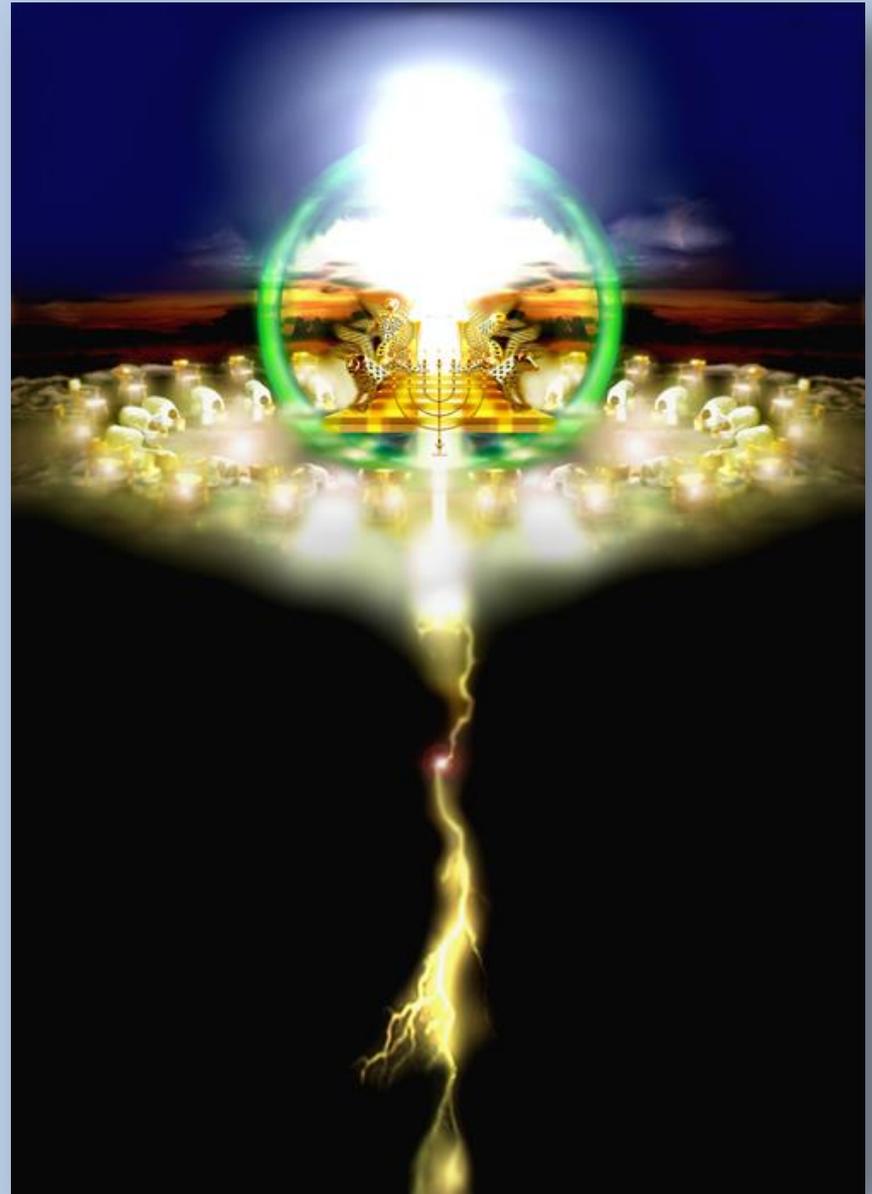
“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

Revelation 4:1

The Throne Room of Heaven

“The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is he!”

Psalm 99:1-3



The Layout

1. Jasper
2. Carnelian
3. Emerald rainbow
4. Cherubim
5. 24 Elders
6. Angels
7. All Creatures

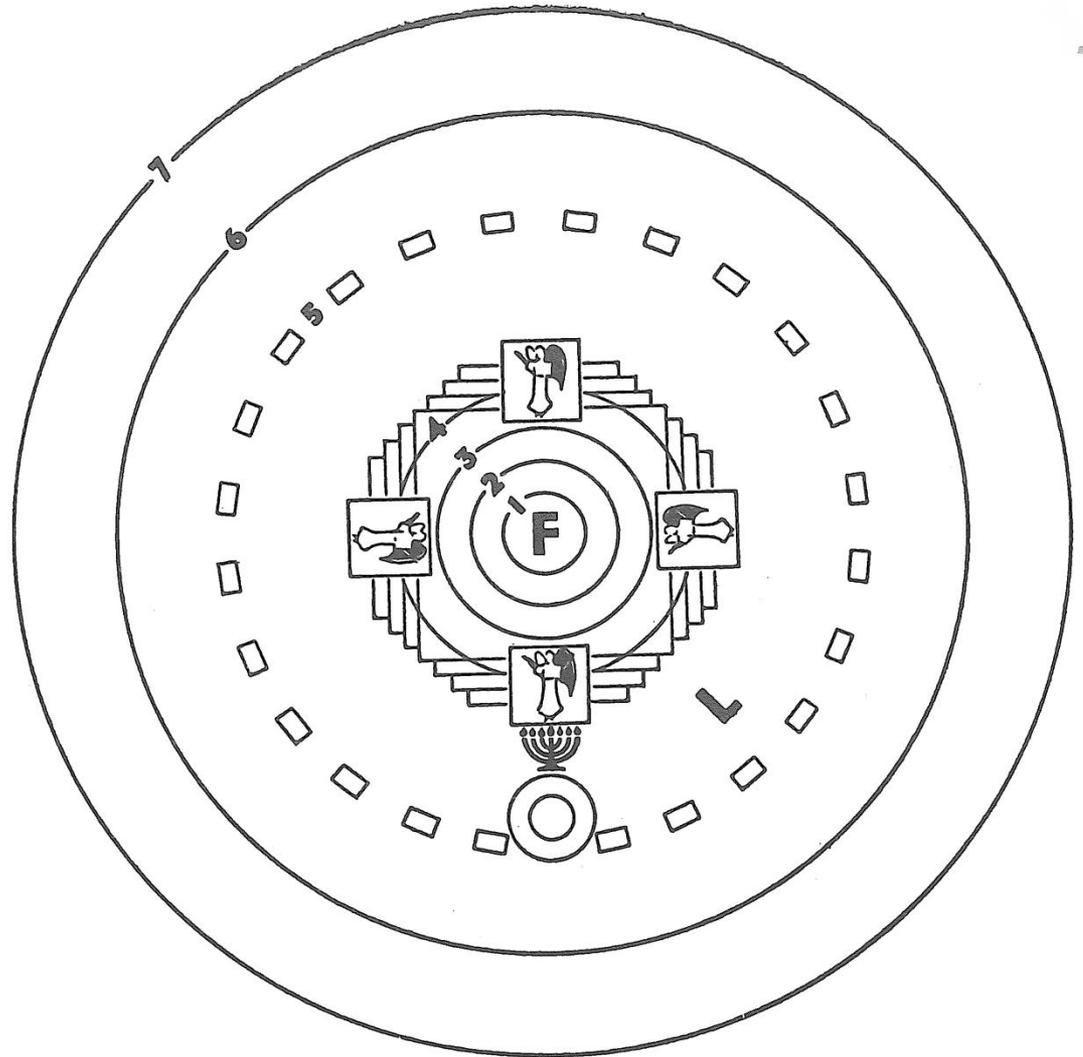


Diagram of the vision described in Revelation 4 and 5:
THE UNIVERSE GOVERNED BY THE THRONE

The Four Living Creatures



“And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.” Revelation 4:6b,7



“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’” Revelation 4:8

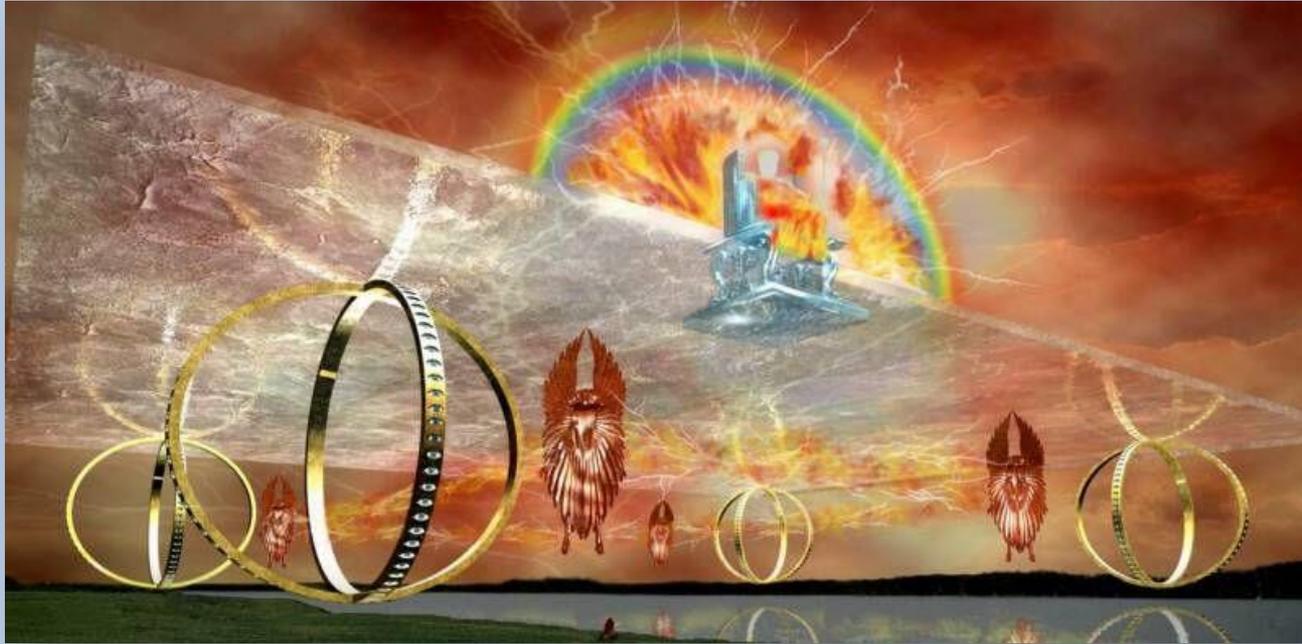
Ezekiel's Vision

“And from the midst of it came the likeness of **four living creatures**. And this was their appearance: they had a **human likeness**, but each had four faces, and each of them had **four wings**. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And **they sparkled like burnished bronze**. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands... As for the likeness of their faces, **each had a human face**. The four had **the face of a lion** on the right side, the four had **the face of an ox** on the left side, and the four had **the face of an eagle**. And their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies... As for the likeness of the living creatures, **their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures**. And the fire was bright, and **out of the fire went forth lightning.**”

Ezekiel 1:5-13



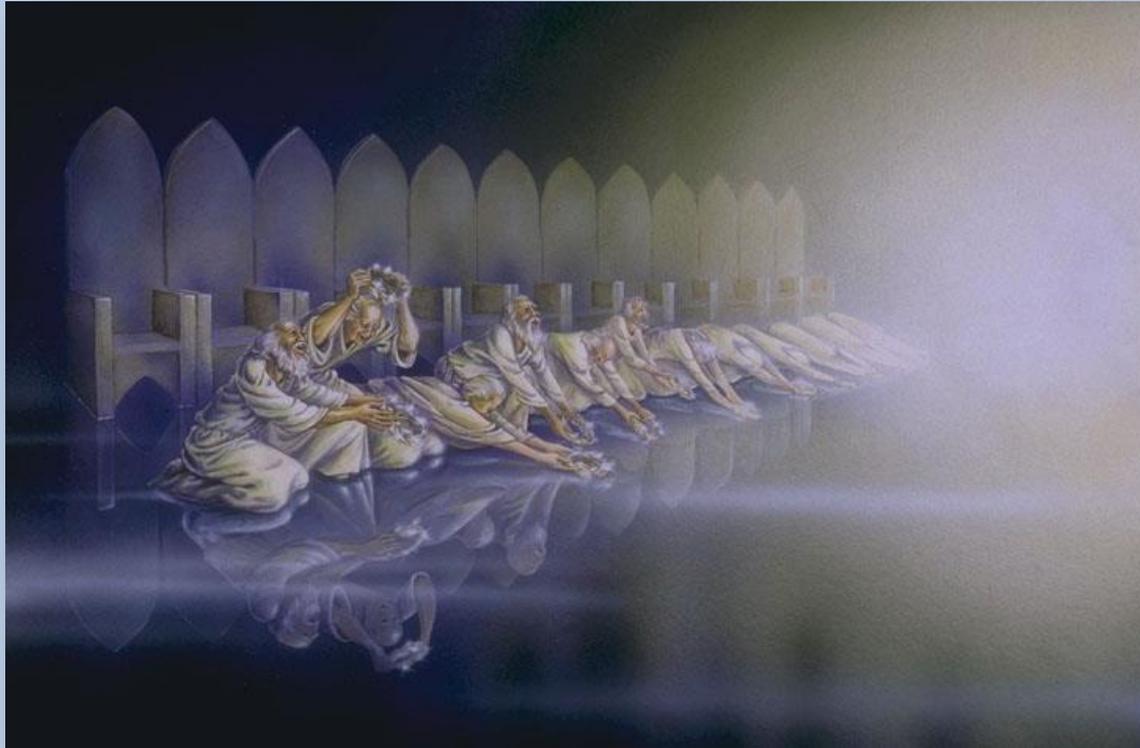
Ezekiel's Vision



“Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures... their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel. When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went. And their rims were tall and awesome, and **the rims of all four were full of eyes all around...** Over the heads of the living creatures there was **the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads...** And when they went, I heard **the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army...** And above the expanse over their heads there was **the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.** And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were **gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around.** And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. **Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain,** so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.”

Ezekiel 1:15-28

24 Elders



“Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads... the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him... They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ‘Worthy are You...’”

Revelation 4:4, 9-11

The Scroll

“Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’”

Revelation 5:1,2



The Lamb



“And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes... And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.” Revelation 5:6,7

Daniel's Throne Room Vision



“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”

Daniel 7:9,10

The Kingdom Come

“...and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13,14



Victory Song



“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’”

Revelation 5:9,10