

## Heaven – Part 1

### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

- What do you imagine heaven to be like? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do we determine what heaven is really like? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are common themes of the biblical vision of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

### THE COMMAND TO COME

*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.*

- Who is the door to heaven? (see John 10:9) \_\_\_\_\_
- What does a trumpet often signify? (see Exodus 19:16, Joel 2:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- The work of the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ is to always point to \_\_\_\_\_ and His word. John 14:26  
John 16:12-13; 2 Peter 1:21

### THE VISION OF HEAVEN

*At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.*

- Th\_\_\_\_\_ is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in chapter 4. What does it represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1 Kings 10:18-20 and other verses point towards the throne of God. But does God need a physical throne? Why/why not? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the focal point of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- The colors

Stone	Possible Significance
Jas_____ (like a diamond)	Purity and holiness of God
Carn_____ (deep red)	Judgement and wrath that God pours out upon sinners
Emer_____ Rainbow	God's covenant, mercy and grace

- The first glimpse of heaven is one of Di\_\_\_\_\_ Gl\_\_\_\_\_! When you enter His glory, the only thing you will do is give wor\_\_\_\_\_ and praise.

### THE 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.*

- Elder = Pre\_\_\_\_\_ (Greek). They were appointed lea\_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 11:16-17)
- What do white robes signify? \_\_\_\_\_
- What do crowns (and thrones) signify? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Elders are the red\_\_\_\_\_ sai\_\_\_\_\_ on whom Jesus has bestowed the privilege of reigning alongside him.

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## THE FOUR 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.*

- Although called Living Creatures, they are similar to Cher\_\_\_\_\_ (Ezekiel 10) and Sera\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 6)
- Where do we find Cherubims in the Old Testament? (before Ezekiel and Isaiah)

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- What are some of the functions of the Cherubims? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HYMNS OF PRAISE

*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!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

- In chapter 4 and 5 there are \_\_\_\_\_ hymns of praise and they all grow in size.
- What is the importance of repeating “Holy” three times? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does it mean to “cast their crowns before the throne”? \_\_\_\_\_

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- How does the Hallelujah chorus point to the praise around God’s throne? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now, how would you describe heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

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