

"Throne in Heaven

Revelation 4:1-11

"Though the rapture is mentioned in letters to two of the churches (2:25; 3:11), the rapture as a doctrine is not a part of the prophetic foreview of the book of Revelation. This is in keeping with the fact that the book as a whole is not occupied primarily with God's program for the church. Instead the primary objective is to portray the events leading up to and climaxing in the second coming of Christ and the prophetic kingdom and the eternal state which ultimately will follow."
"The Revelation of Jesus Christ" John F. Wolvaard p. 103

"John did not see visions of fearful future judgments until his heart was first prepared and strengthened. This was accomplished through visions of glory and triumph. First came the vision of Christ the Son of Man in the midst of the churches. Then John learned the particulars of Christ's intimate relationship to believers, from the letters to the seven churches. Finally, the apostle in exile had visions of God on His throne, and of Christ the Lamb in the presence of that throne."
"Revelation" Irving L. Jensen p. 47

What does John see? v.1

What does he hear? v.1; 1:11-12

What is he told? Why? v.1

What does he see? v.2

How is the One on the throne described? v.3

What encircled the throne? v.3

"No matter what may happen on earth, God is on His throne and is in complete control . . .there is no possible way for human

words to describe what God is like in His essence. John can only use comparisons."
"Be Victorious" Warren W. Wiersbe p. 64

What surrounded the throne? v.4

How are these described? v.4

What came from the throne? v.5

Who was before the throne? v.5

". . .before God pours out His wrath, He gives us a glimpse into glory and permits us to hear the worshipping creatures in heaven as they praise God."
"Be Victorious" Warren W. Wiersbe p. 64

Who was around the throne? v.6

"These are the cherubim, those angels frequently referred to in the OT in connection with God's presence, power, and holiness. Although John's description is not identical to Ezekiel's, they are obviously both referring to the same supernatural and seemingly indescribable beings."
"The Macarthur Bible Commentary" p.2003

How are they described? v.7,8

What do they never stop saying? v.8,9

What do the 24 elders do? v.10

What do they say? Why?
