

# Sunday Bible Study Session 1 – November 2, 2014

## "God's Glory" – (Revelation 4:7-11)

Read [Revelation 4:1-11](#). ([Listen to Sermon Audio](#))

Note the diagram of the [Biblical Timeline](#), noting the hypostatic union and Pentecost, beginning the Church Age.

### REVELATION – OUTLINE

- I. Celebrity-ship of The Lord Jesus Christ – [Revelation 1](#)
- II. Characteristics of Church Age (via the 7 Churches of Asia Minor) – [Revelation 2, 3](#)
- III. Church in Heaven – [Revelation 4, 5](#)
- IV. Tribulation – [Revelation 6-19](#)
- V. Millennium – [Revelation 20](#)
- VI. The Eternal State – [Revelation 21](#)

### JOHN SEES 7 THINGS IN HEAVEN (Revelation 4:2-10)

- I. He first saw the members of the Godhead – represented by the one visible member of the Trinity – the LJC, [Revelation 4:2, 3](#)
- II. Next – He saw the 24 elders ([Revelation 4:4](#)) Presbuteros πρεσβυτέρος – representing leaders in the angelic creation – ruling angels with crowns – στεφάνος Victor's crown – THERE IS REWARD IN HEAVEN!
- III. Thirdly, John saw 2 signs of Judgment – ([4:5a](#)) Nature gives a warning of the coming storm. The 7 lamps ([Revelation 4:5b](#)) reveal that there is light before darkness – GRACE before JUDGMENT.
- IV. The fourth thing John sees is the Church at REST ("*sea of glass like unto crystal*" – [Revelation 4:6a](#)).
  - Earth is unstable – we have many pressures
  - No instability in Heaven ([Revelation 21:4](#) – "*no more death, sorrow, crying or pain*").
- V. The fifth thing John saw was the 4 Living Creatures ([Revelation 4:6b-11](#)): The word is ζῶα, not meaning *beast* but *Angels*. These are the 4 angels who took the place of Satan in the *THRONE ROOM*. Look at [Colossians 1:16](#). God created angels long before man. These were super-creatures who performed many functions by their *own choice* in obedience to God. Among all the angels, none was greater than Lucifer, who eventually rebelled, and because of pride, his mind became polluted (See the doctrine of [The Falls of Satan](#)). The anointed angel was subsequently removed and these four angels took his place. The sin of disobedience had changed this adoring "*son of the morning*" into a spirit of darkness, enlisting 1/3 of all the angels to rebel with him. This sparked the angelic conflict, and his name became Satan, the devil. ζῶα in this verse is not *beast*, but *angels*.

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1. 1<sup>st</sup> angel like a LION – ([7a](#)) – "Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah – Jesus as king, throughout Matthew
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> angel call calf,ox – ([7b](#)) – a servant and burden bearer – Jesus is presented as a Servant in the Gospel of Mark:
  - The lineage of Jesus is omitted in the Gospel of Mark; no one is interested in the pedigree of a servant.
  - No visit of wise men is mentioned in the Gospel of Mark; servants do not receive homage.
  - No quotations from the prophets are found there (except in [Mark 1:2](#), the prophecy of John the Baptist preparing the way for our Lord).
  - Matthew quotes on every page, calling Jesus "Lord"; Mark calls Him "*Master*".
  - Mark presents Christ as a *perfect workman*; A servant has no kingdom, and frames no laws.
  - There is no statement that His work is finished, and in death, it is not for a servant to say when His work is done.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel ([7c](#)) had the "face of a man" – Jesus the Son of Man in Luke.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Creature, angel – ([7d](#)) like a flying eagle – depicting JC as Sovereign, as God – the SON OF GOD in the Gospel of John.
  - John also saw these Angels as SUPER Beings ([4:8](#)): part Seraph – (reflector type), and part Cherub – (glamorous type).
  - John presents Angelic Worship in [Revelation 4:9-11](#).
    - In verse 9, these angels give "*glory* (Character of Christ – Perfect, stable, faithful), *honor* (Person of Christ), and *thanks*" to Jesus Christ (for His total plan) on the throne.
    - In verse 10, twenty-four ELDERS also Worship Jesus Christ: The four Living Creatures represent the work of Christ on the Cross – GRACE.
  - 24 Elders represent the alternative to Grace – JUDGMENT
  - Note the differences between verses 9 and 11 – *There is an important distinction here* – DO NOT Miss it:
    - 4 living Angels in verse 9 give *Glory, Honor, and Thanks* for His Grace, His Work.
    - 24 elders of verse 10 present the *alternative* to Grace, which is Judgment (in the period of Tribulation, which is about to be presented); in verse 11, they used *Glory, Honor and POWER* – Grace has been revealed, BUT now in the next chapters (6-19), *power* will depict Jesus as JUDGE.