

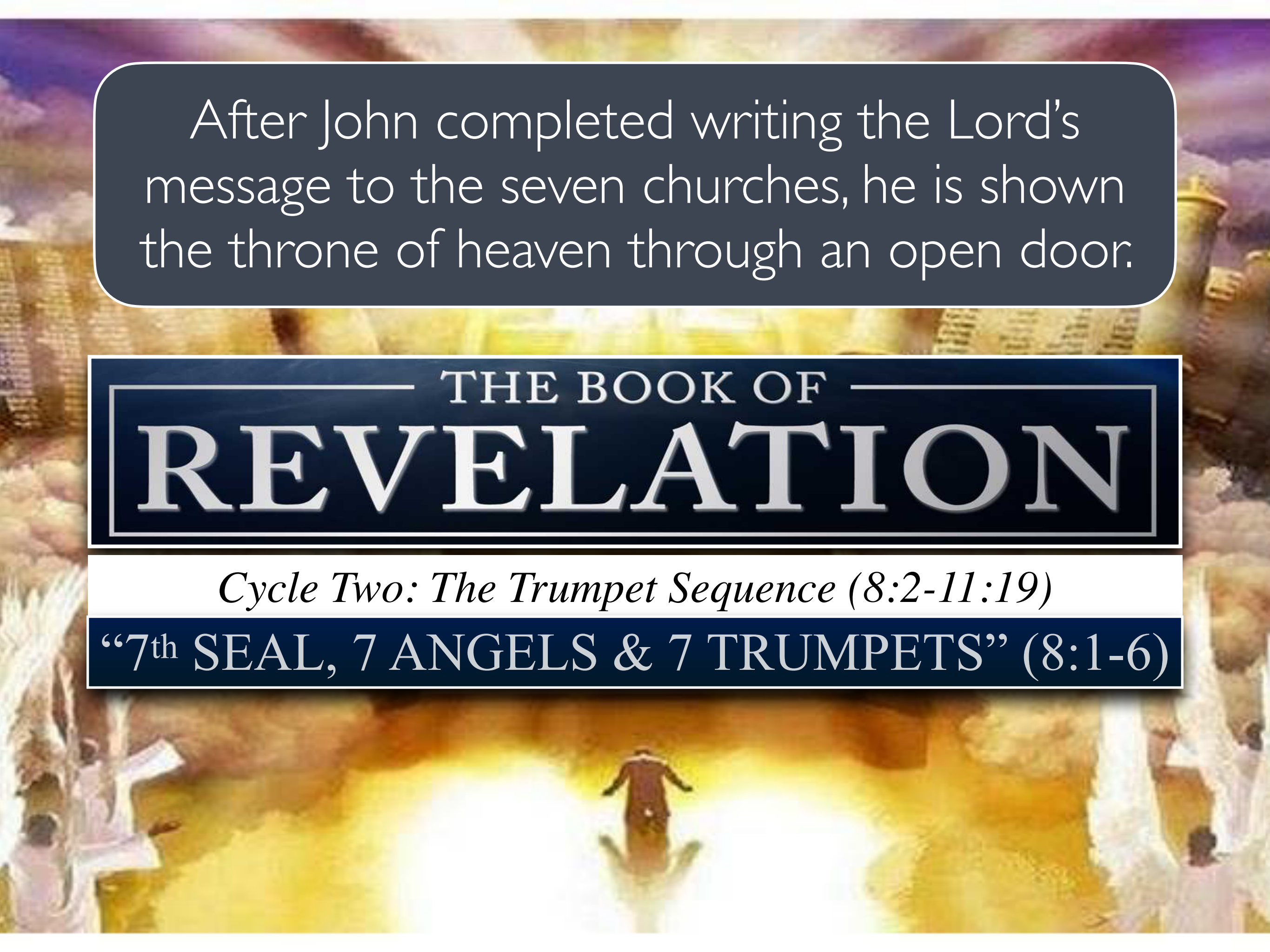
³ Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near. —
Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

A man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a light-colored robe, is shown in a desert landscape. He is sitting on the ground, writing on a scroll with a quill. The scroll has some text written on it, including the words 'KAAAGH' and 'TONT'. The background shows a rocky, hilly desert environment under a clear sky.

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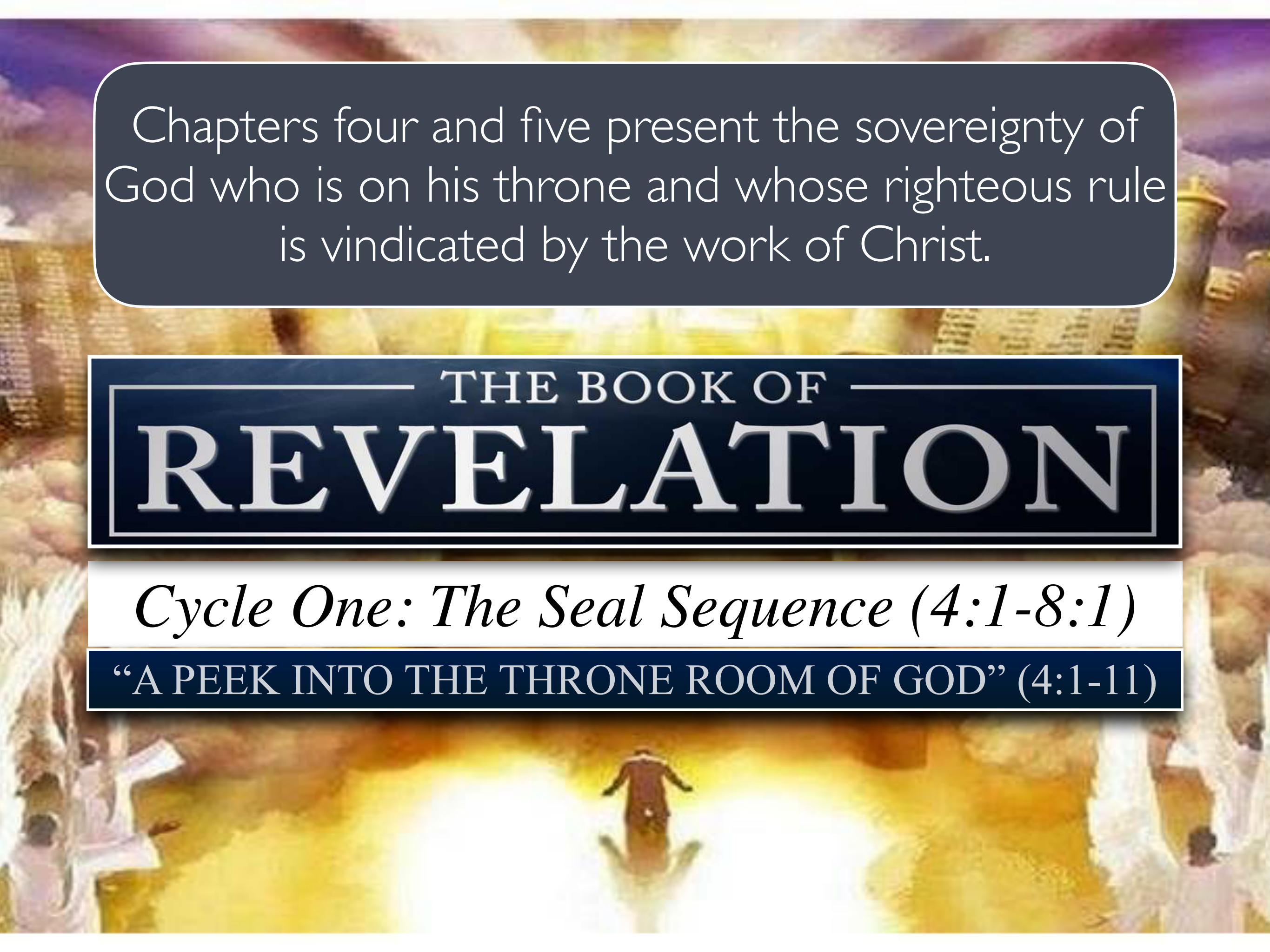


After John completed writing the Lord's message to the seven churches, he is shown the throne of heaven through an open door.

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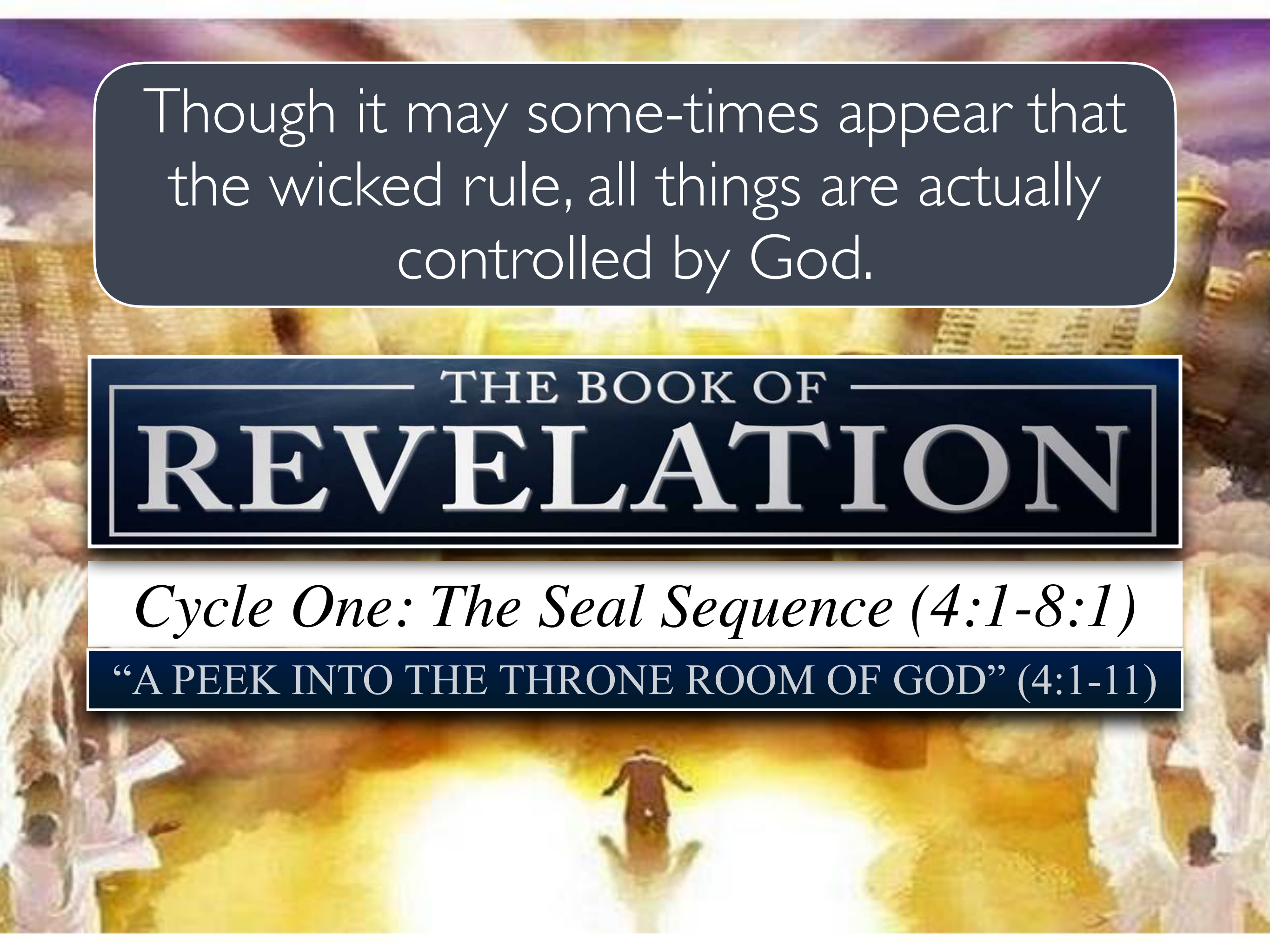


Chapters four and five present the sovereignty of God who is on his throne and whose righteous rule is vindicated by the work of Christ.

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Though it may some-times appear that
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Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

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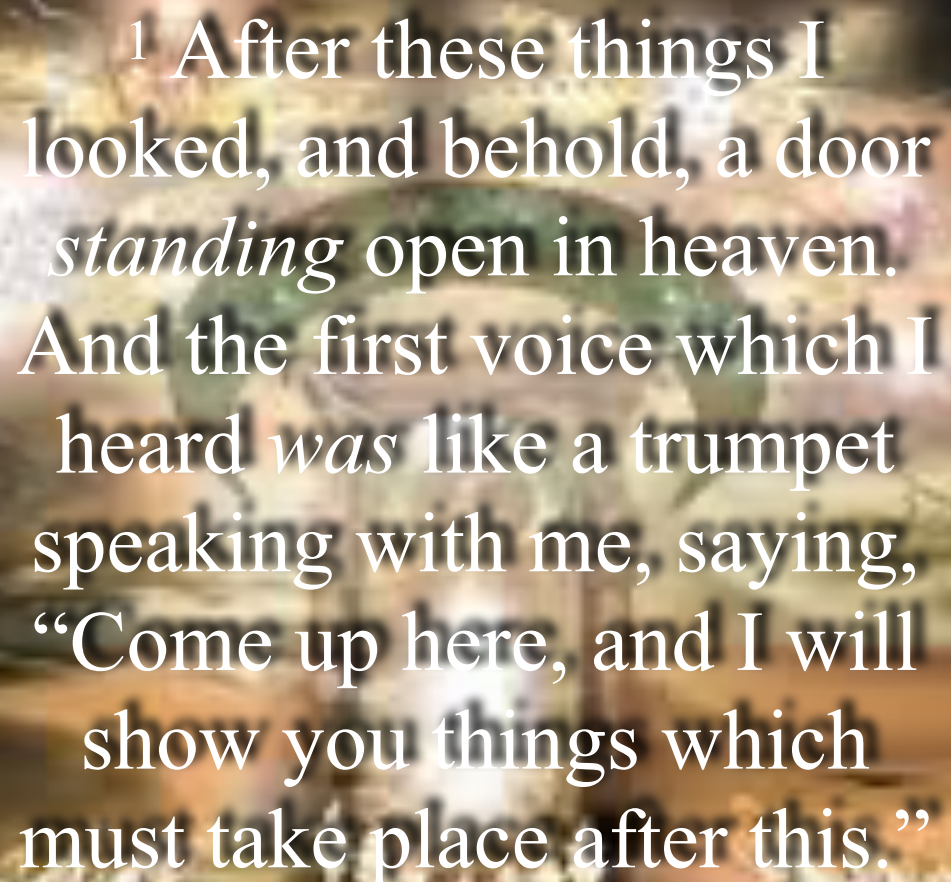


- The **imagery** and **symbols** in Revelation are necessary in comprehending the **BIG PICTURE** - but if we focus too much on the imagery and symbols we can easily **MISS** the **BIG PICTURE**.
- The **BIG PICTURE** in chapters 4 & 5 is clearly **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, GLORY** and how **HE IS WORTHY of WORSHIP**.

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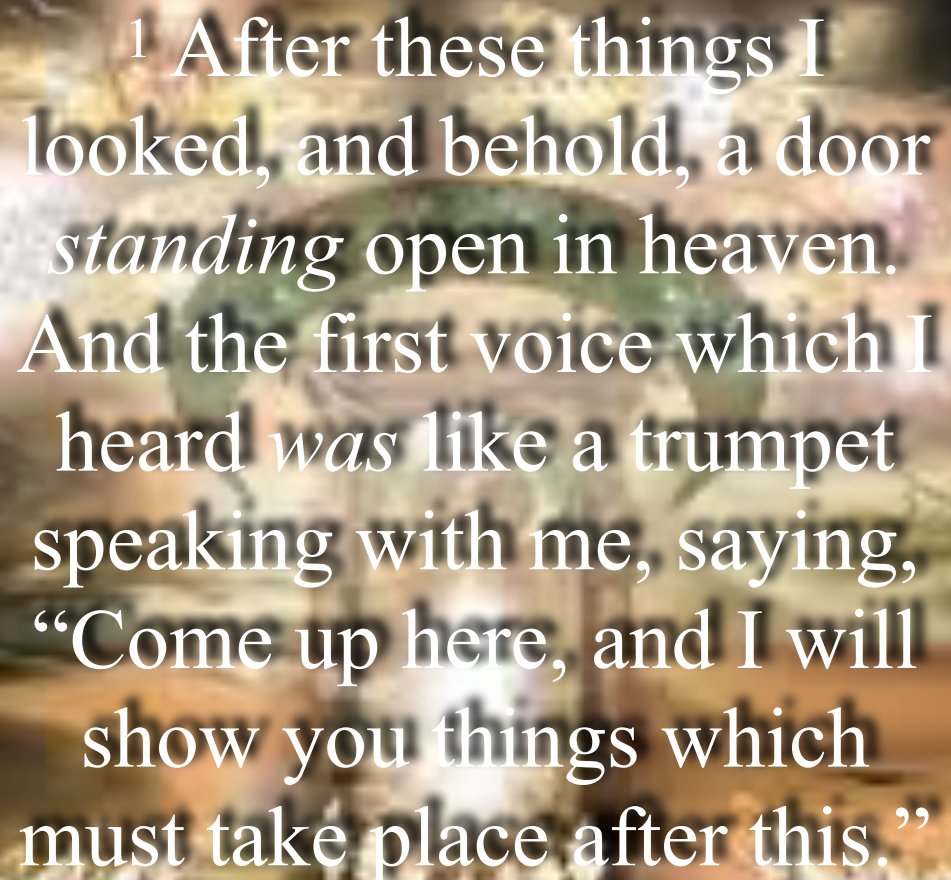
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- **The invitation (4:1):** With the clarion ring of a trumpet (Exod. 19:16,19), John was beckoned to come see from heaven’s point of view things that would soon happen on earth.
- Before John is shown what will happen on earth, he gets a glimpse of God’s glory and the glory of the heavenly realm.
- A vision of God’s celestial throne is in keeping with the prophetic tradition of the OT (Isa. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 7:9).

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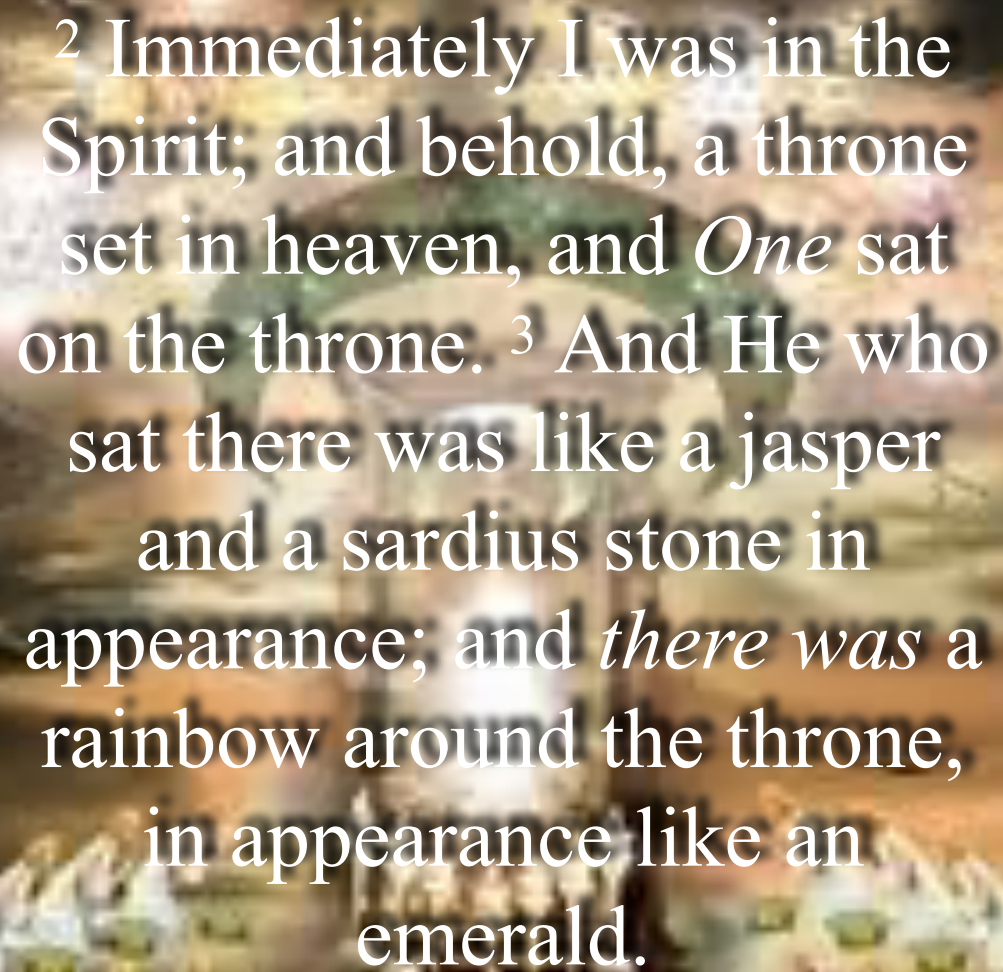
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- The series of visions which are to follow, are preceded by two very special visions, 1) of God and 2) of Christ, in all of their heavenly majesty, splendor, and power.
- At the time of writing, God and Christ may have seemed to be very far removed from the earth and its inhabitants,
- Suffering saints are provided reassurance and encouragement by being assured that God and Christ are aware of their tribulations; and are not powerless to rescue them and to save them.

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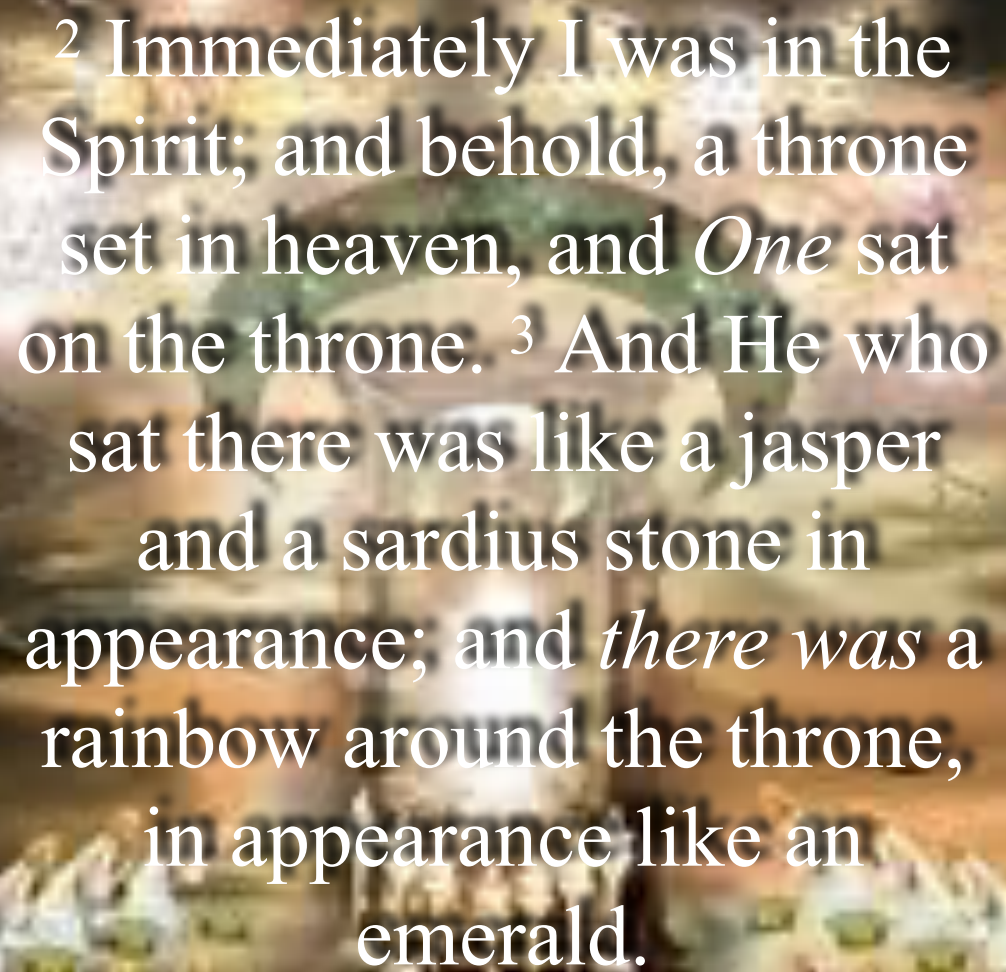
■ THE THRONE (2,3)

- ▶ God's throne is significant in Rev. as it is referred to 17 times in chapters 4 & 5 and at least 40 times in the book.
- ▶ It is a picture God's glory, rule, and sovereignty. He is the Almighty. He is in control. He is worthy of the adoration of all that is on earth and in heaven.

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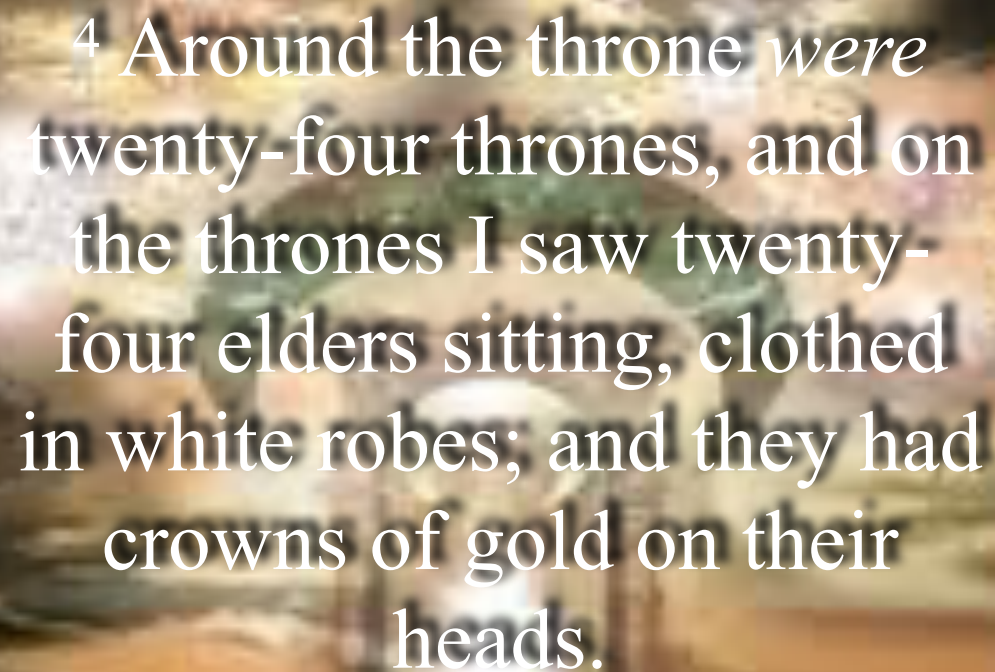
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- ▶ The message is that the God of heaven, if He could only be seen with human eyes, seated as He is upon His heavenly throne, far surpasses the majesty and mystery of the Roman Caesar's court.
- ▶ Rome cannot compare with heaven. Caesar cannot compare with God Almighty.

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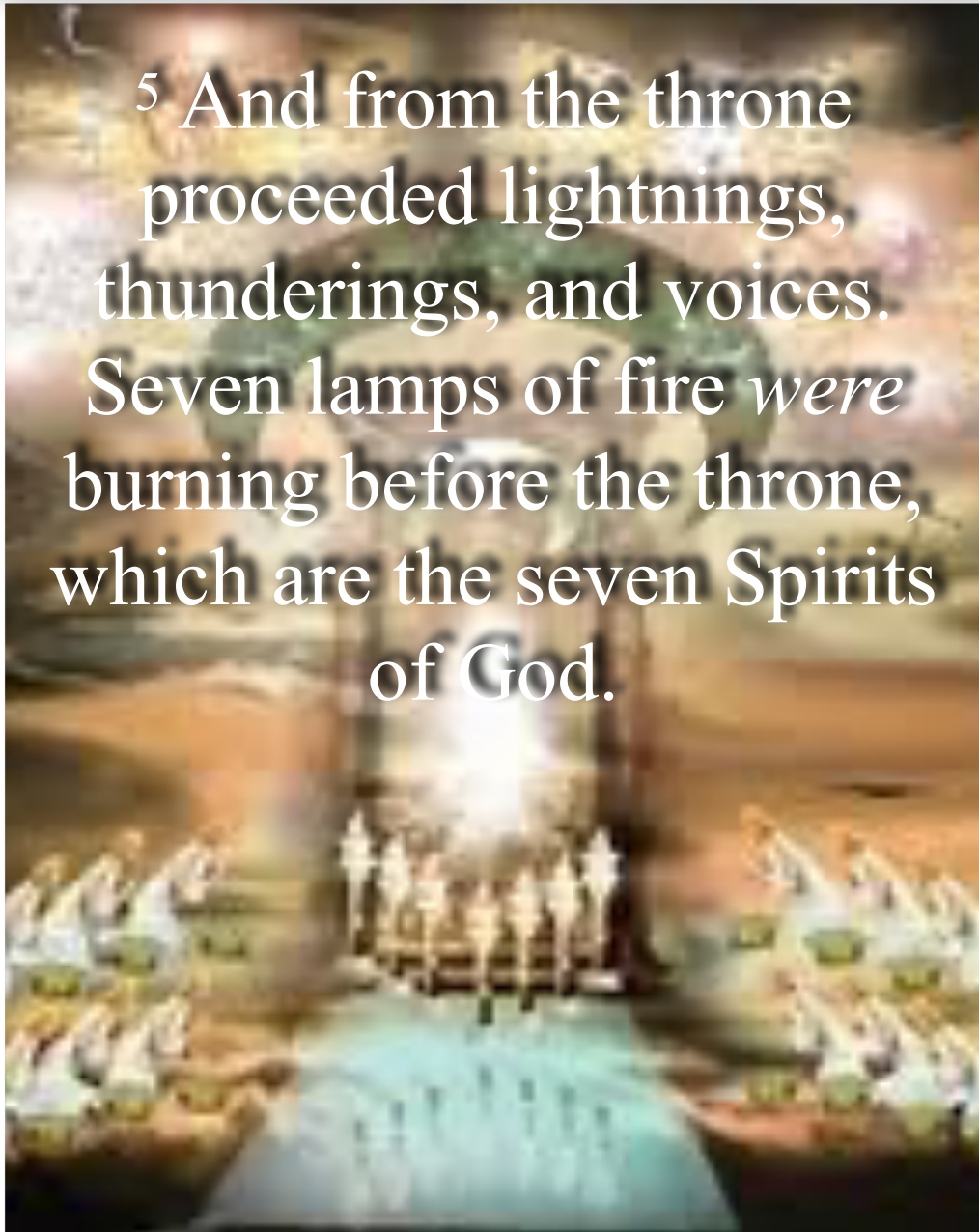
■ AROUND THE THRONE (4-5)

- ▶ **24 thrones:** Representative of God's reigning covenant people, both of fleshly and spiritual Israel [12 tribes / 12 apostles] (21:12, 14).
- ▶ **Clothed in white robes:** Signifying their sins had been cleansed and made pure by the blood of Christ.
- ▶ **They had crowns of gold on their heads:** symbolizes their victory over God's enemies.

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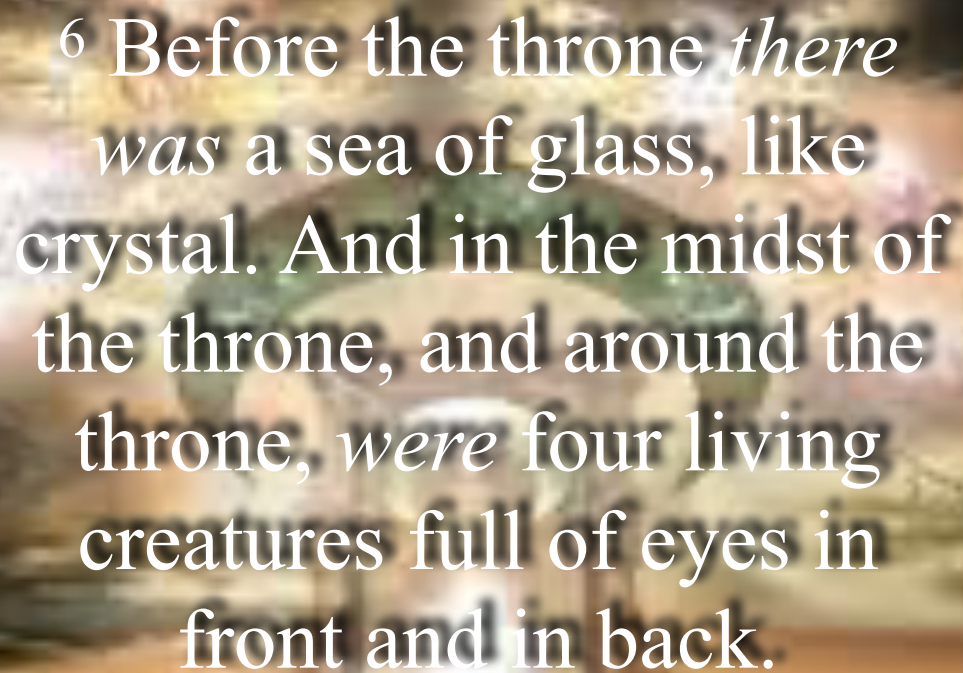
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- ▶ **“From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices:”** God’s omnipotent presence and power — similar to the sounds and sights that caused the children of Israel to tremble (Exod. 19:16; cf. Hebrews 12:18-29).
- ▶ **“7 lamps of fire / the 7 Spirits of God:”** The work of the Holy Spirit is that of revealing the truth (Jn 16:13), lamps of fire burning offer a graphic portrayal of this mission.

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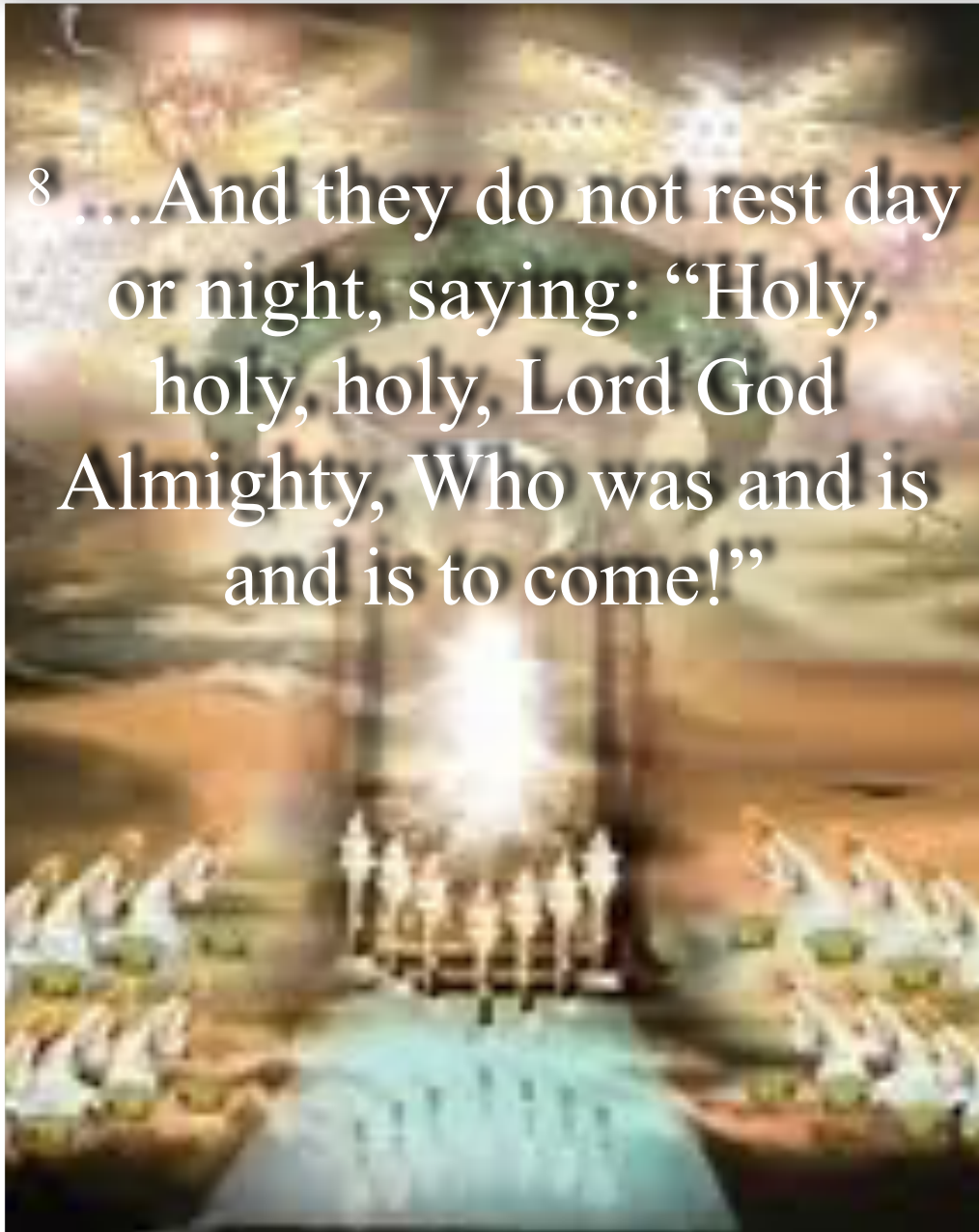
■ BEFORE THE THRONE (6-10)

- ▶ **“a sea of glass, like crystal:”** the sea of glass clear as crystal represents God in his transcendence, separated from his people. Later John relates that there is “no more sea” (21:1).
- ▶ **“four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back:”** (lion, young bull, man, eagle) also appear, with six wings each, reminiscent of the vision in Isaiah 6:2. — They could maintain constant vigil over all God’s creation.

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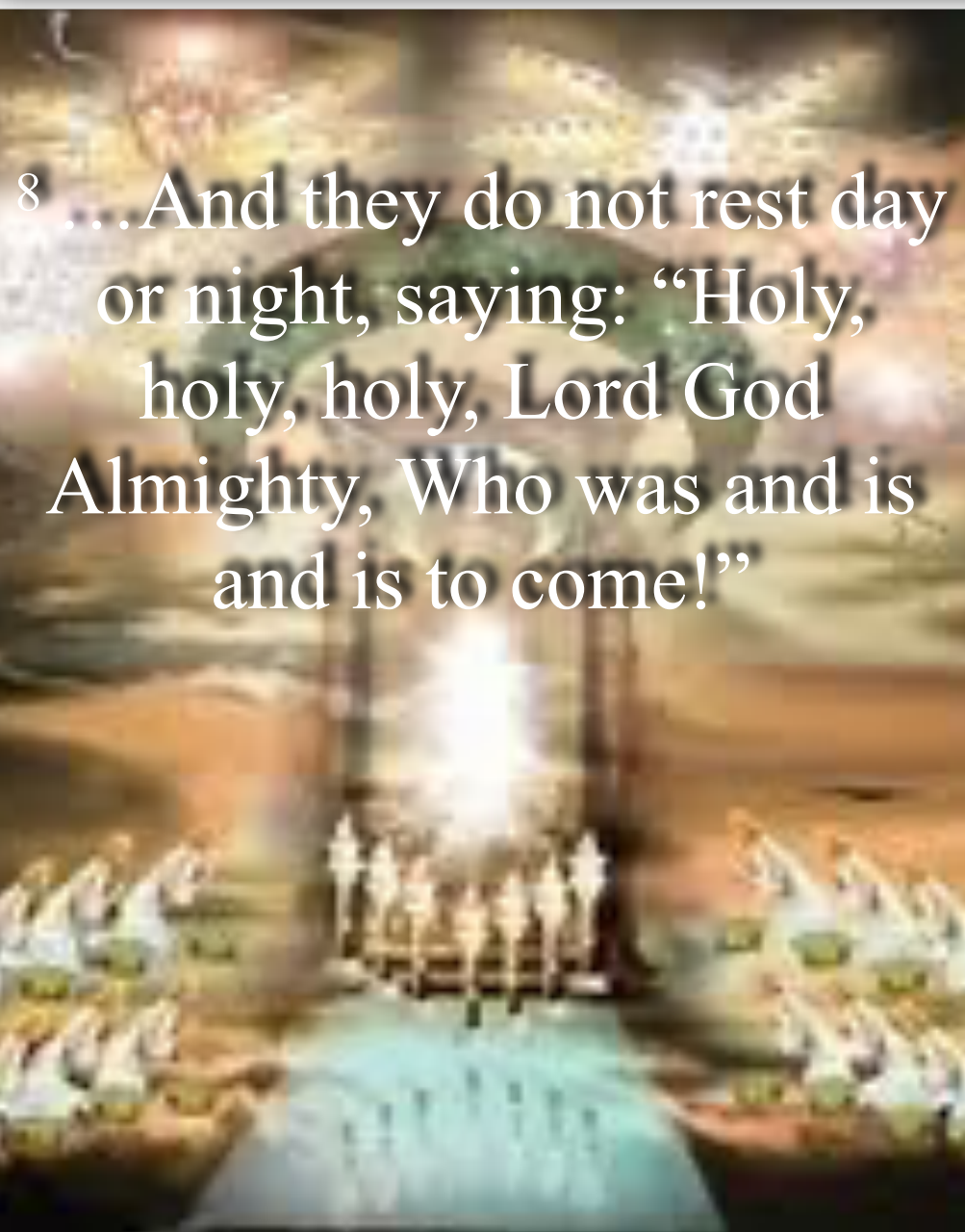
■ THE 4 LIVING CREATURES (7-8)

- ▶ The symbolism of the 4 living creatures around God’s throne is also found in Eze. 1:5,10,18, where living creatures are identified as “cherubims” (Eze. 10:20).
- ▶ A very high order of angels who execute God’s will and are assigned the work of guarding holy things. (Gen. 3:24; Exod. 25:18-22).

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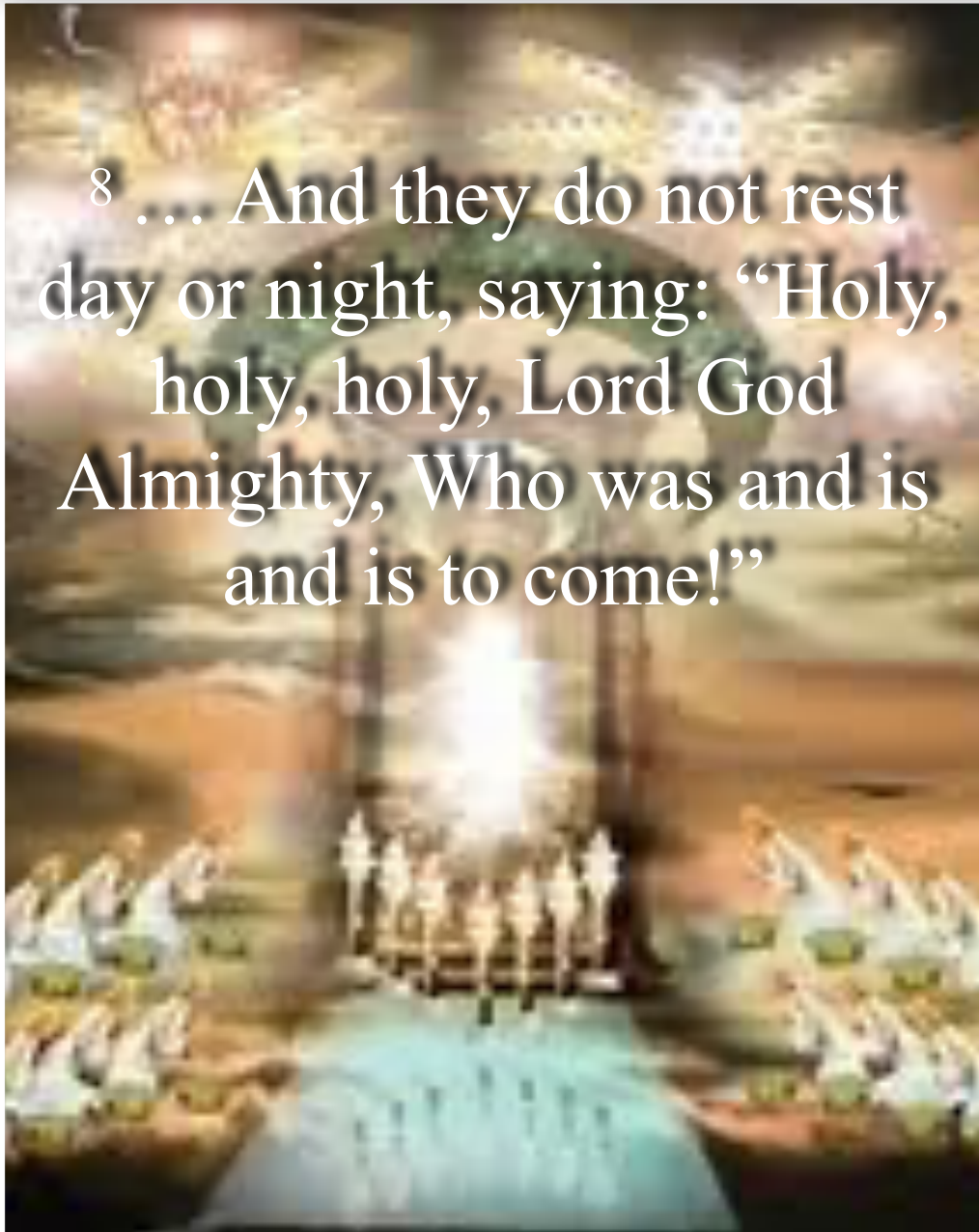
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- THE 4 LIVING CREATURES (7-8)
 - ▶ The **lion** represents strength.
 - ▶ The **calf** (“ox”), among domesticated animals, is a beast of patient service and endurance.
 - ▶ **Man** signifies intelligence, reason, and wisdom.
 - ▶ An **eagle**, the prince of the skies, perhaps represents penetrating vision and swiftness.
- The highest of the heavenly host serve the Father.

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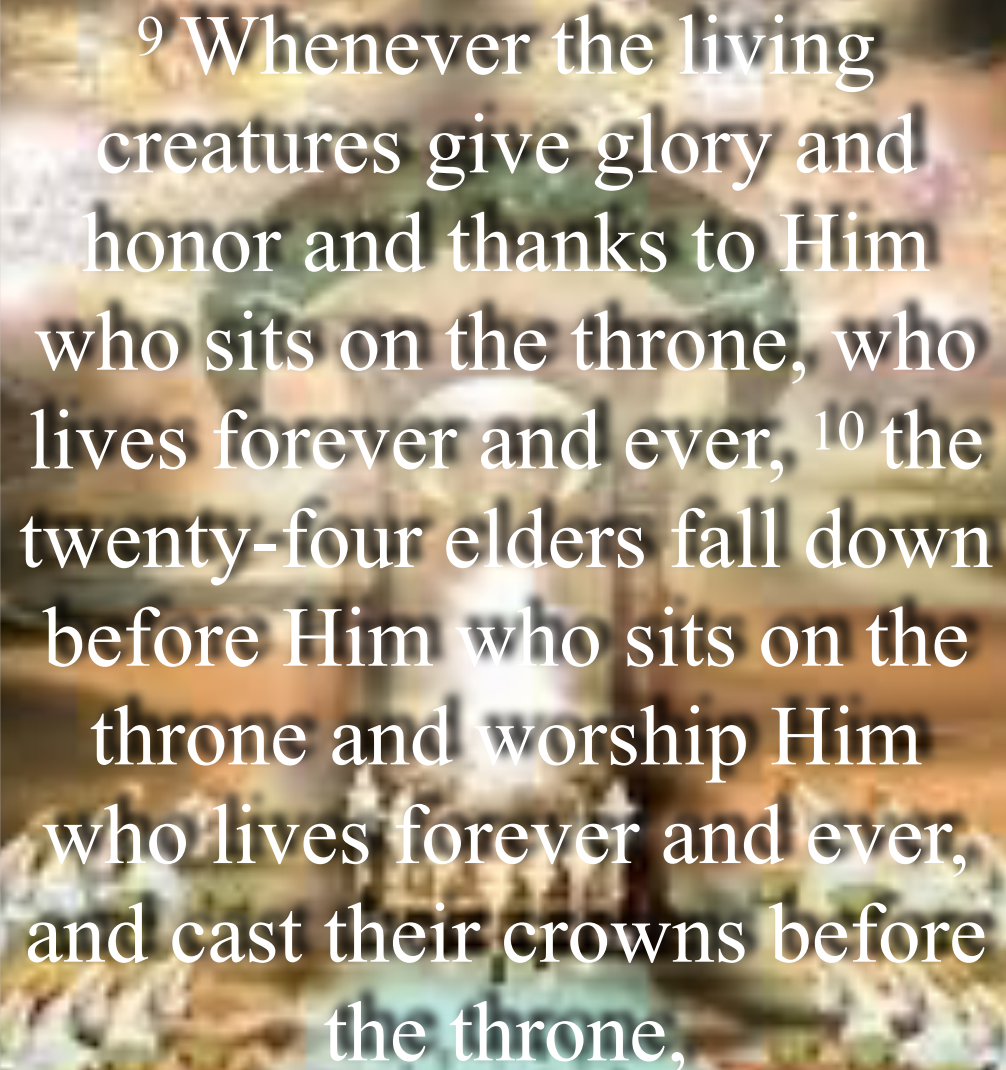
■ WORSHIP IN HEAVEN (8-11)

- ▶ “**Holy, holy, holy**” — God is Holy and worthy of all praise (Isa. 6:3)
- ▶ “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity” (Hab. 1:11, 13).
- ▶ ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ... (1 Pet. 1:15-16).
- ▶ The Lord God Almighty - Sovereign - OVER ALL THINGS!
- ▶ ETERNAL - beyond time and space.

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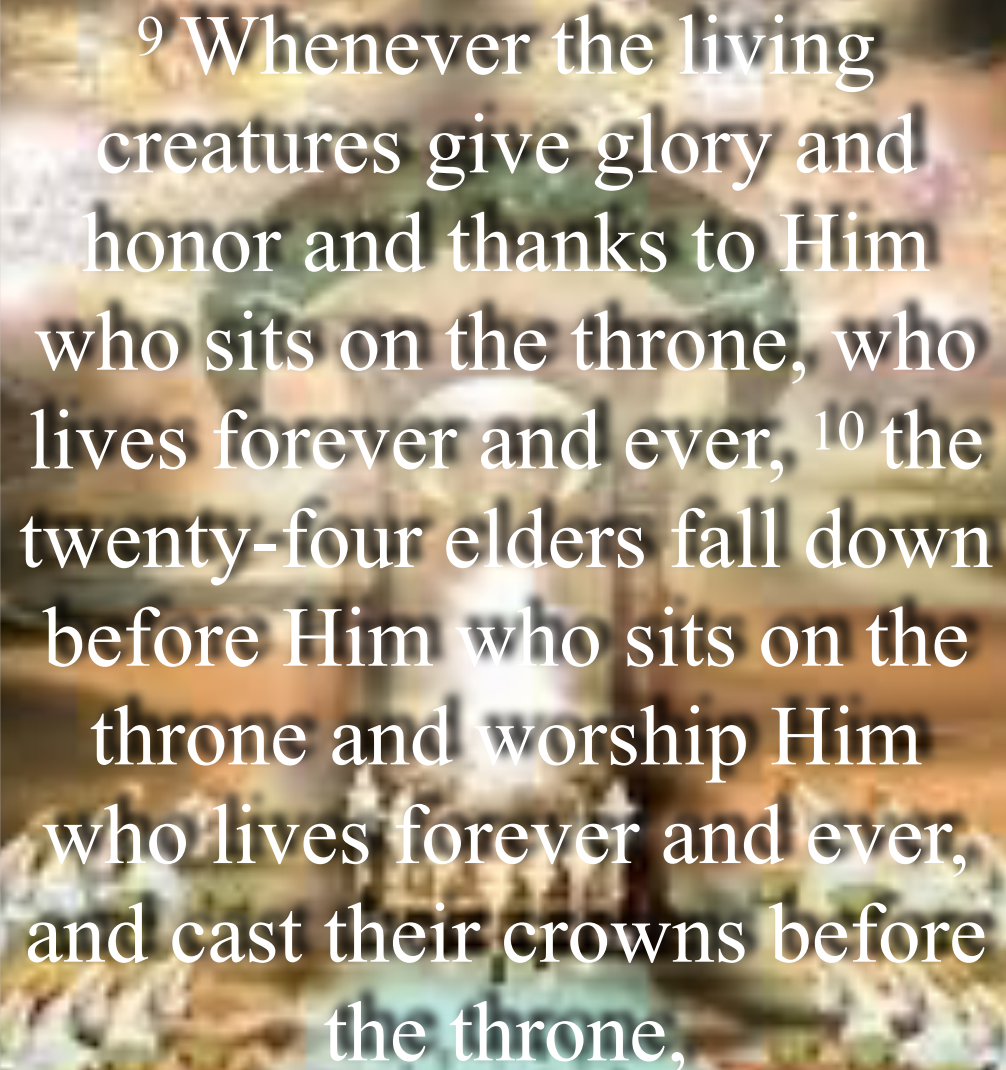
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- ▶ These who are of the highest order of heavenly beings are praising the Father because they know his true nature.
- ▶ The representatives of God's covenant people join with the cherubims who surround the throne to worship and praise God.
- ▶ They were NOT worthy of their glorified state - They praised God for His GLORY, mercy and LOVE, which has enabled man to overcome Satan!

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- John gets to enter a visual door and see into heaven – 4:1-2
- He sees the awesome throne of God – 4:2-3
- He sees 24 elders totally awed by God – 4:4
- Honor and glory belong wholly to God – 4:5-6

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- Four Living Creatures are fixed on worshipping and serving God – 4:6-8
- Glory and honor to God is all important and no one can question His deserving status – 4:9-11

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- I Must Truly Believe:
 - ◆ God Deserves GLORY
 - ◆ God Deserves HONOR
 - ◆ God Deserves THANKS
 - ◆ God is WORTHY To Receive These Things From ME
- My perception of God's greatness, majesty, sovereignty, righteousness and love will determine how I live & serve Him.

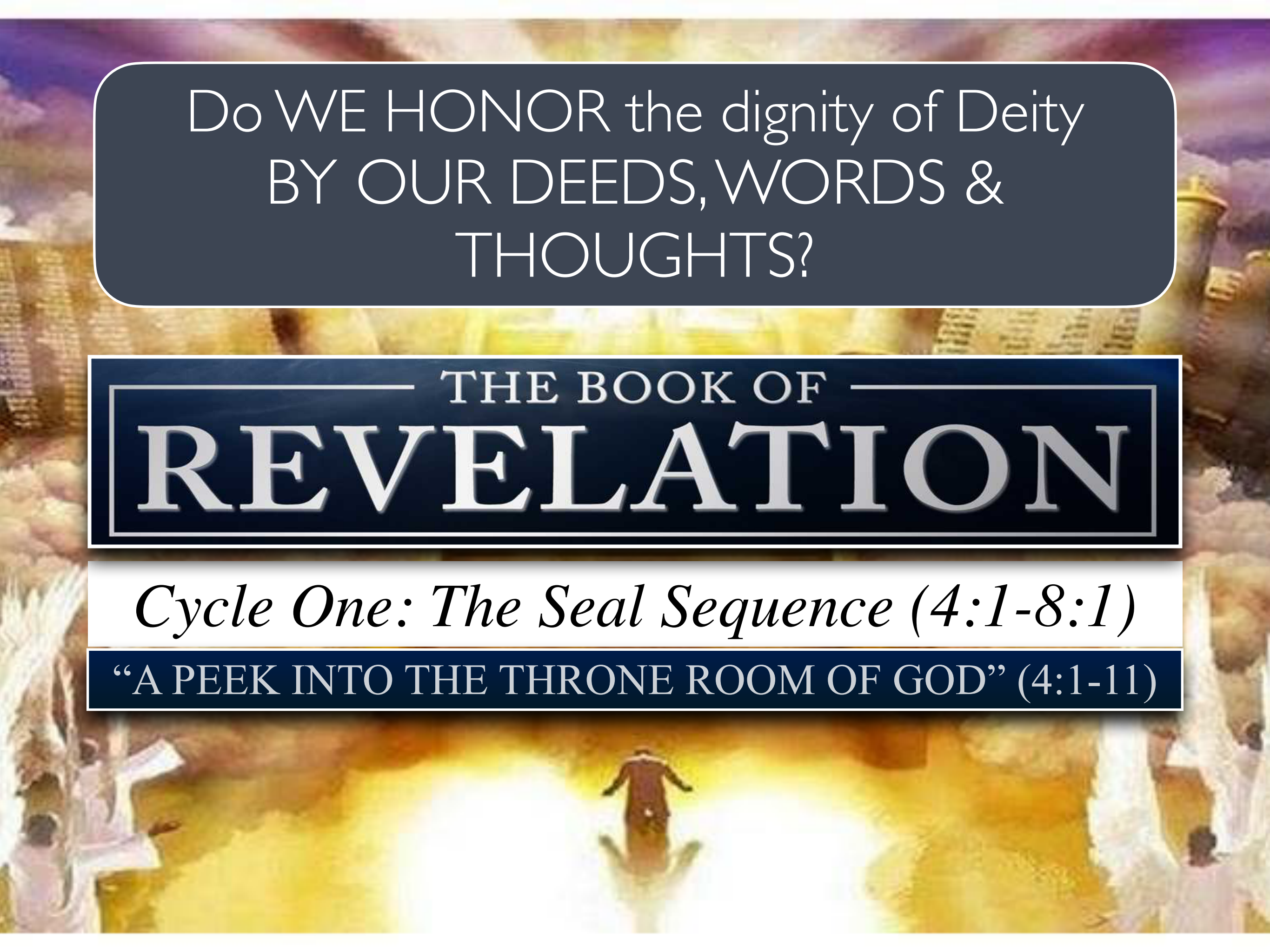


THE FEAR OF THE LORD ...
God is WORTHY of our REVERENCE!

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**HEAVENS DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED
FOR YOU - WILL YOU ENTER?**

Believe — John 3:16;

Repent — Acts 17:30;

Confess — Romans 10:9,10;

Be baptized — Acts 2:38;

Endure by faith — I Corinthians 15:58

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Ezekiel 1:26–28 (NKJV)

²⁶ And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷ Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around it. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw *it*, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.