# Revelation Chapter 4

The objects do not exist in physical form but are used to teach a lesson -- we won't get bogged down in detailed interpretation, but the main lesson -- one picture -- one lesson

Jehovah reigns! Let all the universe give honor and glory to him. Above the angels, above heavenly host, above men!

*Rev 4:1  After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.“*

The change is what John is looking at, not a change in time.  Also in 7:1, 9; 15:5; 18:1; 19:1

a door in heaven -- not on earth as chap 1-3 -- thus John’s vision is now heavenly

Trumpets are used for warning or to draw attention 1:10; 11:15; 9:14

*Rev 4:2  Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.*

A throne, the very center of all creation.
A spiritual, not a physical throne.
The Bible is theocentric – <u>God centered</u>
one sitting God and His Son are sitting as
Jesus shares the throne with the Father 3:21 and
will share it with us. 20.6

Rev 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

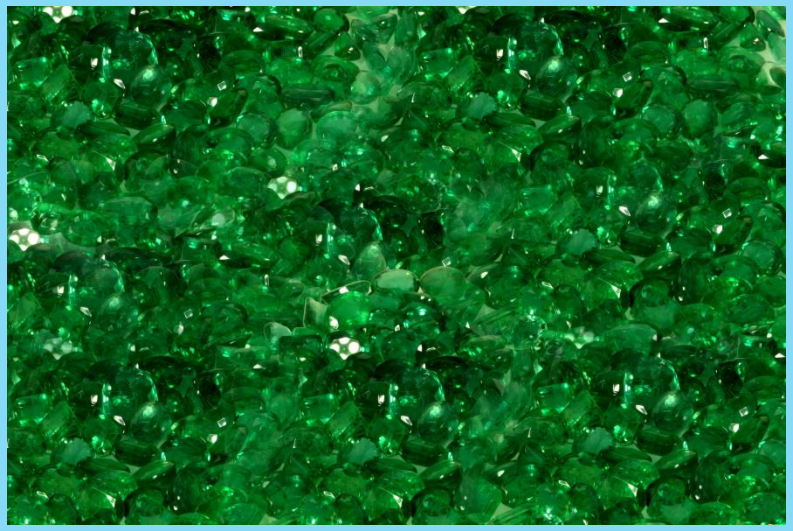
*Rev 4:3  And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.*

The complexity of the beauty is hard to describe in earthly terms.

1Jn 1:5  This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Jasper – more likely a diamond as it is described as “crystal clear Rev 21.11

Sardius Emerald



*Rev 4:4  Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.*

they enhance the glory of the throne

24 elders (2X12)  4:4, 10; 5:8; 11:16; 19:4
First and Second covenants 12 patriarchs/12 apostles
white garments -- purity
golden crowns -- victor's wreath

*Rev 4:5  Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;*

The throne is even more awesome than its physical description

lightening & thunder  8:5; 11:19; 16:18

divine power I Sa 2:10  Ps 18:9-15  Job 37:4

seven lamps -- the HS complete

When awesome events occur, great sounds accompany to inspire even more awe.

Rev 8:5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

*Rev 4:6  and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.*

a sea - purifying power, symbolic of blood of lamb

Rev 7:14  I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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4 living creatures - not beasts Eze 1:5 cherubim Eze 10:20

Eze 10:20-21  These are the living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim.  (21)  Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings was the form of human hands.

ready to render service in any direction Eze 1:5, 13, 26, 18 creatures guard the holy things of God Gen 3:24 - garden  Ex 25:20 -- ark

*Rev 4:7 The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.*

strength like a lion/ service like an ox (Eze 1:10)
intelligence like a man/swiftness like an eagle
to enhance glory of throne

*Rev 4:8  And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.“  9  And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,*

They give continual glory to God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

of the Father – Rev 1:4  John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

of the Son – Rev 1:8  "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

*Rev 4:10  the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

The redeemed of both covenants

Heb 11:39  And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,  (40)  because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

The 24 elders cast down their crowns -- because God is given all honor and glory

Rev 5:13  And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.“

Jude 25  to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*Rev 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."*

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 … and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Do you recognize the awesome power of God?

Why not obey Him today.

Mat 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."