

The Revelation

(10) After the Church Age, in Heaven

The scene in Heaven after the rapture ... Rev.4

How is the "catching away" pictured in Rev.4:1-2a? ICor.15:52; IICor.12:1-10

Voice like a trumpet, "come up here...", and John immediately changed to "in the spirit"

If 4:1 is the rapture, how is the "pre-trib" position supported? Rev.3:10; Rev.6

The scenes unfolding in chapter 4-5 are PRE Trib (chapter 6) and right after the church.

Describe the central theme of heaven, the Throne of the Living God. vs.2,3 cp. Ez.1:26-2:7

This is God Himself, seated on His throne, in splendor, perfection, and judgment.

What is the comforting assurance of the rainbow? vs.3; Gen.9:13-17

The rainbow is a symbol of God's covenant faithfulness, mercy, and grace. Peace is here.

What is likely the significance of "24" in vs.4? IChron.24:1-18

The 24 seats are likely representing the Priests of God. Either 24 or "the whole..."

What major clue do we get from the *crowns*? vs.4; ICor.9:25; IITim.4:8; James 1:12; IPet.5:4

crown="stephanos", a victor's crown, not "diadema", a sovereign's crown. Not for Angels.

The victor's crown, given to the Church, would be consistent with what? Rev.1:6; 4:1; 22:12

The Church judged and rewarded, seated as Priests of God. Judging at rapture.

What is foreshadowed by the thunder and lightening? vs.5a 11:19; 16:18; etc.

This is symbolic of the judging wrath of God. His wrath is about to be revealed.

What is symbolized by the 7 lamps before the throne? vs.5b Is.11:2-3; Zech.4:1-10; Rev.1:4; 5:6

This is said to be the 7 Spirits of God. Probably the complete ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Describe the 4 living creatures in and around the Throne. vs.6-8 Ez.1:4-14

Seemingly showing 4 attributes of Christ. Like the 4 Gospels: King, Servant, Man, God.

And what is one of their functions, day and night (continuously)? vs.8-9

To give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne. Continual praise...

The response of the Elders... 4:9-11

What seems to be the focal attribute of God exalted by the 4 living creatures? vs.8

The Holiness of the Triune God. Holy, Holy, Holy. Absolute Holiness apart from sin.

What seems to be the focal attribute of God in the response of the elders? vs.9-10

The eternal God. The One who lives forever and ever. Totally unlike everything else...

And what seems to be the second attribute of God seen here? vs.11

That the eternal God created everything. Everything (and everyone) is by Him, for Him.

Sum up your understandings of this incredible scene in Heaven.
