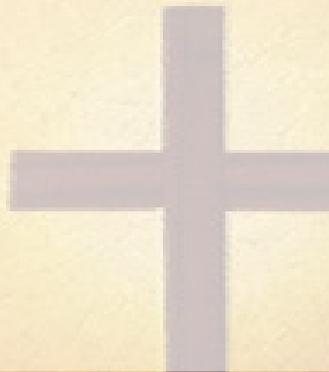
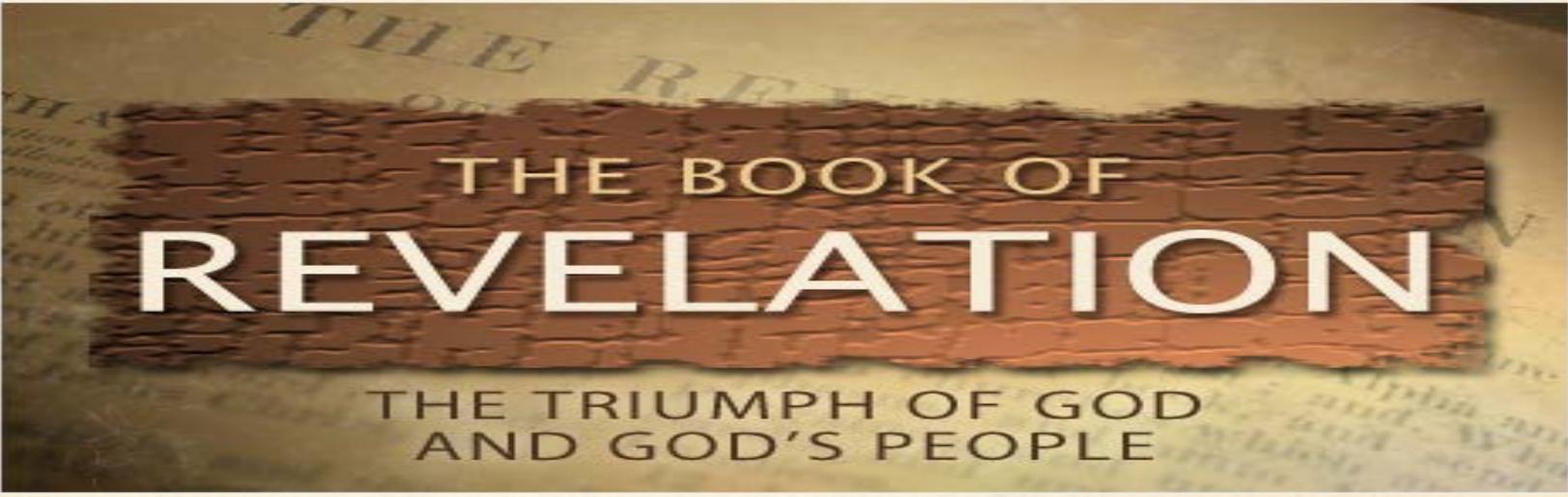


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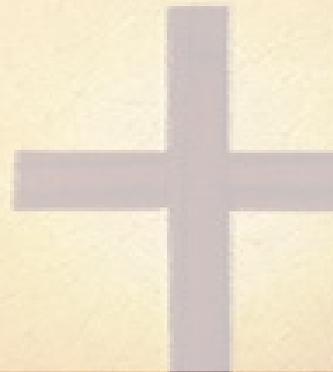


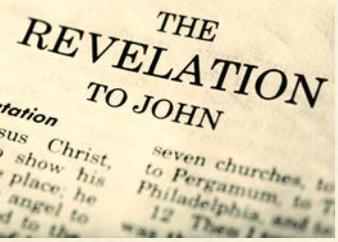
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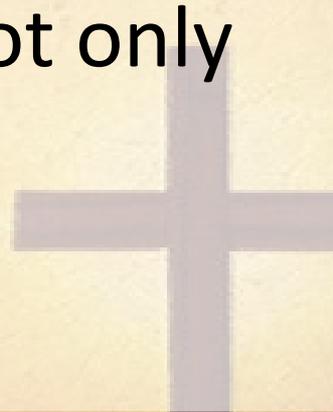


After this I looked



After What?

After the last letter to the Churches. This is where some believe the Churches also represent eras in time. Regardless this is telling us we are now going to see things that are yet to come. From here on out we are after now or in other words John is getting ready to step into not only his future but our future also.



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The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches

Ephesus



Rev 2.1-7

Smyrna



Rev 2.8-11

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Rev 2.12-17

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Rev 2.18-29

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Rev 3.1-6

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Rev 3.14-22

Alexandrian School Of Thought

First
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33 - 100 AD
Death of Christ
1st & 2nd Persecution

100-312 AD
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312 - 590 AD
Constantine
The Political Church

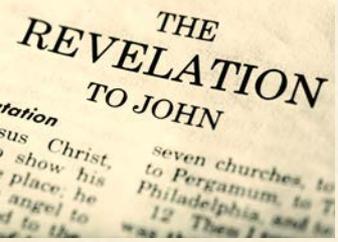
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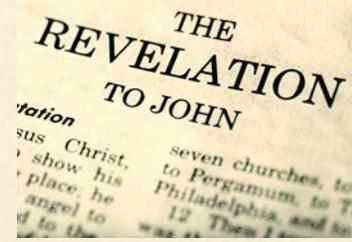
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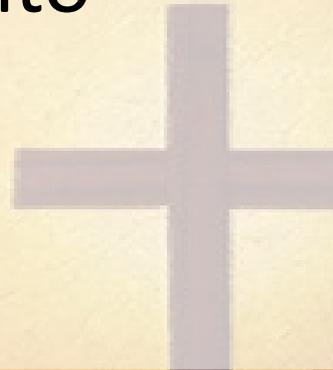
What did John See?

- A door

Where was it at?

- In Heaven

We see John is now on earth looking up into heaven.





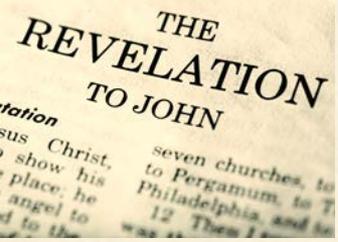
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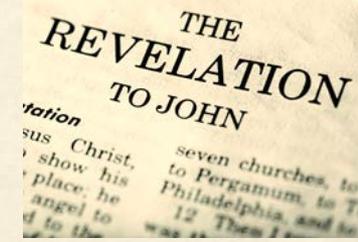
What does he hear?

A voice like a trumpet. This is very important to understand what is going on.



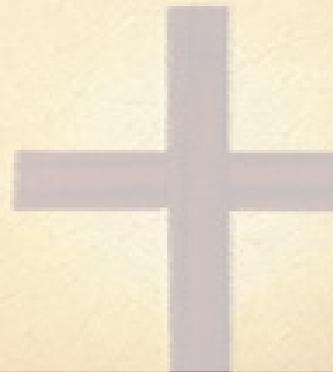


Come up here



John hears a shout to come up here. Where is here?

This is a command and not a request. This is a voice like a trumpet taking John away to a new location.



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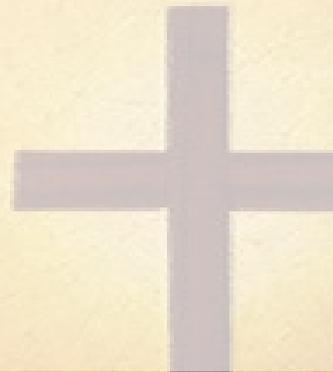
After the Church Age. After the Church has
been removed from the earth.



Hear What God Is Telling Us

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After hearing Jesus speaking I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And then Jesus said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."





Revelation 4:2

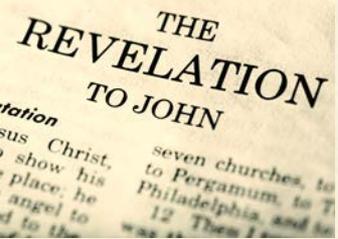


At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

John says: "At once I was in the Spirit". Why does he say this? Wasn't he already in the spirit?

When is this in time?

We have to understand that John is transported in the blinking of an eye to a different location and a different time.



1 Thessalonians 4:15-17



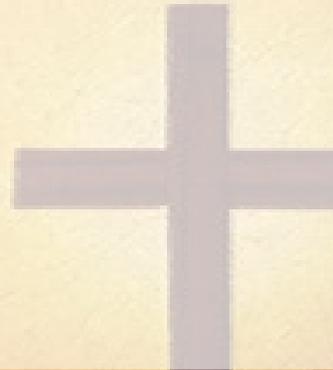
According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, **with the voice** of the archangel and **with the trumpet** call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left **will be caught up** together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord** in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

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Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



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Isaiah 26:19-21

But your dead will live, LORD;
their bodies will rise—
let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for joy—
your dew is like the dew of the morning;
the earth will give birth to her dead.

Go, my people, **enter your rooms**
and shut the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until his wrath has passed by.

See, **the LORD is coming out of his dwelling**
to punish the people of the earth for their sins.

The earth will disclose the blood shed on it;
the earth will conceal its slain no longer.



John 21: 20-23

Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.”

Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”



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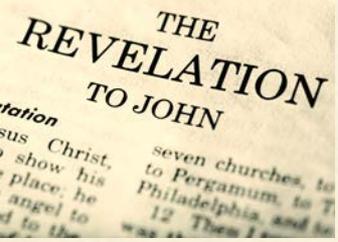


I believe all these tie together perfectly. Jesus is allowing John to see his return, although in spirit and viewing from a different time.

John has been called or raptured into heaven and is now in the spiritual realm, in a new time and new location. The Church is no longer mentioned on earth from this point on in Revelation. Remember God exists outside of time.

It is important that we understand John is now seeing the spiritual world, which we cannot see in the flesh.

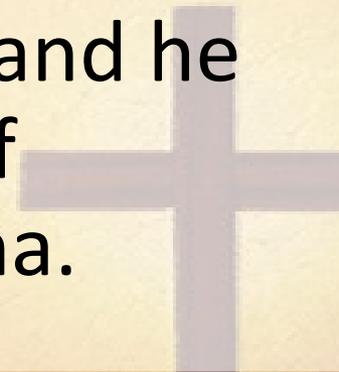


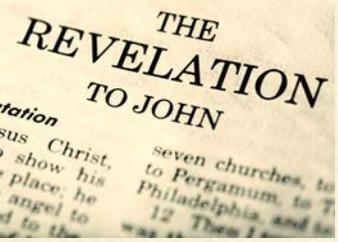


2 Kings 6:15-17



Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” And the LORD opened the servant’s eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.





THIS IS EXCITING!!!



As Christians we will all witness the events in Revelation in person from here on out with John in heaven. We will see exactly what John is describing and he is actually going to describe seeing all of us together later on in Revelation!

We will be an active participant in what we are reading as John describes what he is seeing in the future in heaven!!!



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Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

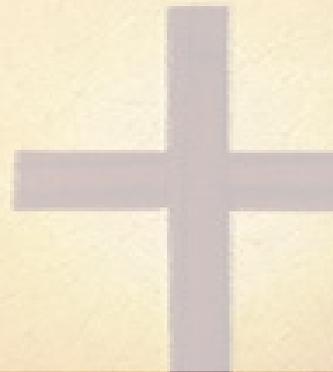


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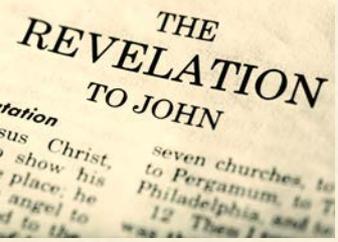
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Exodus 28:17-21

Birth Order	Tribe	Majority Stone ¹⁴	Alternate Stones
1	Reuben	sardius	ruby (NASB95, NIV, NET), carnelian (NRSV, TNK)
2	Simeon	topaz	chrysolite (NRSV, TNK)
3	Levi	carbuncle	emerald (DBY, NASB95, NKJV, NRSV, TNK), beryl (NET, NIV)
4	Judah	emerald	turquoise (NASB95, NET, NKJV, NRSV, TNK), carbuncle (DBY)
5	Dan	sapphire	-
6	Naphtali	diamond	emerald (NET, NIV), moonstone (NRSV), amethyst (TNK)
7	Gad	jacinth	opal (DBY, MKJV, YLT), ligure (KJV)
8	Asher	agate	-
9	Issachar	amethyst	crystal (TNK)
10	Zebulun	beryl	chrysolite (DBY, NET, NIV, MKJV)
11	Joseph	onyx	lapis lazuli (TNK)
12	Benjamin	jasper	-

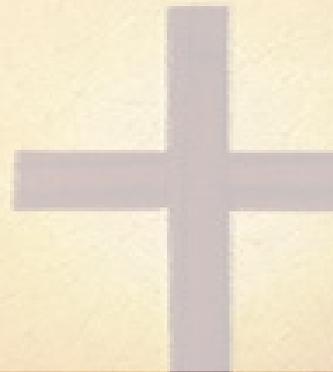


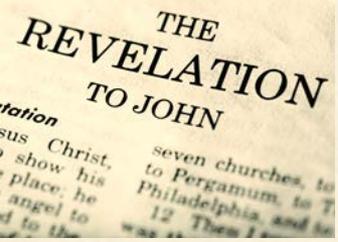
Interesting Facts

Benjamin means :The Son of Righteousness

Reuben means: Behold the Son

Galatians 3:29-And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.





This is Exciting!



If we are adopted children of Abraham, which tribe do we belong?

The tribe of Judah because we are children of God through Christ who is of the tribe of Judah

Do you remember what stone represents the tribe of Judah in the original Hebrew?

Emerald!

What is the rainbow surrounding the throne?

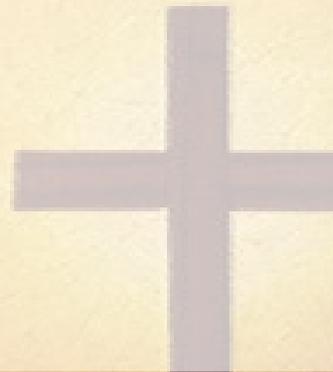


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On the throne surrounded by all the children of God from the tribe of Judah sits the Son of Righteousness, Behold the Son!



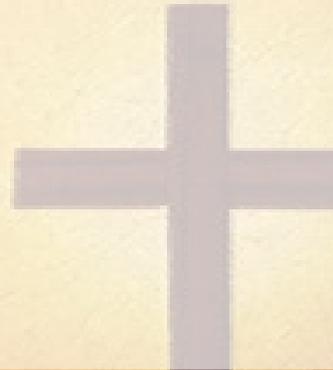
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And He who was sitting on the throne was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance which represents all the tribes of Judah-Benjamin through Reuben and an emerald rainbow surrounded His throne which is the stone from the tribe of Judah and represents all Christians, we are His family! Here sits the Son of Righteousness, Behold the Son!

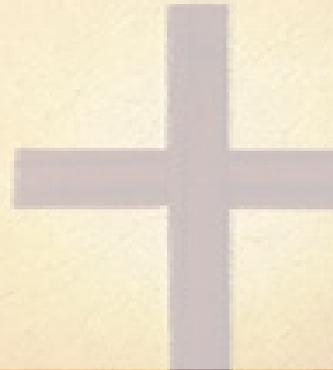


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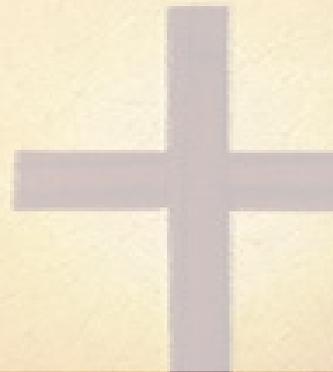
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Who are the elders?

Revelation 21:12-It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Revelation 21:14-The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.



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Most Biblical scholars are in agreement that the 24 elders represent all believers throughout time. The Old Testament Saints as well as the New Testament Church (which is you and I as Christians).

This demonstrates the direct access we will have to the throne of God.



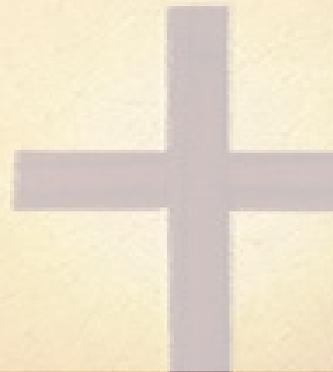
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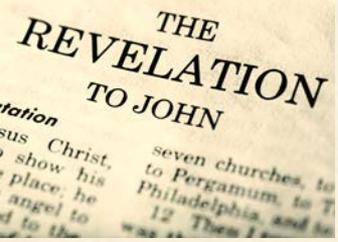
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What were the elders doing?
Sitting.

What does that represent?





Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Sitting demonstrates that our work is finished. We have entered God's rest.

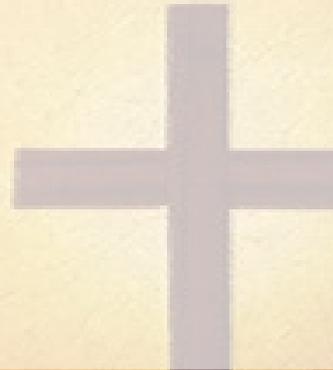


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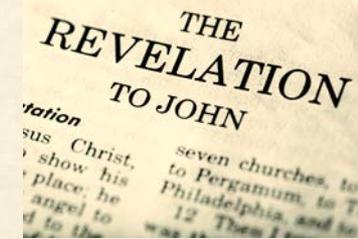
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This demonstrates they are holy and pure, clothed in Christ. As a Christian we are all washed white as snow through the Blood of Christ.



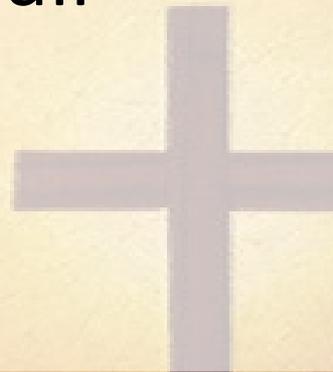


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2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.





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James 1:12-Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1 Peter 5:4-And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.



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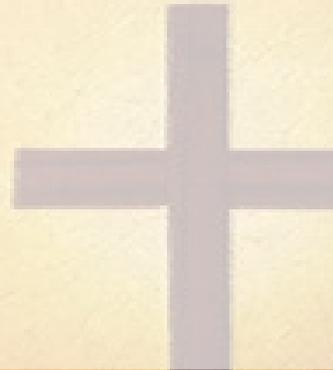
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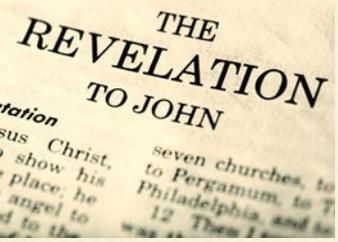
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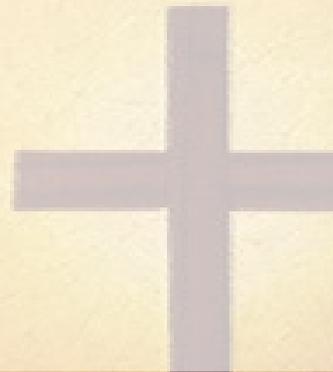


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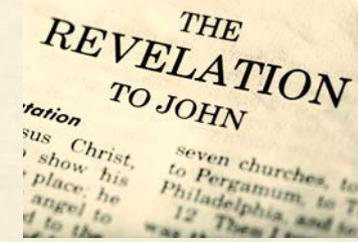
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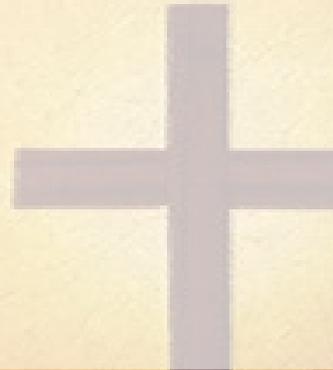


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In the Bible lighting and thunder are indications of approaching judgments. The thunder and lighting emanating from the throne are audio and visual demonstrations of God's power and coming judgment.

This is demonstrating that the great judgement of Jesus Christ is about to begin soon.





Psalm 97:1-4 (NASB)



The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands be glad.

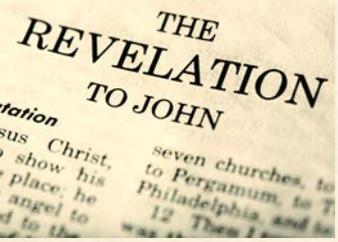
Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.

His lightning lit up the world; The earth saw and trembled.





Exodus 19:16 (NASB)



So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

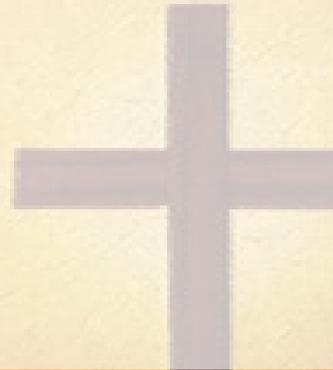


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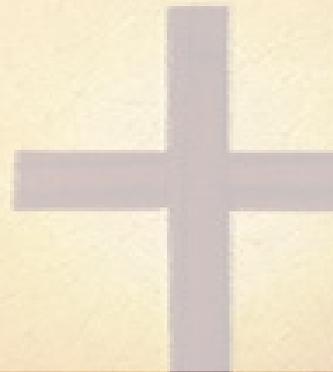
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Homework assignment- Read Hebrews 8-10

You will see how God modeled Solomon's temple after the throne room in heaven. God's home on earth was a small replica of his home in heaven.



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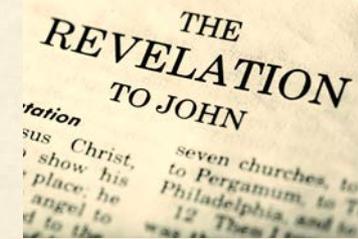
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Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us





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1 Kings 7:23-26: He made the Sea of cast metal, circular in shape, measuring ten cubits from rim to rim and five cubits high. It took a line of thirty cubit so to measure around it. Below the rim, gourds encircled it—ten to a cubit. The gourds were cast in two rows in one piece with the Sea.

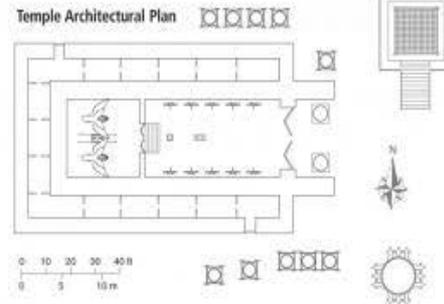
The Sea stood on twelve bulls, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south and three facing east. The Sea rested on top of them, and their hindquarters were toward the center. It was a handbreadth in thickness, and its rim was like the rim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It held two thousand baths. (12,000 gallons)

structure with three levels was built around the walls of the temple. The lower chamber was 7.5 feet (2.3 m) wide, the middle chamber was 9 feet (2.7 m) wide, and the upper chamber was 10.5 feet (3.2 m) wide (1 Kings 6:5-6, 8, 10).

Two ornate wooden doors, overlaid with gold, separated the inner sanctuary from the nave (1 Kings 6:31-32).

The nave had clerestory windows with recessed frames (1 Kings 6:4).

The vestibule was 30 feet (9.1 m) wide and 15 feet (4.6 m) deep (1 Kings 6:3; cf. 2 Chron. 3:4).



The hollow bronze pillar on the north was called "Boaz," and the one on the south was called "Jachin" (1 Kings 7:21; cf. 2 Chron. 3:17).

Two ornate wooden, folding doors, overlaid with gold, separated the nave from the vestibule (1 Kings 6:33-35).

The bronze altar for burnt offerings was 15 feet (4.6 m) high and 30 feet (9.1 m) long and wide (cf. 2 Chron. 4:1).

The inner sanctuary (or Most Holy Place) was a 30-foot (9.1-m) cube (1 Kings 6:15-29; 2 Chron. 3:8-14). Such rooms were often elevated in temples of the ancient Near East. Two massive golden cherubim stood on either side of the ark, each 15 feet (4.6 m) tall with 15-foot (4.6-m) wingspans (1 Kings 6:23-28). The ark of the covenant stood between the two cherubim (1 Kings 8:1-11; cf. 2 Chron. 5:2-14).

The nave (or Holy Place) was 60 feet (18 m) long and 30 feet (9.1 m) wide (1 Kings 6:15, 17-18; cf. 2 Chron. 3:5-7). It contained the golden altar of incense; the golden table for the bread of the presence; and 10 golden lampstands, five on the north and five on the south (1 Kings 7:48-49; cf. 2 Chron. 4:7).

Ten bronze wheeled stands, each holding a large basin, contained water for rinsing off the animal parts that were used for the burnt offerings (1 Kings 7:27-38; cf. 2 Chron. 4:6).

The "sea" was a metal basin 7.5 feet (2.3 m) high and 15 feet (4.6 m) in diameter. It held 12,000 gallons (44,000 liters) of water for the priests to wash in. It was supported by 12 bronze oxen in sets of three, facing in each direction (1 Kings 7:23-26; cf. 2 Chron. 4:2-5).

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

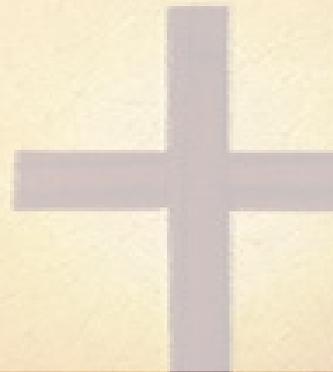
Solomon began to build "the house of the LORD" in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah in the spring of 967 or 966 s.c. (1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chron. 3:1-2) and completed it seven years later, in the fall of 960 or 959 (1 Kings 6:38). The temple itself, not including the surrounding chambers on three sides, was 90 feet (27 m) long, 30 feet (9 m) wide, and 45 feet (14 m) high. It stood in the middle of a court with boundary walls.

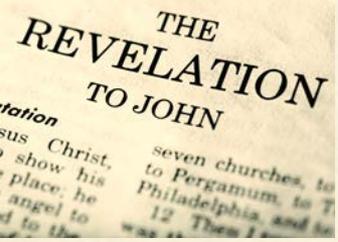
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The purpose of the sea was it held the water for the ceremonial cleansing that was required to enter the sanctuary or temple of God. In heaven this sea is now solid glass so it is no longer liquid form as this demonstrates our direct access to God without having to cleanse in water.



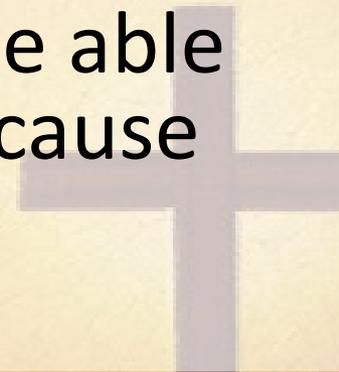


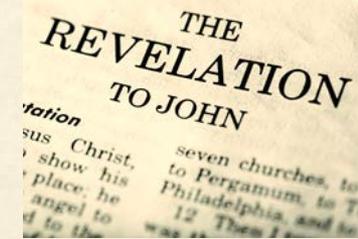
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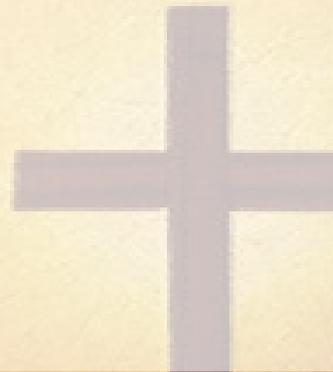




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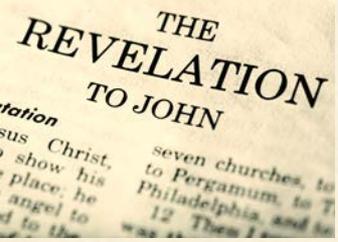
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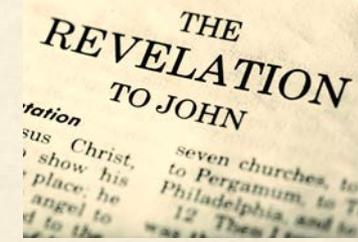
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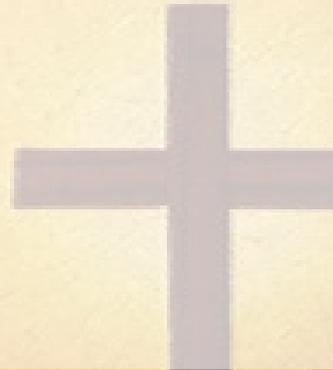




Ezekiel 1:10-11



Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. They each had two wings spreading out upward, each wing touching that of the creature on either side; and each had two other wings covering its body.



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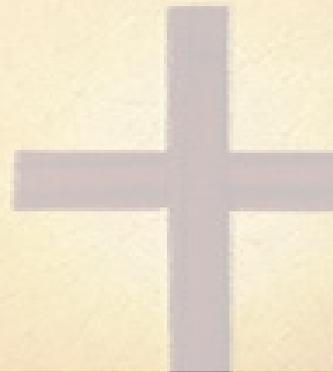
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”



Flags of the Tribes of Israel

According to rabbinical tradition, the flag of Judah bore the figure of a lion, that of Reuben the likeness of a man or of a man's head, that of Ephraim the figure of an ox, and that of Dan the figure of an eagle; so that the four living creatures united in the cherubic forms described by Ezekiel were represented upon these four flags.



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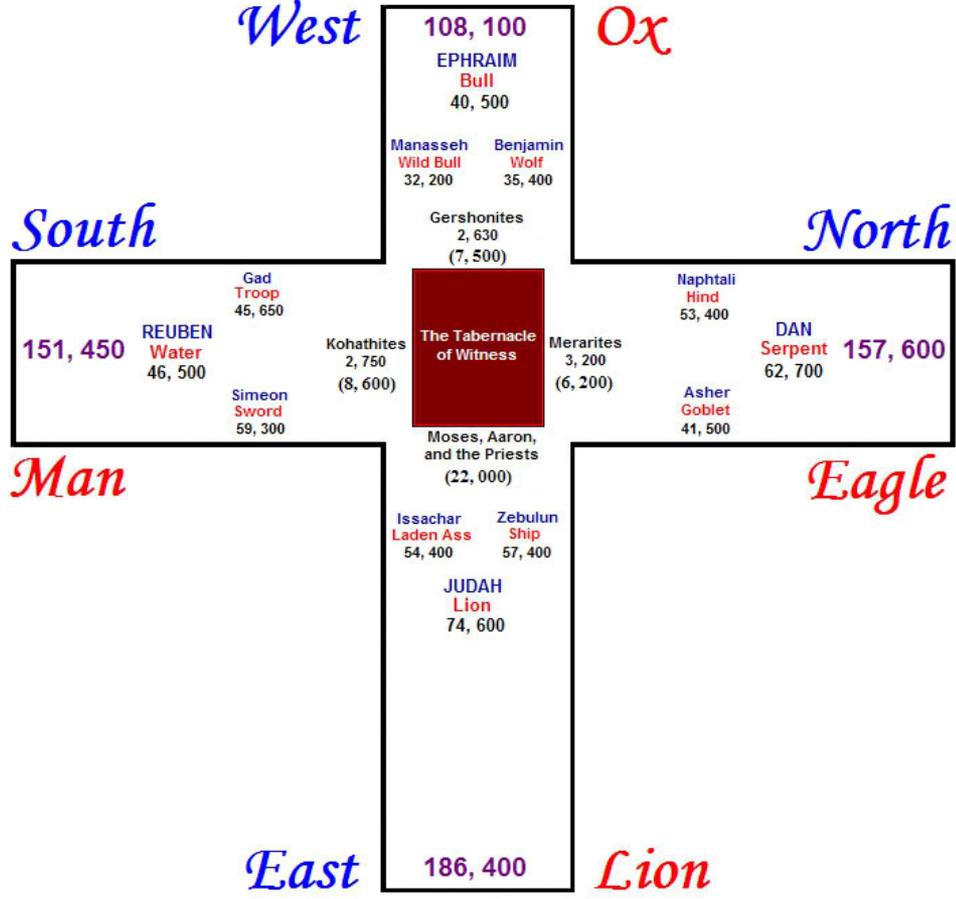


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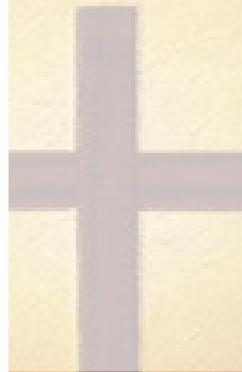
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High Priest's Breastplate:

- Reuben - Sardius
- Simeon - Topaz
- Levi - Carbuncle
- Judah - Emerald
- Dan - Sapphire
- Naphtali - Diamond
- Gad - Ligure
- Asher - Agate
- Issachar - Amethyst
- Zebulun - Beryl
- Joseph - Onyx
- Benjamin - Jasper





The Gospels

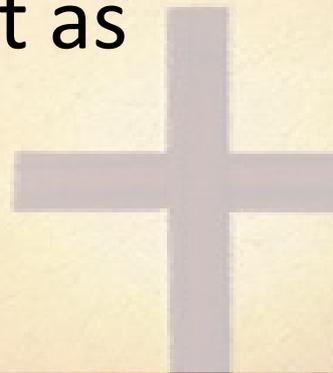


The first beast like a lion, the king of the beasts – Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews.

The second beast like a calf – Mark presents Christ as a servant of man.

The third beast like a man – Luke presents Christ as the Son of man.

The fourth beast like a flying eagle, the most majestic of the birds - John presents Christ as the Son of God exalted above all.

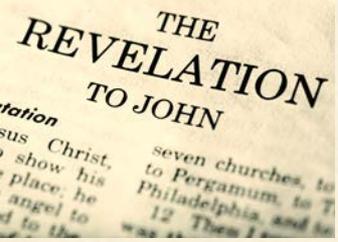


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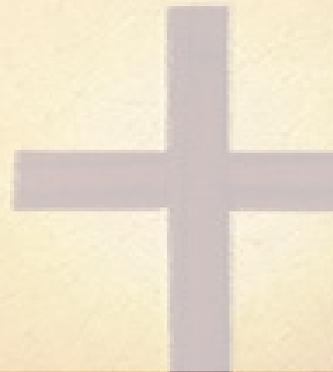


What does covered with eyes mean?



These are all seeing, spiritual beings full of knowledge.

I believe these creatures will be the most beautiful creatures we have ever seen.





Ezekiel 28: 12-16



You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.

Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

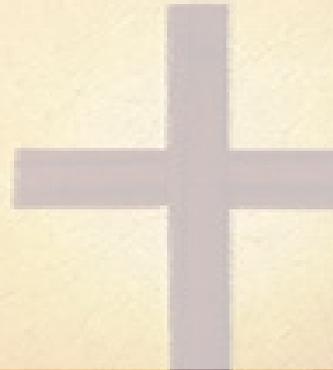
Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 4:6-8

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back demonstrating their large measure of knowledge, and diligence, and watchfulness. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

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Revelation 4:9-11

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

“You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”

