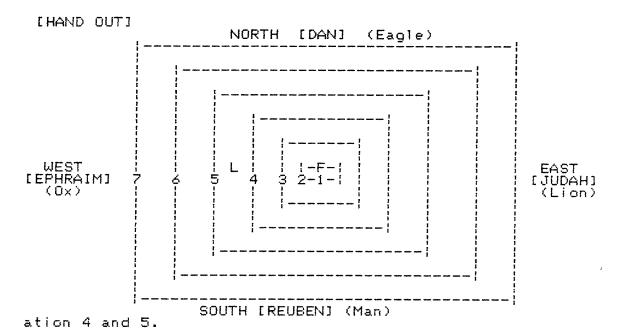
# THINGS WHICH MUST BE HEREAFTER REV. 4:1-11

### Introduction:

- A. "After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven."
  - looked = eidon = to see, not only seeing but the actual perception of an object.
  - 2. door = thura = door.
  - opened = anoigo to open, to stand open.
- B. "And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me;"
  - voice = a sound, a tone, as given forth or uttered.
  - 2. shew = deiknumi to show, to exhibit.
  - 3. The vision that follows is anticipatory of what shall happen in the future, after the things which are.
- D. "And immediately I was in the Spirit."
  - 1. immediately = eutheo straight, direct, at once.
  - As opposed to the flesh.

#### I. THE THINGS JOHN SAW.



# THE UNIVERSE GOVERNED BY THE THRONE

The vision consists of one single picture and teaches one main lesson. The square at the center represents the throne with steps leading up to it. In the centre of the throne sits the Father. (Rev. 4:2)

The innermost circle [square] 1 represents the sparkling white diamond (4:3); circle [square] 2 the sardius (4:3); circle [square] 3 the emerald rainbow (4:3); circle [square] 4 the four living ones or cherubim (4:6); circle [square] 5 the twenty-four thrones with their elders (4:4); circle [square] 6 the many angels (5:11); and circle [square] 7 all the other creatures in the entire universe (5:13).

The seven lamps and the sea of glass are also before the throne (4:5,6). The Lamb (L) stands between the throne and the living ones on the one side, and the twenty-four elders on the other (5:6). But the Lamb later advances to the throne (5:7, and is now seated on it with the Father (22:1).

The throne rules over all. Take this lesson to heart!

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- A. John saw a throne. v26.
  - 1. Isaiah 6:1-4.
- B. The one who sat on the throne. v3
  - 1. Jasper = hiaspis translucent, as a diamond.
  - 2. Sardine = sardion = a blood-red stone.
  - Rainbow = iris rainbow colored, a many colored rainbow or halo that encompassed the throne.
  - Emerald = smaragdinos made of emerald, green in color.
- C. Those around the throne. v4
  - seats = thronos = a seat, a throne.
  - 2. elders = presbuteros In the Jewish nation, persons who were the deputies of the tribes at tilles according to the right of the first-born.

I Kings 8:1,3.

- D. Sounds from the throne. v5
  - 1. "lightnings, thunderings and voices:"
  - 2. "lamps of fire."
- E. Before the throne. v6
  - 1. sea of glass = thalassa the sea, of glass.
  - four beasts = zoon a living being.
  - 3. Their description. v7
    - a. Numbers 2:2,3,10,18,25.
    - b. Heb. 8:5, 9:23
- II. THE PURPOSE OF ALL CREATED BEINGS. V8
  - A. They praise God. v8
    - rest not = anapausis pause.
    - saying = lego to lay before, relate.

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- B. They honor and thank God. v9
  - 1. honor = time esteem, respect, value.
  - thanks = eucharistia to show one's gratitude.
  - glory = doksa The recognition which belongs to God alone.
- C. They worship him. v10
  - 1. The 24 elders.
  - fall = pipto to fall from higher to lower.
  - 3. worship = proskuneo to prostrate one's self.
  - 4. cast = ballo to throw.

# III. THE REDEEMED AND THEIR SONG. VII

- A. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power."
  - 1. worthy = aksios worthy of.
  - 2. receive = lambano to take what is given.
  - 3. glory = doksa renown, praise.
  - 4. honour = time = respect, value.
  - 5. power = dunamis power in action.
- B. "for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."
  - created = ktizo to found, to set up, to bring into being.
  - pleasure = thelema =- will, volition.
  - 3. created = ktizo (see #1)