

Revelation 4

God's Throne Room

Lesson 6

John and the first century churches were experiencing intense persecution and were suffering because of their relationship with Jesus Christ. (Revelation 1:9) In a vision, John received a personal message from Jesus Christ for seven of the churches in Asia, and then he was invited into the very throne room of God.

Review

1. Using Revelation 1:10:
 - What day of the week did this vision take place?
 - How did John "experience" this vision?
 - What did John say about the voice that came from behind him?

The Invitation - Revelation 4:1 - 2

2. Using Revelation 4:1:
 - After receiving the messages to the churches, John said "I looked." What did he see?
 - What did John hear?
 - Why had John been invited into the throne room of God?
3. Using Revelation 4:2:
 - What reminder did John give about how he "experienced" this vision?
 - During this part of the vision, where was John located?
 - How did John describe what he saw before him?

The Room - Revelation 4:3-6a

4. In this room there was a throne with someone sitting on it. How did John describe the one who sat on the throne? (vs. 3a)

5. What encircled the throne? (vs. 3b)

6. What surrounded the throne? (vs. 4a)

7. John then noticed there were 24 elders in the throne room. How were the elders dressed? (vs. 4b)

8. Coming from the throne what did John: (vs. 5 - 6a)
 - See?

 - Hear?

 - Say was before the throne?

The Living Creatures - Revelation 4:6b - 11

9. "In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures." What feature stood out to John on all four of the living creatures? (vs. 6b)

10. John struggled to describe what he saw in a way that was familiar to his readers. What did he say that each of the creatures was like? (vs. 7)
 - Creature 1:

 - Creature 2:

 - Creature 3:

- Creature 4:

11. What other unique feature did all four have in common? (vs. 8a)
12. As John was watching the creatures, he also heard them speak. (vs. 8b)
 - How often did they speak?
 - What did they say?
13. What were the creatures doing? (vs. 9a)
14. What was being said about the "one who sits on the throne?" (vs. 9b)
15. When the four creatures spoke, what was the response of the 24 elders? (vs. 10a)
16. How did the elders worship the one on the throne? (vs. 10b)
17. What did the elders say? (vs. 11a)
18. What did the elders praise God for? (vs. 11b)