



Describing the Indescribable...

Revelation 4:1-2

The colors are usually taken to be symbolic descriptions of the attributes of God with white representing purity or holiness; red, judgment; and the emerald rainbow, mercy. So the visual statement says the God who sits on his throne ruling the universe is a God of holiness, justice, and mercy. The events to be described later in Revelation bear this out

After This...

- A _____ function, signifying a new vision

A Door Standing Open in Heaven

- _____ vision began with an opening to heaven (Ezekiel 1:1)
- Heaven was opened at _____ baptism (Matthew 3:16)
- Heaven was opened as _____ was stoned (Acts 7:56)
- Heaven was opened as Peter was told about clean and unclean (Acts 10:11)

The First Voice...

- Jesus

In the Spirit...

The Throne

- In _____
- "One" Seated On It

Revelation 4:3-6a

³And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

He Who Sat There...

Had the appearance of:

- Jasper (_____)
- Carnelian (_____)

The Rainbow

- The appearance of an _____

24 Thrones

- 24 Elders
 - Men?
 - Angels?
 - Suggestion:
 - 12 _____ (Old Covenant)
 - 12 _____ (New Covenant)
- Clothed in white
- Wearing _____

From the Throne

- _____
- _____

Exodus 19:16-17 - ¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

7 Torches

- The seven Spirits (_____) of God

A Sea of Glass

Exodus 24:9-10 ⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

Revelation 4:6b-8
 And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

 “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

The 4 Living Creatures

- Full of eyes
 - Symbolizes their _____ of all things
- Appearance like:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Isaiah 6:2-3

² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Ezekiel 10:12, 14

¹² And their whole body, their rims, and their spokes, their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes all around—the wheels that the four of them had...

¹⁴ And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was a human face, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Continuous Praise

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Revelation 4:9-11
⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Glory and Honor and Praise

- Living creatures _____
- The 24 elders fall down and _____
- The 24 elders _____ before The Lord

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”