

End Times Prophecy

This Week:

Lesson: Revelation 4

Next Week: Revelation 5

The scene in heaven

Revelation 4:1-2	John taken to heaven
V. 3	The throne (jasper prob. yellow, sardis red)
V. 4	The 24 elders – no identity given, but associated with the 4 living creatures whenever they appear.
V. 5-6a	The throne, sea, 4 creatures
V. 6b-9	The 4 living creatures, see also Ezekiel 1:1, 4-21 and 10:1-22
V. 10-11	Worship of the 24 elders

Discussion:

- **Discuss** possible identities of the 24 elders
- **Discuss** the significance of the number 12 in Scripture
- **Discuss** the symbolic attributes of the 4 living creatures
- **Note** the descriptions of the 4 living creatures in Ezekiel's vision (~650 yrs earlier) and compare appearance and activity
- **Discuss** the symbolic nature of the sea of glass
- **Discuss** the difficulty of dealing with so many unknowns and symbols

Questions to the Class:

1. How do we literally interpret a symbolic depiction, in a vision, in a book of prophecy?
2. What personal application is there for this kind of biblical passage?