

What John Saw.

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TEXT: Rev 4:1-11 (KJV)

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

INTRO: John took an outer-Space trip 96 years A.D.

A- He saw an open door in Heaven

1- He heard a voice saying " *Come up hither*" (Outer-space)

B- God launched John from an island

C- John wasn't in a capsule (he was in the Spirit)

D- He was told "*what thou seest, write in a book*"

WHAT DID JOHN SEE?

I. HE SAW A THRONE:

Rev 4:2 (KJV) And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Who's throne, It was God the son's throne

A- The throne is in the center of the universe (Jerusalem)

B- When you (the sinner) take an outer space trip you will see the throne

Rev 20:11-14 (KJV) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rom 14:11 (KJV) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

II HE SAW ONE ON THE THRONE:

The One he saw on the throne, is glorious in His majesty

Rev 4:3 (KJV) And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

1- Jasper- a crystal stone - This was on the High Priest's breast plate

2- one like Sardiis

We first saw Him on the cross, Now we see Him exalted and on the throne

III HE SAW A RAINBOW ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE:

- A- This is a symbol of the covenant of Grace**
- 1- Seven majestic colors (God's number for completeness)**
- B- God made this covenant through Noah**
 - a- Explain the covenant**
 - b- A rainbow was given after the storm**
- C- Calvary's storm**

IV HE SAW TWENTY AND FOUR ELDERS SITTING ON SEATS AROUND THE THRONE:

- A- Sitting down**
 - 1-Toils of life over**
- B- Twelve Patriots representing twelve tribes**
 - 1- Twelve Apostles (Christ's bride)**
- C- They were dressed in white - Represents Purity**
- D- Their crowns (pure-gold) - Represents Deity**

CONC: We are going on a trip through outer space one day and it's not going to be long.

Will you be ready?.