

Revelation 4.2-4, 9/3/17 Study 21 Study notes

As we enter then into the **fourth chapter**, we enter into the **post-church era upon the earth**.

In Ch 4-19, we will see **God's judgement upon the world preceding Jesus earthly reign**.

Rev 4:2 And behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Heaven is a 5+-dimensional world.

The **occupied throne of God** is what **makes heaven, heaven**.

The throne implies that there is a seat of authority/a seat of power that we all must answer to Him and be accountable to Him.

If man **de-thrones God**, he will **inescapably place himself or some other man or concept upon the throne**.

Point #1 There is a God enthroned in heaven, and you are NOT Him.

Point #2 - Despite the many trials, struggles and heartaches that might be going, have gone or will be going through, always know that God is still on His throne.

Rev 4:3-And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

As John described the occupant of the throne, **he did not describe a distinct figure**. There was **no form**. What is that communicating?

1, Some saw that these two colors are meant to communicate the glory of the empty tomb (white, Matthew 28:1-3) and the sacrificial love of Calvary (red, indicating/reminding us of blood).

2. Some say that it is connected with 1 John

1Jo 1:5 -"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." - speaking of the brilliance of the light of the Jasper stone and also:

1Jo 4:8 "God is love." Speaking of the red ruby color of the Sardius stone, declaring how much God loves us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.



3. Others say they are linked with gems in the high priest's breastplate (Exodus 39:8-13).

Sardius is the first gemstone in the breastplate of the high priest, representing Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob. (Jesus was the firstborn of the dead.)

The last gemstone on the high priest breastplate was Jasper which represented Benjamin, Jacob last son - Benjamin means Son of my right hand.

Encompasses all of God's work all.

God dwells in a light that is unapproachable by man. 1 Timothy 6:16

-And there was a rainbow around the throne in appearance like an emerald:

The rainbow is a post-it note for God!

It is a **reminder of God's commitment to His covenant with man** (Genesis 9:11-17).

In the midst of God's sovereignty, He limits his sovereignty with promises that He make to His people.

The bible is full of God's promises. God has bound Himself over and over again with different promises so that He can't do everything.

He limits Himself by His own promises.

A rainbow around the throne is a remarkable thing, showing that God will always limit Himself by His own promises.

Point #3 - In the midst of His sovereignty, God limits his sovereignty with promises that He makes to His people.