

THE HEARING OF FAITH REVELATION 4

INTRODUCTION:

John heard the first voice as of a Trumpet and immediately he was in the Spirit, **Revelation 4:1-2 (Revelation 1: 10)**, and was caused to ride upon "the high places of the earth," **Isaiah 58: 14 (Deuteronomy 32:13)**: he went up through the door to Heaven and received the vision of that which was to come afterwards, the Prophecy.

We are told also to lift up our voices like a trumpet and let my people know their sins, **Isaiah 58: 1**, that those who will hear will do so and live. Remember, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, **Romans 10: 17**. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given unto us...he that prophesy let him prophesy according to the proportion of faith...**Romans 12: 6**. Tell me O foolish Galatians, receive ye the Spirit by the works of the Law or by the hearing of faith? **Galatians 3:1-2**.

John entered the Sanctuary in Heaven first by its door upon the earth, the Sabbath or the Lord's day, which I call the 'Sanctuary in time': I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day and I heard a voice (the first) behind me saying: write in a book and send it to the 7 Churches which are in the province of Asia, **Revelation 1: 8**.

So he as 'the Rest' which stood by the cross of Jesus saying: 'let be' or stand still, **Matthew 27: 49**, obeyed the condition as he entered 'the rest or Sabbath' that these typified and he saw the vision of those who are to come as the **Messengers or Witnesses, Prophets of the highest order after that of Elijah or Elias, the 144,000** and the consummation of all things even unto the great day of the wrath of God. These are forerunners as John the Baptist was to Christ for His Second Coming.

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As Jesus *kaw-rav* or 'called out' His first sermon at creation and made all things by His words and the Spirit even so these are given a similar work to preach righteousness during the '7 times era' or '7 Churches' to bring to completion the work of God. Let everyone be made aware that the first profession was not that of farming or agriculture but instead preaching: for He spoke and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast, **Psalms 33: 9**.

For by the words of the Lord were the Heavens made and the hosts thereof by the breath of His mouth, **Psalms 33: 6**. **Now those who receive the Spirit by the hearing of faith by the preaching of the Word of God are those who shall be able to stand in that great day of God's wrath.**

Let those who know declare it, let those who see proclaim it how the earthly sanctuary is outlined in **Revelation 1: 9** by the **Isle of Patmos** (my killing: the altar of burnt sacrifice), then the body of water (part of the Mediterranean sea: derived from the Latin *mediterraneus*, meaning "inland" or "in the middle of the land" (from *medius*, "middle" and *terra*, "land"-the laver of water between the Altar and the Tabernacle or in the middle) then trace the names of the Churches in the order they are listed: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea in **Revelation 1: 11 (Revelation 2-3)** and rotate 90 degrees to the right and you will see the number '7' by the Door of the Tabernacle of Congregation or Meeting where Israel gathered for prayer in **Asia (meaning: Rising or Resurrection, an allusion to the resurrection of Christ)** and now in **Revelation 4: 1 a door is opened in Heaven and John is called up to Heaven in the Holy Places.**

Our God is an awesome God! He writes his doctrine for all to know the truth thereof. His Church bears the seal '7' of His Name. **They tarry by the Door of the Tent of Meeting or the Tabernacle of Congregation calling upon His Name in Prayer and Praising Him for His goodness and grace.**

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The different aspects of prayer is revealed in the meaning of their names: **Ephesus**: relax trusting (believing) in God, **Smyrna**: bitter at times, mourning or groaning which we ourselves can not utter but the Spirit intercedes in our behalf; **Pergamos**: the calling on the Name of the Lord which is a Strong Tower, so they are married to the Tower; **Thyatira**: a continual sacrifice, praying without ceasing; **Sardis**: it is the call of those who are the remnant, remain or those that 'call out' like the Children of Israel in Egyptian bondage who cried out unto God in the book of Exodus; **Philadelphia**: it belongs to those of the country of brotherly love and **Laodicea**: it belongs to those who seek Judgement.

This is the Church, Christ's bride who is **in subjection-1** to him: obeying; who adorn the inner man in that which is incorruptible which in the sight of God is of great price: even a **meek-2** and **quiet spirit-3**; **calling (upon) him (as) Lord-4**. And He, **the Word of God-5**, dwells with His bride according to **knowledge-6**, **honouring-7** her as the weaker vessel being partakers with her of the grace of life, **1 Peter 3: 1-7**. Thus Christ espoused is Bride by baptism at the age of thirty and confirmed it by his death (**Patmos**) 3 ½ years later and Passover when He was risen (**Asia**) unto Heaven, where a door was opened for John to come up hither. This is the path or steps in the Sanctuary that we all must take to reach to Heaven: dying to sins and raised to walk in the newness of life.

FIRST VOICE OF A TRUMPET:

V1 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 shew thee things which must be hereafter.

The audible tone of one's word is the Voice. Again John hears the great voice which he heard at first behind him in **Revelation 1: 10**, when he was first in the Spirit. It was a great voice of a Trumpet such that the whole of his surrounding echoed and reverberated, its sound. A door was opened in Heaven before him, 'Come up hither and I will show you things which must be hereafter.'

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V8 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.

So John Passover into Heaven and saw the creatures, the four beasts, each having six wings about him (male), and were full of eyes within, the eyes are the Spirit of God, **Revelation 5: 6**, and he heard them praising and worshipping, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was and is and is to come. For, God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth, **Scripture Text**. They acknowledge His holiness, physically righteousness and morally pure, His supremacy and divinity or His Omniscience; His Omnipotence: Almighty and His Omnipresence: which was, and is and is to come. They were in the Presence of the King of the Universe.

THE THRONE OF GOD: HIS MOST HOLY PLACE

V2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

John heard the Voice of God and received immediately His Spirit and was transported out from Patmos to Heaven, the Most Holy Places of the Sanctuary, to where the Throne was set and one sat on the Throne. He was in the Presence of the Most Holy God.

V9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

Then he saw those beasts, living creatures, give glory, honour and thanks to him that sat on the Throne and lives for ever and ever.

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GOD'S APPEARANCE: MOST HIGH

V3 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.

God's appearance, the Most High, is described by John in terms of the most precious gems and stones: jasper and sardine and around His Throne was a rainbow in sight like unto an emerald, another precious stone. This is the Dwelling Place of the Lofty One, the Most High as depicted in Creation by the Firmament.

V10 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,

There are not only four beasts or living creatures, but also four and twenty elders: who were redeemed from the earth, **Revelation 5:9**, who joins in the praise and worship of Him that lives for ever and ever, falling down before His Throne, and casting their crowns before the Throne.

24 SEATS ABOUT THE THRONE:

V4 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.

These are they along with the four beasts that were redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation and have sat down with Christ on His Throne, who sat down with His Father on His Throne. John saw them clothed in a robe of light: white raiment and with crowns of gold upon their heads: these are the stars or messengers of heaven again as depicted by starry heaven.

V11 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.

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Who are as ministering spirits or angels worshipping and praising God, crying out: 'Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created!

OUT OF AND BEFORE THE THRONE:

V5 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.

In the One that sits on the Throne is the fullness of the Godhead bodily enshrouded in the Shekinah of His glory, which John describes as lightning, a glare of light and there were roaring described as thunders and voices that proceeded out from the Throne of light. John did not see His person as He was covered in light only His appearance which he described before. The one like God, the Father, Jesus, the Son, Levi, in whom dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily showed Himself transfigured in the Mount when His face shun like the sun in all its brilliance, **Matthew 17: 2**. Also before the Throne southward as outlined in the earthly sanctuary there was the Menorah, Seven Lamps of fire, burning before the Throne, which are the seven Spirits of God again as depicted in the open firmament of Heaven.

BEFORE AND ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE:

V6 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.

As again depicted by the open firmament before which there is the sea of water joined in the distance by the horizon, here before the Throne is a sea of glass, transparent, likened unto crystal that as the sea reflects the glory of heaven even so does this sea of glass.

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And positioned in the midst and round about the Throne on all the quadrants: east, west, south and north are the four beasts or living creatures which not only has eyes within but are full with eyes before and behind. These are they who have the sealing power of the Spirit of God and the Chief of the families of Israel who shall lead out when the numbering, sealing or census shall be taken in the latter day of those who are redeemed from every kindred, tongue, people and nation in four corners of the earth.

THESE FOUR: LION, CALF, FACE OF A MAN AND FLYING EAGLE

V7 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.

The four beasts have the appearance of the ensigns (in the **east**, Judah: lion, in the **west**, calf or ox: Joseph or Ephraim, in the **south**, man's face: Rueben and in the **north**, flying eagle/serpent: formerly Dan now Levi) which represents the families of the children of Israel which encamp on the four quadrants or corners of the earth as outlined in the book of Numbers, in chapter 2. Though the tribe of Dan is not sealed in the number, as quadrant leader the ensign remains. Which tells you that it is not will of God that any should perish but that all should come unto repentance, but none can be saved against his own will.

