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Observation: What does the text say?

- **v.1:** A door standing open in heaven. A voice like a trumpet: “Come up here.” – to **John**
- **vv.2–3:** The scene is the throne in heaven. The one seated on it had an appearance of *jasper and carnelian*, surrounded by a *rainbow* like an emerald.
- **vv.4–5:** **24 elders** in white garments with golden crowns. Lightning, thunder, seven torches of fire; the seven spirits of God.
- **v.6:** A sea of glass like crystal before the throne. Four living creatures full of eyes.
- **vv.7–8:** **Lion · Ox · Man · Eagle. Six wings.** Day and night, without ceasing: “*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.*”
- **vv.9–11:** The **elders** cast their crowns before the throne: “*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power.*”

Scriptures: Revelation 4:1–11; Ezekiel 1:4–28; Isaiah 6:1–3; Daniel 7:9–10; Matthew 13:44

Ontario Community Church: Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ.
John 6:47 (ESV) “*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.*”

Interpretation: What does it mean?

The throne room is now and forever

- Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Daniel all saw this same throne. John is not describing something new. He is seeing what has always been true.

Ezekiel 1:4–28; Isaiah 6:1–3; Daniel 7:9–10

Completeness upon completeness

- Many say the 24 elders represent the 12 tribes and 12 apostles. Whatever their identity: completeness upon completeness. Wild, domestic, earth, sky — all of creation, nothing left out.

Revelation 4:4, 6–8

The hidden treasure revealed

- The throne room is the *treasure hidden* in the field (connected to the *parable of the hidden treasure*) always present, revealed to John, and now revealed to us. We have been shown what most people never see.

Matthew 13:44; 1 Corinthians 2:9–10

Application: How should we live?

Enter through the open door

- The door is standing open. Christ has opened it and no one can shut it. This is your invitation.

Revelation 4:1; Revelation 3:20; John 10:9

Embed worship in everyday life

- The four living creatures never stop worshipping God. This is a part of who they are and should be a part of who we are.

Revelation 4:8; Romans 12:1; Luke 19:40

Proclaim what you have seen

- John wrote it down and sent it to the churches. Witness is the natural overflow of revelation. The *hidden treasure* is only hidden from those who have not yet heard. Who will hear it from you this week?

Revelation 1:11; Acts 4:20