

# Structure of the Second Vision

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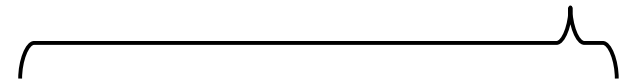
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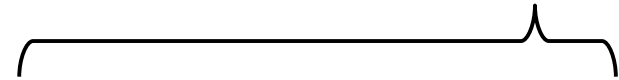
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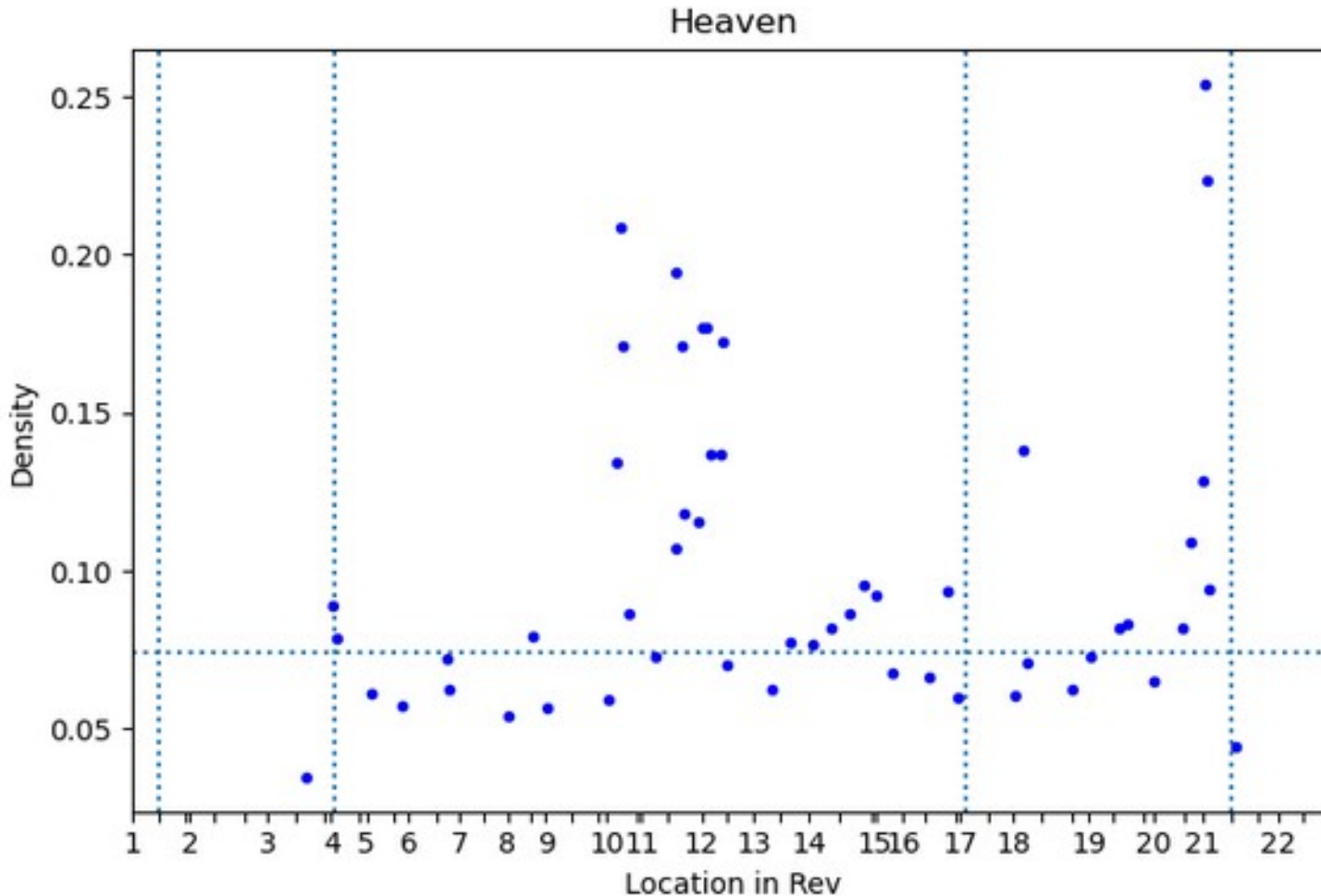
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# The Heavenly Perspective



Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

- Book of Job
- Asaph:

Psa 73:12 ... the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. ... 16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 **Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.**

- Dan 10, heavenly conflict



## ... in the Spirit ...

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

## God on his Throne

Ex. 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was **under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone**, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Ezek. 1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, **as the appearance of a sapphire stone**: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of **amber**, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of **the bow that is in the cloud** in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

1 Tim 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, **dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto**; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1 Jn 1:5 God is **light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

# The Elders on their Thrones

Rev. 19:4 And the **four and twenty elders** and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Rev 4:4	Rev 2-3
upon the seats [ <b>thrones</b> ] I saw four and twenty elders sitting,	3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to <b>sit with me in my throne</b> , even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. [Laodicea]
clothed in <b>white raiment</b> ;	3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in <b>white raiment</b> [Sardis]
they had on their heads <b>crowns</b> of gold.	2:10 be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a <b>crown</b> of life. [Smyrna]

Why 24?

Rev. 21:12 [that great city ... ] had a wall great and high, and had **twelve gates**, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of **the twelve tribes of the children of Israel**:

Rev. 21:14 And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and in them the names of **the twelve apostles of the Lamb**.

# 5a Lightnings and Thunderings and Voices

Ex. 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

Ps 18:6-19

13 The LORD also **thundered** in the heavens, and the Highest gave his **voice**;

hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out **lightnings**, and discomfited them.

Rev. 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were **voices**, and **thunderings**, and **lightnings**, and an earthquake.

Rev. 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were **lightnings**, and **voices**, and **thunderings**, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev. 16:18 And there were **voices**, and **thunders**, and **lightnings**; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

# 5b seven lamps ... seven Spirits of God

Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from **the seven Spirits which are before his throne**; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Rev. 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**

Zec 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with **those seven** [lamps]; they are **the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**

Psa 139:7 **Whither shall I go from thy spirit?** or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ...

# What John and Ezekiel Saw

Ezek. 1:4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures.

Revelation 4	Ezekiel 1
6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto <b>crystal</b>	22 And the likeness of the firmament ... was as the colour of the terrible <b>crystal</b> , stretched forth over their heads above.
and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four <b>beasts [living creatures]</b>	5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four <b>living creatures</b>
<b>full of eyes before and behind.</b> [8, full of eyes within]	18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were <b>full of eyes round about them</b> four.
7 And the first beast was like a <b>lion</b> , and the second beast like a <b>calf</b> , and the third beast had a face as a <b>man</b> , and the fourth beast was like a flying <b>eagle</b> .	10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a <b>man</b> , and the face of a <b>lion</b> , on the right side: and they four had the face of an <b>ox</b> on the left side; they four also had the face of an <b>eagle</b> .