

Structure of the Second Vision

Rev 4:8-11

4:1-16:21, Coming Judgments

4-8:5, The Seven Seals

4-5, Introduction: Heavenly Actors

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Prep for Trumpets: Faithful Multitudes

8:5, Seventh Seal

8:6-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:6-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials: Witnesses

11:13-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials

12-14, Introduction: Satanic Actors

15-16, Seven Vials

What did John see
in ch. 4?

2, a throne

3, glory of God

4, 24 throned elders

5a, thunder,

lightning, voices

5b, seven Spirits

6-8a four living
creatures

8b, praise from living
creatures

9-11, praise from
elders

What's missing?

Praise from the Living Creatures and the Elders

	Living Creatures	Elders
Praise	The Lord is Holy	The Lord is Worthy of glory & honor
Motivation	Person: Eternal	Works: Creates all
Cross-Reference	9 give glory & honor ... who liveth for ever & ever	10 him that liveth for ever & ever

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isa 6:3	Rev 4:8
Holy, holy, holy,	Holy, holy, holy,
is the LORD of hosts:	Lord God Almighty,
the whole earth is full of his glory.	which was, and is, and is to come

Emphatic Triplets

Jer 22:29 O **earth, earth, earth**, hear the word of the LORD.

Ezek 21:17 I will **overturn, overturn, overturn**, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

Emphatic Triplets

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Changes from Isa 6:3 to Rev 4:8

Lord of Hosts → Lord God Almighty

- standard LXX translation
- BUT not the one in Isa 6:3 LXX (Lord of Sabaoth = Hosts)

Preparation for NT revelation:

- OT Hosts = Israel (angels are “host” singular)
Exo 12:41 all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.”
- He is now Lord of the church, including both Jew and Gentile

All the Earth → Was, and Is, and Is to Come

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, [cf. 1:8]

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that **inhabiteth eternity**, whose **name is Holy**; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Roots of the Hymns of Revelation 4

Psa 29:1-2	Psa 96:7-9
Psa. 29:1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty [sons of gods],	7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peopleS,
give unto the LORD glory and strength. [LXX glory & honor]	give unto the LORD glory and strength. [LXX glory & honor]
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;	8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
	bring an offering, and come into his courts.
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.	9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:
	fear before him, all the earth.

29:1 mighty = sons of gods

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when
the **sons of God** came to present
themselves before the LORD, and
Satan came also among them.

cf. also Gen 6:2;
Job 2:1; 38:7

Helpful References

Pss 29 and 96

Psa 29:10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Psa 96:4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. ...

10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. ...

13 ... he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

References on the Elders' Hymn

1Ch 29:14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and **of thine own have we given thee.**

Dan. 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and **he doeth according to his will** in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things **consist.**

Who is Missing in Revelation 4?

Revelation 1	Revelation 4
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;	8 And the four beasts ... rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;	5 and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
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.	