

Book of Revelation, part 51
The 24 Cast their Crowns

- I. The identities of those around and on the throne (Rev. 4 &5).
 1. The Shekinah glory radiating from the throne, multicolored.
 2. The 24 elders represent the bride, rotational.
 3. The One speaking—Christ (v. 1).
 4. The four living being, “beast” KJV are cherubim (4:6-8 cf. wild beast, 13:1).
 5. John describes an inner guard very near the throne.
- II. The display around the throne demonstrates God’s (Ps. 104:1-2):
 1. Honor—deserving of admiration, great esteem.
 2. Majesty—splendor, magnificence.
 3. **"The is none like Him:** (Jer. 10:6; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Chron. 17:20; Deut. 3:24; 33:26; Ex. 8:10; 9:14; 1 Kin. 8:23; Ps. 86:8; Jer. 10:7; Isa. 46:9 cf. 1 Cor. 8:5).
 4. The sea of glass before the throne (Rev. 4:6).
 - 1) Type and antitype (Heb. 9:21-24; Ex. 26:33).
 - 2) Ceremonial cleansing.
 - 3) Solid—no longer in use.
 - i. All reconciled by the blood of Christ (Col. 1:16,20).
 - ii. Not needed after the cross—solid.
- III. The occasion for celebration (Rev. 4:11).
 1. The grammar points to a one-time event when contrasted to the “day and night” of the Cherubim (Rev. 4:8).
 2. “...to begin to receive” as creator (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16).
 - 1) The glory.
 - 2) The honor.
 - 3) The inherent power.
 3. Significant changes at Mid-Tribulation with respect to the throne.
 - 1) Satan is cast out—no more access to accuse the brethren (Job. 1 & 2; Rev. 12:10).
 - 2) All access from with out is sealed off (Rev.15:8).
 4. “And when” i.e., “upon the occasion” (Rev. 4:9).
 - 1) The cherubim will give honor...
 - 2) The 24 elders:
 - i. Will fall down.
 - ii. Will worship Him.
 - iii. Will cast their crowns.

IV. Why are the 24 elders' crowns an insult to Satan?

1. In the created hierarchy mankind is lower than angels (Heb. 2:9).
2. The highest ranked angel is lower than Satan (Jud. 9).
3. The 24 elders have throne and crown, both emblematic of ruling from near God's throne.
4. Satan wanted to place his throne in the third heaven with God's throne (Is. 14:11-14).
5. Satan counterfeits the 24 elders' crowns for his servants, like gold (Rev. 9:7).