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Verse 1

Door (only three times, 3:8, 20), Trumpet (similar to first time, 1:10), Up (into Heaven), Hereafter (1:19).

Verse 2

In the Spirit (happens only 4 times—taken to another place/time)

1:10 - taken to where Christ was doing ministry midst the seven churches (candlesticks)

4:2 - taken into the Sanctuary in Heaven

17:3 - taken away into the wilderness to a future time

21:10 - taken away into a mountain to a future time

Throne (God's throne mentioned 12 times in this chapter--mentioned before the One sitting on it!)

Verse 3

Jasper is clear as crystal (21:11). If you have a clear stone/crystal with light shining through it, what colors in a prism do you see? (that's the color of God, as "God is light" in 1 John 1:5... =) Jasper and emerald were on the priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:15-20), and was on Lucifer (Ezekiel 28:12-15). Sardine is a reddish yellow. There is a rainbow with highlights of green (See Genesis 9:11-16). The foundations of the wall of the city of God have some of these same gems (Revelation 21:19).

From searching a few of the references for the light of **God's countenance**:

Psalms 4:6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Psalms 44:3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Psalms 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

Psalms 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. Psalms 104:1-2, Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Verse 4

24 thrones, 24 elders, 24 white garments, 24 crowns/wreathes of gold (victor's crowns as opposed to kingly). For more on 24, see 1 Chronicles 23:2-4 and 24:5-19. 24,000 were numbered for the work of the tabernacle in the order of their course (rotating through with their groups). See 1 Chronicles 27:1-15. The ark, and other items in the sanctuary, had crowns of gold (see Exodus 25:10-11 for the ark).

Verse 5

Thunder - 4:5, 6:1, 8:5, 10:3-4, 11:19, 14:2, 16:18, 19:6

Seven lamps which are the seven Spirits of God (see 1:4, 3:1, 4:5 5:6 and comments in chapter 1)

Verse 6-9

"Sea of glass" (mingled with fire in 15:2). "Clear as crystal" speaks also of the "river of water of life" in 22:1. Remember, the street of the city is transparent gold (21:21). Could the sea of glass mingled with fire be the glory of God reflecting from the street?

"The four beasts" (or living creatures) appear similarly in **Ezekiel 1:5-14**, mentioned as Cherubims with four wings in **Ezekiel 10:14-22**. See **Isaiah 6:1-8**. Also, the **four sons of Aaron** (**Exodus 28:1**), were supposed to coordinate and organize the priestly ministry, but **1 Chronicles 24:1-2** explain what happened. Do the four Living creatures of **Revelation 4** coordinate and organize the heavenly ministry? The Lion, calf, man and eagle are portrayed on their faces. (Matt, Mark, Luke & John?)

Holy—three times... One for the Father, Son, and Their Spirit? Is that why the Son of God said, "My God, My God" while He was on the cross? (Matt. 27:46) <u>Certainly not</u>! It's just as Jesus had said, "Martha, Martha" (Luke 10:41), or "Simon, Simon" (Luke 22:31), He had called out to His God. And we are told "The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted" (Sons and Daughters of God, 58.5). See Revelation 5:11-13.

Verse 10-11

God "created all things." God created all things through His Son Jesus Christ (see John 1:1-3, 14; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:14-19; Hebrews 1:1-2) All things "are and were created." The word 'are' could be translated 'dure,' or endure. God the Father keeps us going, as His Son doesn't enter this picture until the next chapter!

Revelation 4 thru 6 in Verse:

Long ago on a bright blue stone, sat the King of glory upon His throne. Rainbow colors were about His face. Darkness or evil? Not even a trace. His servants did sing with joy, love, and fullness, He astounded creation with all of His goodness. Then looked He for One to open the book—His voice roared like thunder! The universe shook! Not ONE? Nowhere? So who could it be? I've looked above and below, but none could I see! I broke, I fell, I cried and I wept, when a Lion—a Lamb! Exceptional! Adept! He stood up in lowliness, beauty and power, with strength in His eyes—all evil would cower.

He reached with a hand, torn with a hole, and took from the throne the most marvelous scroll,

Sealed with gems, jewels and glittering gold! The Law of love He's meant to uphold! So Angels bore witness of His incredible journey, through education in strife to become our Attorney. Then I stood before Him, with eyes transfixed, while He pronounced His pardon with mercy unmixed.

And still today, He opens those seals midst praise and honor, and Ezekiel's wheels. So take a closer look—come and behold—There's a book of life too... in it be enrolled.

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