

## Revelation 4 with Old Testament Allusions

*Please consult these passages with regard to Revelation 4 and 5:*

*Daniel 7:9-14; Ezekiel 1; Isaiah 6:1-5*

**Revelation 4:1** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

**2** Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Isaiah 6:1 - In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

**3** And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

Ezekiel 1:28 - Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

**4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

Daniel 7:9 - “I watched till thrones were put in place,  
And the Ancient of Days was seated;  
His garment was white as snow,  
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.  
His throne was a fiery flame,  
Its wheels a burning fire;

**5** And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Exodus 37:23 - And he made its seven lamps, its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold.

Exodus 19:16-17 - Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Psalms 18:13-15 - <sup>13</sup> The LORD thundered from heaven,  
And the Most High uttered His voice,  
Hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>14</sup> He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe,  
Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

<sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
The foundations of the world were uncovered  
At Your rebuke, O LORD,  
At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

Zechariah 4:2 - And he said to me, “What do you see?”

So I said, “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.

Exodus 25:31, 37-39 - “You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece. <sup>37</sup> You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. <sup>38</sup> And its

wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

**6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.**

Exodus 24:10 - and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

1 Kings 7:23-25 - And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. 24 Below its brim were ornamental buds encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornamental buds were cast in two rows when it was cast. 25 It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward.

1 Chronicles 28:18 - and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

**7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.**

Ezekiel 1:10 - As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.

Ezekiel 10:14 - Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

**8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:**

**“Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!”**

Isaiah 6:2, 3 – Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!”

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Exodus 15:11 - “Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like You, glorious in holiness,  
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Isaiah 6:3 - And one cried to another and said:  
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!”