## Lesson 6

## The Throne Room of God

## THE THRONE OF GOD (4:1-5)

Chapters 4 and 5 usher us into the presence of God. It is thus with reverence that we approach our text to see how to keep our lives in perspective.

- 1. What was the purpose of including this scene in the Book of Revelation?
- 2. What do premillennialists believe that chapters 4 and 5 foretell?
- 3. What things "must take place after" (4:1)?
- 4. What does the phrase "in the Spirit" (4:2) mean?
- 5. What does the word translated "throne" in verse 2 mean?
- 6. What is jasper, and what is its significance?
- 7. What is sardius, and what is its significance?
- 8. What did the glowing green of the emerald suggest?
- 9. What was the rainbow, and of what would it assure Christians?
- 10. What does the term "elders" mean (4:4), and who were they?
- 11. What is the significance of the number twenty-four (4:4)?
- 12. What was the most significant aspect of the symbol of the elders?
- 13. What was represented by the symbol of the "flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder" in verse 5?

14. For what three reasons can we conclude that the "seven lamps of fire" (4:5) refer to the lampstand in the tabernacle with its seven lamps?

## THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES (4:6–11)

Placid lakes can provide an awesome reflection of stately trees, majestic mountains, and a cloud-filled sky. How much more awe-inspiring was the scene that filled John's senses: twenty-four thrones with their distinguished occupants; four fantastic creatures; seven blazing torches; the stately throne with its dazzling lights, ominous clouds, and flashing lightning—all mirrored in a sea of glass.

- 15. Why is it unnecessary to correlate all the book's references on the sea into one consistent interpretation?
- 16. What might the "sea" imply in verse 6?
- 17. Where can one find the "predecessors" to the four living creatures?
- 18. Who or what were these incredible creatures in chapter 4?
- 19. For what three things did the creatures praise God in 4:8?
- 20. Of what significance is the throne in this vision?