



### Change of scene



Chapter 3 ends with a closed door, in front of which Christ stands and knocks. Chapter 4 starts with an opened door, though not on earth but in heaven. This marks the start of the third main part of the Revelation ("what must take place after this"). These events are still future.

John sees the throne of God in heaven. The greatness and majesty of the One sitting on the throne is so grand that it can only be described in symbolic language, comparing it to gemstones. John further sees around the throne .....

- ... four living creatures: These are symbolic for the execution of the judgments (-> four directions, ie north, south, east, west
- ... 24 elders: These represent all believers from the beginning of creation until the rapture



19. Describe the 24 elders. What are they doing in this chapter?



The symbolic language of Revelation, part 6:

- „The four living creatures“, which stand for the execution of the divine judgment, are described as ...
  - ... „lion“ = the irresistible power of the judgment
  - ... „calf“ = perseverance of the judgmental power
  - ... „man“ = execution of judgment with insight
  - ... „eagle“ – speed with which the judgment will come



**When God's judgments come upon the earth, all those who believe in the Lord Jesus are in heaven.**

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19. The 24 elders are sitting on thrones, having white garments and golden crowns (v4). They fall down before Him who sits on the throne, cast down their crowns and worship God (v10).