

Revelation 3

1. Trumpet like voice, ie Jesus who spoke earlier with the 7 messages
 - a. It is clear, not to be ignored
2. Caught up in the Spirit: ref. Ezekiel 1
- v. 3 use of jewels
 - Jasper: Clear, ie pure like God
 - Carnelian (red) like the blood of Christ
 - Jewels were on the breastplate of the high priest Exodus 28:17-21
 - Emerald: green and represents life

12 stones of revelation: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolite, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, and Amethyst
Also: 12 stones of remembrance on high priest breastplate
Rainbow: like Noah found upon the exiting of ark

24 elders (12 tribes of Israel plus apostles)
Offering spiritual worship
Rainbow: God's promise to redeem and not destroy mankind again

v. 5 traditional appearance of the Divine Presence

note Moses at Sinai-(19:18ff.) On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud blast of the shofar,¹ so that all the people in the camp trembled. But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was completely enveloped in smoke, because the LORD had come down upon it in fire. The smoke rose from it as though from a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The blast of the **shofar** grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking and God was answering him with thunder. When the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the LORD summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

note that the Most Holy Name of God is not used... too sacred to speak
7 spirits of God - appears four times in Rev. possibly refers to

Isaiah 11:2-3: seven spirits

"The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD, and He will ii. delight in the fear of the Lord." Isaiah 11:2-3 (NASB). Including the Spirit of the Lord, and the iii. Spirits of wisdom, of iv. understanding, of v. counsel, v. of might, vi. of knowledge and of vii. fear of the LORD, here are represented the seven Spirits, which are before the throne of God.

Also Romans 12:6-8

For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: i. if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; ii. if ministry, in ministering; iii. if one is a teacher, in teaching; iv. if one exhorts, in exhortation; v. if one contributes, in generosity; vi. if one is over others, with diligence; vii. if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

.v6 "Sea of Glass Crystal ref. Ezekiel 1:22-26

Blue like the oceans

Ezekiel v. 26: sapphire Exodus 24:10: the pavement of God

Lapis Lazuli (blue gem)

v. 7 these symbolize, respectively, what is noblest, (lion) strongest (calf or ox), wisest, (human) and swiftest (Eagle) in creation.

Also: Mark, Luke, Matthew, John

Representing the natural order of things that God is Lord over

All seeing eyes: God sees all things

v. 8 Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus (see Isaiah 6) (thrice holy)

v. 9 subordinate clause to v. 10, this happens when the

v. 10 throwing down crowns, rep. complete submission

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24 elders appears several times in Revelation (4 other times)

Are they angels? (who Jesus said would rejoice at repentance)

thrones: kings and priests

teaching authority (ref. scribes and bishops)

In 1 Chronicles 24: 24 divisions of the sons of Aaronic priests)

1 Chronicles 25 musicians in the Solomonic Temple were in 24 ranks

v. 11 (dignus es) Probably an early hymn placed here

Nothing that exists is here without God actively willing it

"multitude ("myrias") myriad? Est run IOK-I OOM

They rejoice over redemption of man (as opposed to reaction of demons)

They rejoice that the Lamb has received the Scroll

All of ch.5 concerns this sealed scroll