

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Revelation 4:1-11
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. How did John get before the throne of God?

A voice from heaven called him to come up and the Spirit enabled him to do so.

2. Would someone reading John be able to draw a picture of God? Why or why not?

No. John described colors and shapes around the throne of God and not what he saw of God, if he saw anything of God. He saw enough of a shape to say he saw “someone” on the throne, and he did not say more.

3. In addition to the throne of God, what beings did John see?

He saw twenty-four elders and four living creatures or seraphim.

4. How did John describe these beings?

They had eyes all around and six wings and they praised God and they had the faces or appearance of a lion, an ox, a human, and an eagle.

5. What were these beings doing?

They were praising the Lord and saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”