

# DOCTRINE FILTERS



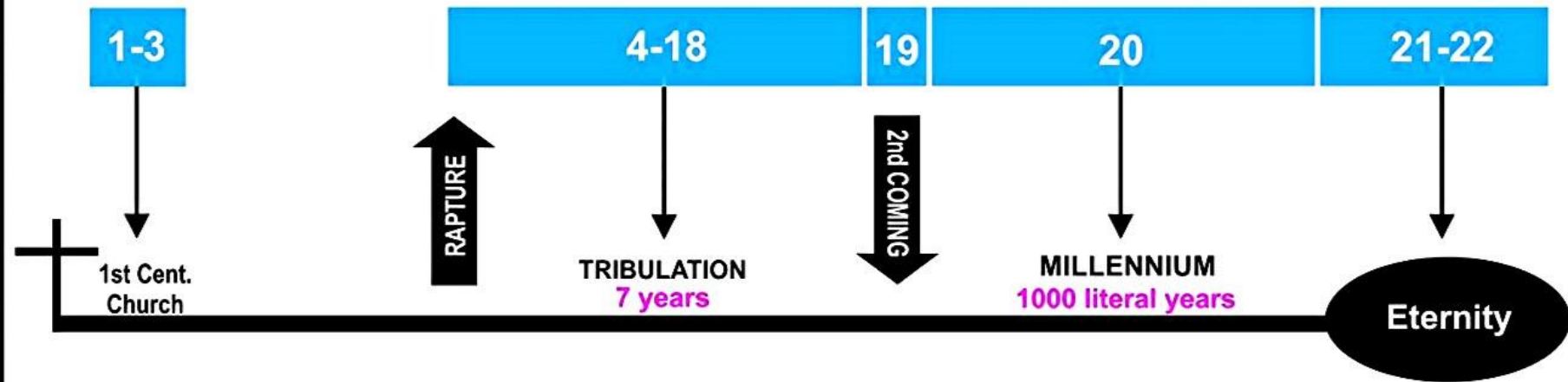
- John's Revelation? No.
- Christ's Revelation? No.
- God's Revelation? Yes.
- Rev. 1:1
- The Son is subservient to the Father
- The Father has not retired
- Is Christ the narrator of the 7 letters?
- His name is never given
- We should take what we read literally and not as symbolism or allegory



- A progression of unity between Father and Son?
- Father and Son attributes now distinct and identifiable, but in time indistinguishable?
- Progression of the Kingdom of God from the ideal, to the physical reality, to the fullest
- The great transition: Rev. 3:12
- New “names” for Believers, Jerusalem and God !
- “Name” means a set of characteristics and attributes

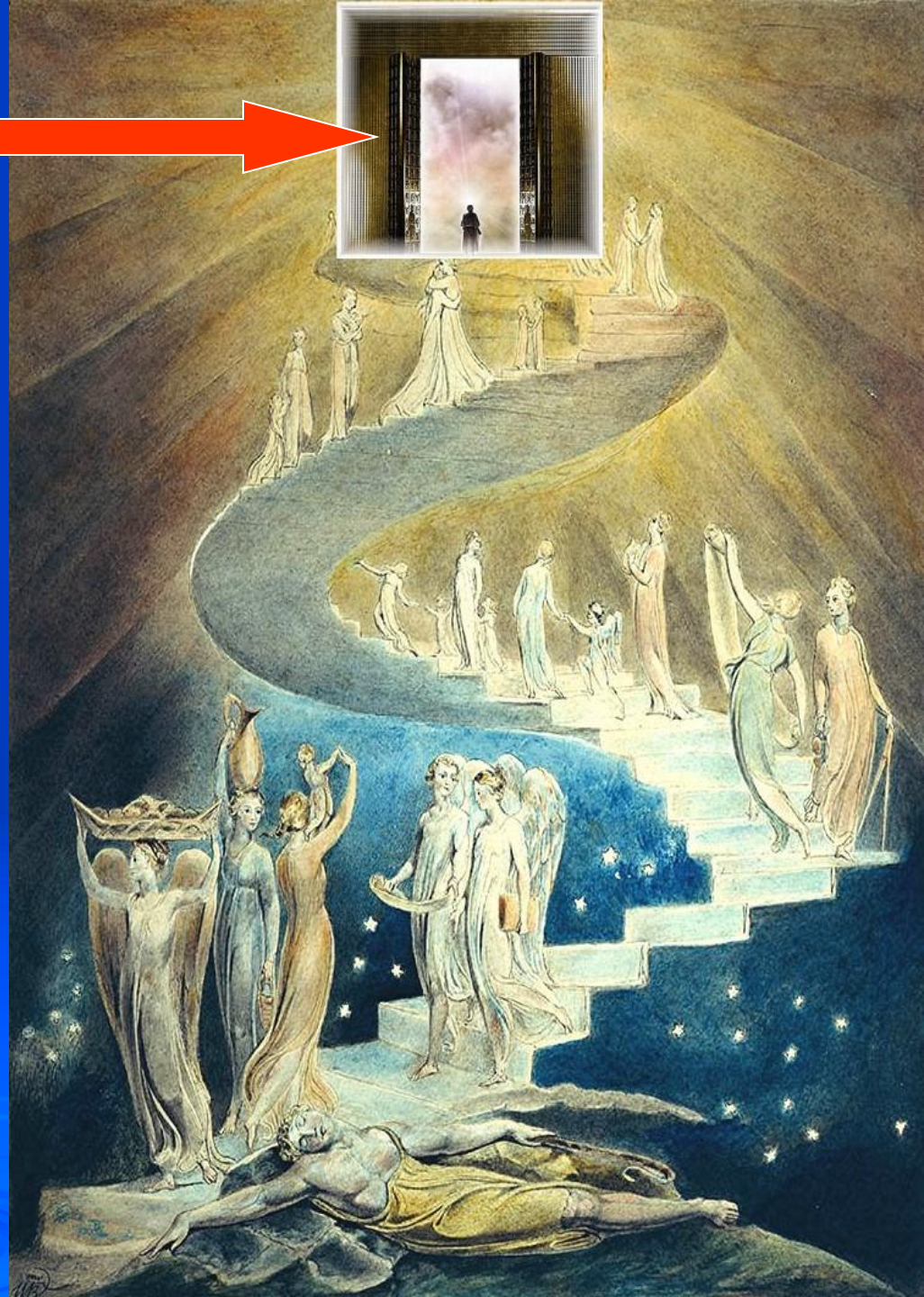
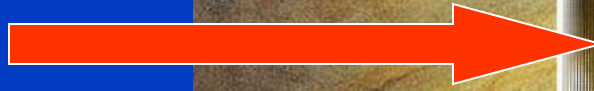
# REVELATION 4: AFTER THESE THINGS

## DISPENSATIONALISM



- “After these things”. What does it mean?
- 1) Next in chronological order?
- 2) Next vision in a series of visions?
- 3) Does sequence of things in the vision happen in that precise order?
- The doctrinal choice one makes carries over how one interprets all the events of the Book of Revelation

# DOOR TO HEAVEN

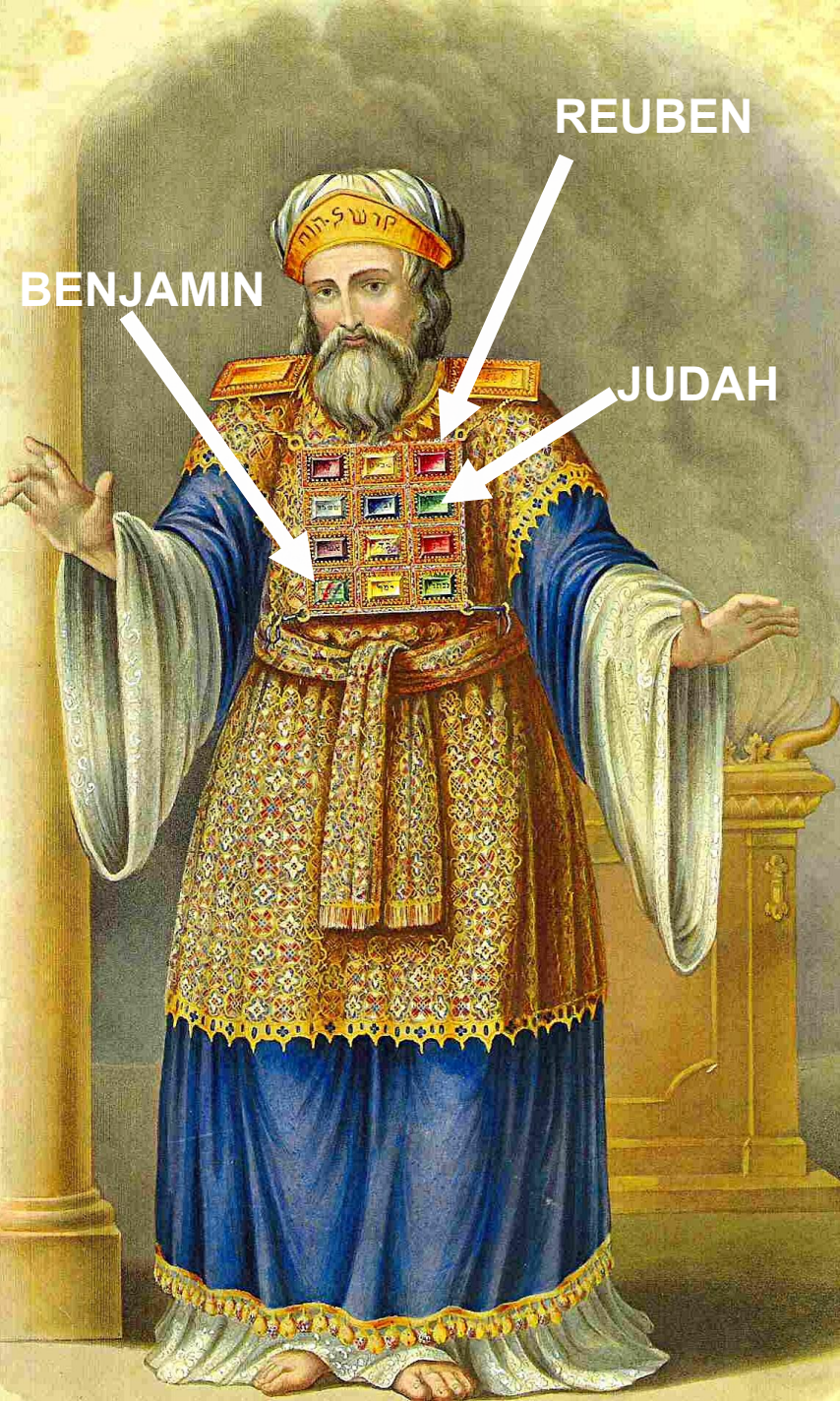


- **“Door”** quite literal to John in his era
- **“Come up here”** same voice as Rev. 1:10-12
- Exodus 19:16-20
- Spirit, or spirit?
- Spirit = proper name
- spirit = a general sense
- The word “the” is not there
- NOT “in THE spirit” but rather “in spirit”

# THE THRONE OF GOD

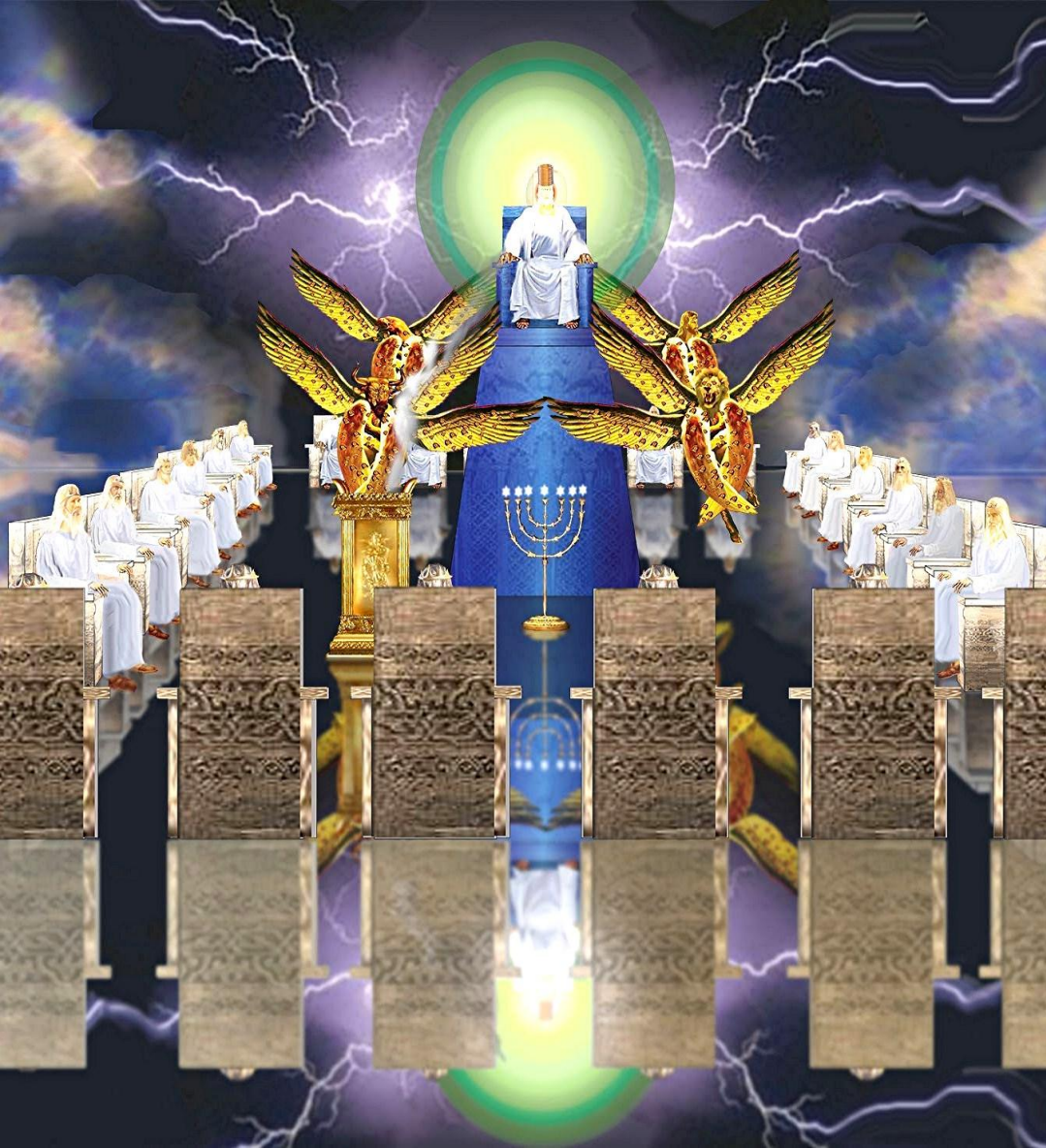
- Ezekiel also claims to have been “in spirit”
- So this is not a case of “Rapture”
- Alludes to Dan.7:9
- The One seated on the throne is the Father
- Father’s appearance is as jasper and carnelian, with an emerald rainbow
- Jews did not see themselves as living in the “New Testament” era





- 1<sup>st</sup> Reuben.....carnelian
- 4<sup>th</sup> Judah.....emerald
- 12<sup>th</sup> Benjamin...jasper
- Hebrew counts right to left
- 1<sup>st</sup> and last stones said to describe the appearance of God...The First and the Last
- Merism = the first and last and everything in between
- Emerald the color of the Rainbow = God's mercy
- Symbolic connections between God, Christ the Lion of Judah, and the 12 tribes of Israel

# THE 24 ELDERS



- 24 Elders on thrones, white clothes, crowns
- White garments = ritual purity
- Crowns = those admitted to Kingdom of God
- Talmud Berakhot 17a
- 24 Elders **MUST** be held in the context of the Temple and Israel
- They are the 24 courses of Levites and Priests....in this case, Believing Levites and Priests

# GOD'S THRONE LIKE MT. SINAI

- Exodus 19:16 – 19
- Hebrew motif of Israel's past dominates John's vision of God's Throne
- 7 lamps from Rev. 1 gives us different symbolism from 7 torches of Rev. 4
- Avalanche of 7's in Revelation
- Number 7 the ideal number, indicates finality & completion
- Vs. 5 seven spirits is the full work of the Holy Spirit



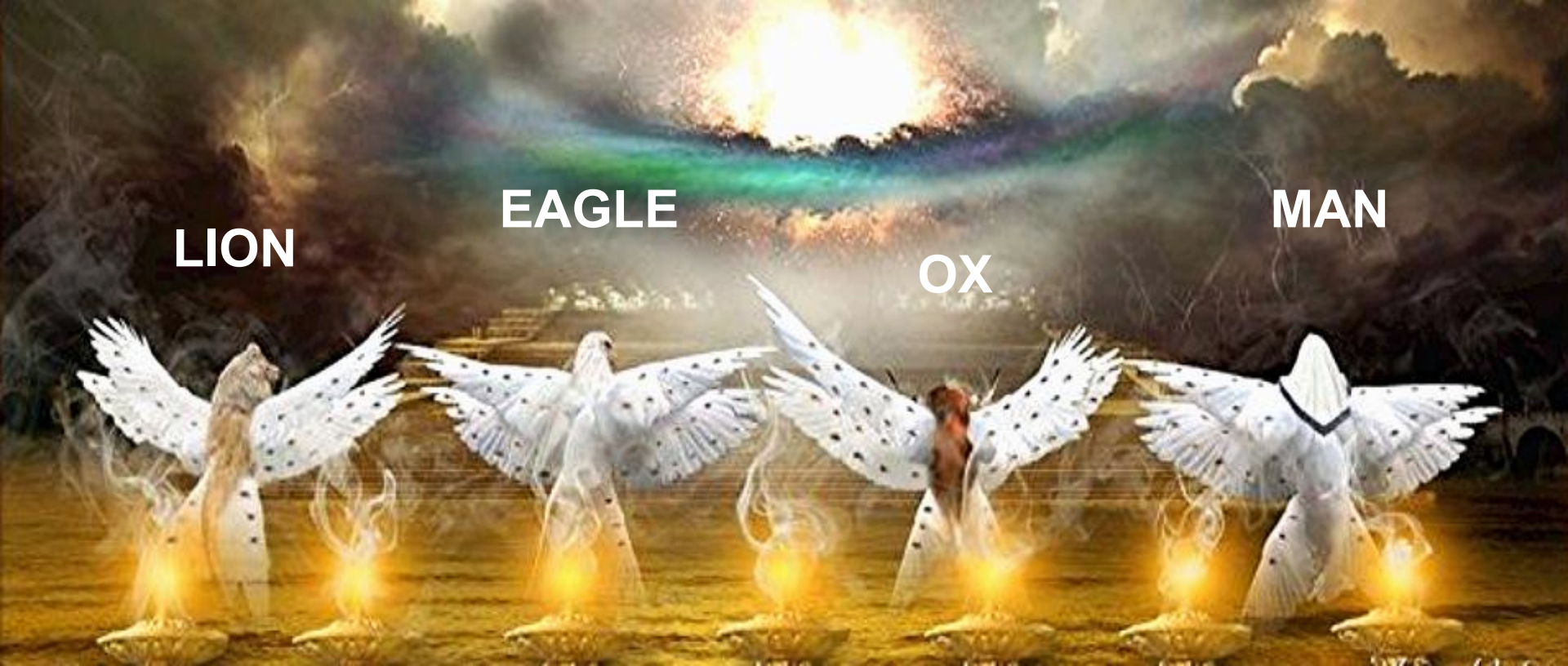


# THE GLASS SEA AT GOD'S THRONE



THE MOLTEN SEA

- NOT “sea of glass”, rather “Glass Sea”
- Canaanite god of the sea is Yam, which is Hebrew for “sea”
- God would NOT have the Canaanite sea god at His throne
- Large laver of water in the Temple used by Priests for ritual washing
- Was called The Molten Sea



LION

EAGLE

OX

MAN

- 4 Living Creatures around God's throne
- Lion, Eagle, Ox, Man
- Ezekiel 1:10
- 4 wings and 4 faces....Lion, Eagle, Ox, Man

NORTH



EAGLE



LION

DAN\*

ASHER

NAPHTALI

JUDAH\*

BENJAMIN

LEVITES

MOSES

AARON

PRIESTS

MANASSEH

LEVITES

ISSACHAR

LEVITES

EPHRAIM\*

MAN

ZEBULUN



OX / BULL

GAD

SIMEON

REUBEN\*

SOUTH