

**The Lord of Heaven –  
Unpacking the imagery of Revelation 4-5**

<b>Symbol/image</b>	<b>OT Source</b>	<b>Significance</b>
Overall scene	Daniel 7; Ezekiel 1-2; Isaiah 6	Heavenly throne-room
Throne (v.2)	Common image	Sovereignty
Gems – jasper, carnelian, emerald	Ezekiel 1:26, 28, Exodus 28:17-20	Majesty and glory
Rainbow	Genesis 9; Ezekiel 1:28	Mercy
24 Elders	12 Tribes of Israel plus 12 Apostles	Beings representing all the people of God
Dressed in white	Common image	Purity
Crowns of gold		Kingship, authority
Thunder and lightning	Ezekiel 1:13, Exodus 19	God’s Judgement
Seven lamps/spirits	Zechariah 4:2-3	The Holy Spirit
Sea of glass	Ezekiel 1 <i>And/or</i> Red sea/Exodus <i>And/or</i> Temple laver	Separateness Source of evil, chaos
Four “Living creatures” with various heads	Ezekiel 1-2 and Isaiah 6 Also Ark of the covenant	Beings representing all of animate creation
Many eyes	Ezekiel 1-2	All-seeing
“Holy Holy Holy...”	Isaiah 6 & Exodus 3:14	God’s holiness, power and eternity
Laying down crowns		Submitting
Scroll	Dan 7, Ezekiel 2-3	God’s word
Seals	Daniel 12	Secrecy, restriction
Lion of Judah	Gen 49:9	Conqueror
Root of David	Isaiah 11:1	Heir of David; ruling
Lamb looking as if has been slain	Passover (Exodus 11) Isaiah 53	Sacrificial death
Seven horns	Common image eg Dan 7	Omnipotent Strength
Seven eyes	Zech 3 & 4:10	Holy Spirit – omniscience
Approaches throne	Dan 7:13	He is the Son of Man receiving authority
Harps	1 Chron. 25?	Praise
Bowls of incense	Psalms 141:2	Prayer