**The 24 Elders Casting Their Crowns are ANGELS**

[**Revelation 4:10-11**](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+4.10-11&t=NKJV)

*the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*

*"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

It would make absolutely no sense whatsoever to understand these twenty-four elders as referring to a segment of redeemed man.  Man couldn’t possibly be crowned at the time of events in [Revelation 4](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+4&t=NKJV); [5](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5&t=NKJV), else he would be crowned before Christ is crowned [note that Christ is to wear the crown that Satan presently wears, which Satan will still be wearing at this time].  Also, man is to wear the crown he receives, not relinquish it before God’s throne as seen being done by the twenty-four elders.

Also, the Greek word translated “elders” in Revelation chapter four is presbuteroi, the same word used for “elders” in the Church in the New Testament epistles. The word refers to older ones [relative to that being dealt with]. In the Church, the reference is to older ones in the faith; in Revelation chapter four, the reference is to older ones in the governmental structure of the earth [evident since they are crowned, seated on thrones, with the government of the earth being the only government which could possibly be in view].

The preceding alone would prevent the twenty-four elders from being viewed as men, necessitating that they be viewed as angels. Man, at this point in the book, has yet to even come into such a position; angels, on the other hand, have held positions of this nature since time immemorial.

[Crowns Cast Before God’s Throne](http://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#Crowns Cast Before God’s Throne)