

## Story Twenty

### THE THRONE OF GOD

Revelation i : 9 to 20; iv : 1, to v : 14.



YOU remember the apostle Jöhn, "the disciple whom Jē'sus loved." When Jöhn was an old man, he was made a prisoner by a cruel emperor of Rōme, and was kept in a little island called "the isle of Pāt'mos," which is in the Æ-gē'an Sea, not far from Ēph'e-sūs. While Jöhn was shut up on this island the Lord Jē'sus Christ came to him, and showed him some things which were to come to pass.

It was on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, when suddenly Jöhn heard behind him a loud voice, as loud as the sound of a trumpet. He turned to see from whom the voice came; and then he saw seven golden candlesticks standing, and among them One whom Jöhn knew at once as his Lord, Jē'sus Christ. Yet Christ, as he saw him, was far more glorious than he had been while living as a man on the earth. He was dressed in a long white garment, with a girdle of gold over his breast; his hair and his face were so shining that they seemed as white as snow; his eyes flashed like fire; his feet were like polished brass, glowing as a furnace; and his voice sounded like the rushing of a mighty torrent of waters. In his right hand were held seven stars; and a glory came from him brighter than the sun.

When Jöhn saw his Lord in all this splendor he fell at his feet in great terror. Then he felt the right hand of Christ laid upon him; and he heard his voice, saying:

"Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living One. I was dead, and now I am alive for evermore. Write the things which you have seen, and other things which I will show you, and send them to the seven churches in Ā'siā. The seven stars which you see in my hand are the ministers of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks standing around me are the seven churches."

Then the Lord gave to Jöhn the words of a letter which he