

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 4 PT. 2: The Throne And Worship Of The Creator

Revelation 4:5-11 (NASB) – “⁵ Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God;** ⁶ and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

‘HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, who was and who is and who is to come.’

⁹ And when the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ ‘Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.’”

Verse 5

“Out of the Throne of God” - Turns To A Throne of Judgement



- Flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder.
- Seven lamps of fire burning which are the seven spirits. (**From Rev. 1:20**)
 - The Church is now in Heaven.
 - The description of the Church in Heaven is nothing like it was on the earth.
 - This is a Church burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

“Seven spirits of God”

Key: Please observe that **Revelation 1:4** states, “the seven spirits who are before His throne” (**Isaiah 11:1-2** explains this the best). **But in Revelation 4:5** it states, “the seven spirits of God”. This is a Church that the Holy Spirit now has taken full control over: The Church without a spot or wrinkle. This Church and Holy Spirit are operating as **one** after snatching the Church out of the earth!

- Please note: “One” does not make **us** Holy Spirit, nor does it make **us** God. It makes us a Church **perfected by** the Holy Spirit!

READ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18- “Those Who Died in Christ”

- Verse 14 - “God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus”.
- Verse 17 - “will be caught up”.



Caught-(Greek)-*harpazo*-to seize, carry off by force, to seize on, claim for oneself eagerly, to snatch out or away.

Rapiemur-(Latin)-root *rapio*-"Rapture" is an English noun derived from the Latin verb *rapiō*, with a literal meaning of "I catch up", or "I snatch".

- Please note: the actual word "Rapture" is **not** in the Bible but should not limit one's understanding of the Great Catching Away.

Note: In **Revelation 19:14**, the "armies of heaven" are believers from all times past. Believers who placed faith in Father and Son during the time of the Old Testament, the New Testament saints (**Disciples/Apostles, John The Baptist, etc.**) and then the Church (The word "**church-ekklesia**" first appears in the Bible in **Matthew 16:18**, when Jesus tells Peter that he will build "His Church" in the future). Also, are those who have gotten the victory over the Beast! (**Revelation 15:2**)

Question:

Who is the Church to be dependent upon to be effective on the earth?

Answer:

Luke 24:49 (NASB) - “And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Understanding: The Church in the earth has to submit to Holy Spirit in order to be effective. The Church in Heaven is walking in perfect unity with the Spirit of God.

Verses 6-8 - *“Something like”*

- John’s attempt as a creature of fallen humanity to explain from the perspective of only knowing a dying, fallen world. We won’t know the Garden of Eden until we get to Heaven!

“A Sea Of Glass/Like Crystal”

Remember: It symbolizes peace because the Prince of Peace Sits Here. But it also represents life – **a Revelation of Jesus.**

- This sea is like a mirror around the Throne of God, reflecting what is there: Himself!



“The Four Beasts” - Cherubim

Beast-(Greek)-*zoon*-a living being.

Key: Also referenced by the prophet Ezekiel. These appear as a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle, much as in the book of Ezekiel, but in a different order. They have six wings, whereas Ezekiel's four living creatures are described as having four. These are NOT angels.

➤ **Ezekiel’s Vision - Ezekiel 1:5-14 (NASB) - Much more detail.**

- “As for the form of their faces, *each had* a human face; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.”



➤ **Apostle John’s Experience - Revelation 4:7-8 (NASB)**

- “The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.”



INTERPRETATION: Revelation 4:5-8

Biblical Number of 4 - Creation

- Four aspects of God's creation (humanity, domesticated animals, the wild beasts, and birds).
- Fourth Commandment (Remember God's holy Sabbath).
- Tetragram Maton (from the Greek meaning "four letters") is composed of consonants used to designate God's name in the Hebrew Old Testament. These letters "YHWH" (or more likely "YHVH").

-Also-

Note: Many theologians believe that because this book is the Revelation of Jesus it would represent the 4 Gospels.

Note: In the Old Testament 4 Tribes had these same Symbolisms. They encamped around the sanctuary where God was dwelling. (Exodus 25:8)

- Judah was the lion,
- Rueben was the man,
- Ephraim the ox or calf and
- Dan the eagle.
 - God is giving honor to His first covenant people – the Jews. This is a reminder that He ALWAYS keeps His promises!

Understanding: They all point to Jesus the Messiah.

- The lion stands for the kingship or rulership of Christ.
- The man the humanity of Christ.

- The ox the service and sacrifice of Christ.
- The eagle the divinity of Christ.

Verse 8

“Full Of Eyes Around and Within”

Note: These creatures can guard the throne of God with all wisdom and discernment. Nothing can get by them!

“Day and Night” - Continual Worship for all eternity!

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *IS* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, who was and who is and who is to come.”

- These angels are saying “Every time we look at Him it is life. Something new is being born!” It is eternal!

Verses 9-11

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- “We wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for You creating us!” – No more man-made crowns!



Jesus Alone Is Worthy.

The End