

The Four Living Beings (Creatures)

~ Revelation 4: 6-11 ~

I. What are, who are these four beings?

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The word "creature": theria - "beast;" zoa - "living ones"

Called beast or creatures that we do not understand!

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"2 Eyes" - to see what is happening in all the earth;

"2 Legs" - to quickly move from one location to another

We do not have to speculate as to who these are. The Bible is the best commentary on itself!

(1) Introduced to them in Ezekiel 1 - Cherubim of God

(2) Have read of them throughout the Bible:

- (a) Genesis 3: Guard the Tree of Life
- (b) Tabernacle: Woven into the Veil - Holy of Holies
- (c) Ark of the Covenant - Mercy Seat - Two Cherubims
- (d) Temple - Veil between Holy of Holies and Holy Place
- (e) Outside Panels of the Temple
- (f) Herod's Temple
- (g) Isaiah 6: Vision of the Temple
- (h) Revelation

II. Why the four faces?

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- A. They represent the many forms of life in the world: Man; Domestic (ox;) Wild, (lion;) Birds of the Air (eagle)
 - B. The Protection and Lordship of God. (Old Testament)

Judah



Lion

Reuben



Man

Dan



Flying Eagle

Ephraim



Ox

C. Four Attributes of God

Lion



Majestic
Omnipotent

Man



Intelligence

Flying Eagle



Supreme
Sovereign

Ox



Faithful
Patient

D. Christ in the 4 Gospels (New Testament)

Matthew



Lion of the
Tribe of Judah

Mark



Ox as
Servant

Luke



Man Incarnate
One

John



Eagle
Divine Son of God

III. What They (the creatures) Are Doing:

(1) First and foremost they are leading in the praise of God!

(a) Night and day they do not cease to praise Him.

(b) The Attributes of God - Holiness, Almighty (power,) Eternal

(Glory, Honor, and Thanks)

* The 24 elders join in the worship - casting their crowns before the throne!



Heavenly Father - Worthy Art Thou



Creator of All Things - For Thy pleasure they are created!

(2) Stand Ready to Execute the Decrees of God (on the earth.)



(Time of Judgment - Decrees of Judgment carried out by Cherubims)



Why this responsibility?



One of their own, Lucifer, the anointed cherub, is the one who failed, sinned, and brought sin into God's creation! (Ezekiel 28:14)



The cherubim will be responsible to enact the judgment of God upon Satan as God reclaims His creation!