

Rev. 4: 5-11

SUBJECT: The Four Living  
Cherubim

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The Four Living Creatures

Lived next to God of Rev. 13

Ezek. 1:5 "four living creatures" Eze. 10:15, 20 "they were the cherubim"

1. At the gate of the Garden, Eden, guardians, the tree of life  
Gen. 3:24

2. Emblems in the Tabernacle

(1) Women in the sanctuary, veil E. 26:31; 36:8, 25

(2) One the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant, of solid gold, border with  
of same piece as the mercy seat, four feet high, other assembly wing  
four living, look down upon the blood sprinkled. E. 25:18-22; 37:7-9  
then the throne and the presence, but: in this relation to the ark, God is  
spoken of as directly between the cherubim. I Sam. 4:4 II Sam. 6:2

DK. 19:15; Ps. 80:1; 99:1

Isa. 37:16

3. In Solomon's Temple

(1) Two gigantic cherubim of olive wood overlaid with gold, 10 cubits  
high in Holy of Holies, facing each other, their wings outstretched.

(2) Figures of cherubim carved on the gold-plated cedar panels which  
constituted the inner walls, and upon the olive wood door.  
I K. 6:23-28; 8:6?

(3) Carved on the base of the golden banners,  
(4) upon the wall of the Holy of Holies  
II Chron. 3:10-12; 5:7, 8

4. In Herod's Temple.

Figures, some painted on the walls, what they thought they  
might have looked like. But Josephus (Ant. 8, 3, 3) says in the  
day we are here about the Scriptural cherubim looked like.

5. Egehil 1, 10 [see 41:18-25 the inna walls of the Doyle caravel  
with alternating palm trees and cherubim]

A whirlwind comes out of the north, driving a great cloud before it in which  
the people saw a fire appearing itself. When the cloud became near, he saw all  
the things in the form of precious things: long walls of the middle of the isle  
fire as 4 living creatures, each standing by a great wheel. Above the heads of the  
living creatures were a firmament of crystal, and above the firmament a throne  
in appearance as a sapphire, the throne of the God of the Lord. This is the first  
element of judgment, shown by the cherubim wing in judgment.  
So he. 18: 9, 10 they bear the throne of judgment.

6. Revelation  
4: 6, 8, 9  
5: 6, 7, 14  
6: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7  
15: 7  
7: 11  
14: 3  
19: 4  
full of eyes' intense intelligence, inward spiritual perception  
7: 11  
14: 3  
19: 4

I. They have to do with the world. The world the men, their administration  
7 fullness of the world 4 quarters, 4 growths of the complex  
3 deity 4 seasons, 4 elements, 4 winds

Animal creation - as the 24 elders represent all the redeemed, so these  
represent all the living ones - all God's creations are accordingly true.  
An old Jewish saying: 4 beings rule the world  
among created beings - man, intelligent being is  
among birds - the eagle. Rapidity of sight of bird of  
among cattle - the ox. Particular endurance of  
among wild beasts - the lion's majesty. With his

[In Egehil all 4 four points are 4 elements. Here, one face for each one]

II. They have to do with God's judicial government <sup>execution, divine purposes</sup> <sup>judgments</sup> for the world

They stand, one on each side, in the middle of the steps leading up to the throne, ready to render service to God in any of the four directions in any part of the universe.

The throne is one of judgment. 4:5 "lightning, thunder, voice". The nations of the earth, found in opposition to God, are to be subdued. The earth trembles, lightning flashes, thunder roars. judgment. But the alone can deliver it from the bondage of corruption, by the blood of the Son of God.

In this divine purpose, the 3rd & 4th century for Christ the divine purpose: 6:1, 3, 5, 7 They remember the Law of Moses & the prophets: "Come: these things merit to, for there is less the final work of God Christ for whom all creation longs. 15:7 One of them gives the 7 hours, up to the 7 angels.



### III They have to do with grace and redemption

1. Marching to holy things, God in blessing to fallen mankind  
Gen. 3:22 at the gate of the garden, Eden - but not, his former confinement in death  
Ex. 25:20 above the mercy seat  
Ex. 26:31 woven like the curtains

2. Marching through the wilderness to the promised land  
Commenting on the 4 standards of the tribes, all Jewish writers speak of  
EAST, Judah, lion, with Issachar, Zebulun  
SOUTH, Reuben, man, with Simeon, Gad  
WEST, Ephraim, ox, with Manasseh, Benjamin  
NORTH, Dan, eagle, with Asher, Naphtali  
In the center, the great eagle, the tabernacle, the ark with the 4 cherubs, the  
tabernacle encamping around it. These great names that through the numbers  
under the 4 cherubs, Dan, Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin,  
Zebulun, Issachar, Judah, the 12 tribes, the 12 apostles, the 12  
administrators, which led the people from bondage, preserved them in the  
wilderness, finally settled them in the promised land.

3. Singing the song of redemption 5:9 [A of our redemptive needs]  
Rom. 8:19-22 animated nature, that nature old groans,  
travails in pain waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Egal. 28:11-19 destroyed by the fall of man, this nature

Rev. 4:9-11 the redepting creation here celebrated. The very  
re-ought of the fall of man, this nature has been righted. They  
with the redeemed, with you in the grand re-iteration of the  
redeemed creation.

#### The whole creation rejoices.

Now - wild, vicious, carnivorous, fang, tooth, claw  
But - God man intended, garden of Eden, grace,  
then - Isaiah 11:6-9 the wolf shall dwell with the lamb  
as the leopard shall lie down with the kid  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox  
the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den  
they shall not hurt nor destroy in all of my mountain