

BIBLE CLASS 23.01. 2005 Revelation Class 04. 6 – 11 Adoration of the King.

⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who lives for ever and ever,

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that lived for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Rev 4:6-11)

In our previous study we were reminded of God's promise to Mary that the Lord God would give unto him the throne of his father David (Luke 1:32). We learned that the apostle John had a vision of a door being opened in Heaven, signifying the time when the Kingdom's of this world would become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; when he shall reign for ever and ever. (Rev 11:15 KJV) The establishment of this Kingdom would be achieved by war signified by the lightnings and thunderings representing the judgments of God upon the nations by means of which the governments of this world would be overthrown, and the universal throne described as the "Throne of David" will be established as expressed in Psalm 18: The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower (Psa. 18:2)¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones*

and coals of fire..... yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. (Psa. 18:13-15 KJV)

The Gentiles have exalted their power over the land promised to Abraham and his seed, but Israel has re-emerged with the intention to re-establish their country, and there have certainly been thunders and lightnings not only in the destruction of their enemies, but also in their counter attacks, and the worst is yet to come, and will be the trigger of divine intervention. The Gentiles will exalt the horn of the land of Israel on account of their sins, but when the whole work of God has been completed the Kingdom of David will re-appear.

In Verse 5 of our study we read of ‘voices’ signifying intelligent speech, suggesting decrees royal commands as we can read in Ezekiel 1:24: I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host, when they stood, they let down their wings. (Eze 1:24) Compare this with the great voice of Babylon that God destroyed (Jer.51:55-6: Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her **the great voice**; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered: ⁵⁶ Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely avenge. Compare this with the voice of the seventh angel Rev.10:7 before which ‘the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ (Rev.11:15.)

Out of the Throne proceeded the “seven spirits of God” which are sent forth into all the earth with all authority and power, and all knowledge and wisdom and knowledge, constituting the multitudinous Christ. Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, (Rev 4:6) Waters in chapter 17:15 represent “peoples, Multitudes, and tongues”. These are ‘a troubled sea whose waters cast up mire and dirt, (Isaiah 57:20)

But after Christ's Judgment and defeat of all nations, the remaining mortal peoples are likened to "a sea of glass" transparent whose minds are open to the immortal saints as we find in Rev.15:2 "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. (Rev 15:2)

Here we learn of four beasts, properly described as "living creatures" The number four is the number of the four square encampment of the tribes of Israel around the tabernacle. These 'living creatures' are represented by four animals, a lion, a calf, a man and an eagle. These are symbols of the body of Christ who is the antitypical mercy seat upon which their faces looked. The lion is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Calf is a clean animal who chews the cud and has 'straight feet' and fit for sacrifice. The man marks out the Son of man and the eagle to the saints, spoiling the spoilers and taking the prey.

The six wings identify with the living creatures or cherubim and the seraphim and Isaiah's vision of the King, the Lord of Hosts (Isaiah 6) and their Testimony to holiness of the Yahweh, who created mankind in his own likeness and therefor is to be loved, obeyed and worshipped as the scriptures declare "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created". (Rev 4:11 KJV)

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