The Throne Room / Rev 4:6-11

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Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

introduction



Central theme of chapter 4 is the throne

Ps 103:19 Isa 66:1

The throne is not a piece of furniture bt a symbol of sovereign rule and sovereign authority... a seat of universal command and supremacy

John's Location/ Rev 4:2

The Glassy Sea

Rev 4:6



NASB: "... like a sea of glass"

Ex 38:8, 1Ki 7:23, Eph 5:26 *"The word is to us a crystal glass, giving us a clear sight of God and of ourselves …" (Trapp)*

The Glassy Sea / Rev 4:6

"If you haven't done so lately, I encourage you to take time to sit in the presence of the Lord. Think on Him, talk to Him—and you will find the troubled waters of your heart and soul become like glass." (Courson)

The Glassy Sea / Rev 4:6

The Living Creatures

Rev 4:6-8



Cherubim Eze 1:4-24; 10:20-22 Gen 3:24 Exo 25:18-20

> Seraphim Isa 6:1-7

The Living Creatures/ Rev 4:6-8

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

•In Ps 91:11 we read of their protective work.

•In Luke 15 we see them rejoicing over saved sinners.

The Living Creatures/ Rev 4:6-8

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•In Luke 16, we see them carrying people to their eternal state.

•In Acts 5 and 12, we see them delivering Peter and other apostles from prison.

The Living Creatures/ Rev 4:6-8

The Living Creatures Worship

Rev 4:9-11



"The casting of crowns before Him demonstrates that everything that we have and have accomplished as redeemed people is a gift of His grace, according to the pleasure of His own will. In heaven we will acknowledge this. It is tragic that we do not do it sooner." (Guzik)

The Living Creatures Worship / Rev 4:9-11

This is one of ten hymns of praise found in the book of Revelation.

The theme of this hymn is God the Creator Col 1:16-17; John 1:3, Eph 3:9, Heb 1:10-12

The Living Creatures Worship / Rev 4:9-11

Why We Worship Rev 4:9-11



He is inherently deserving to be cherished, to be enthusiastically praised, to be enthusiastically respected and reverenced and to have and to hold omnipotent sovereignty.

Why We Worship / Rev 4:9-11

reflection

Worship: The Missing Jewel



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