



REVELATION 43 – FOUR CHERUBIM

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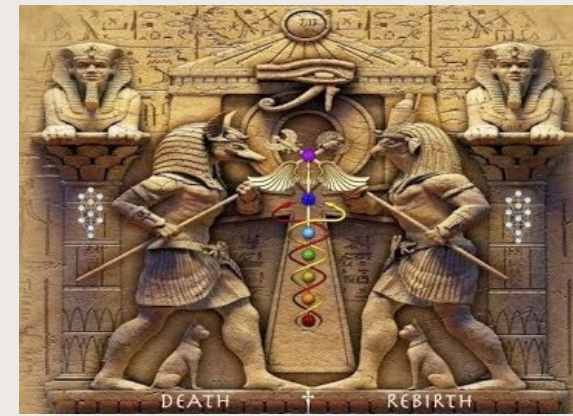
Revelation 4:6b-8

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MINISTERING SPIRITS: WHAT ARE CHERUBIM?

- Angels are ministering *spirits* to the Saved guided by the Trinity (Da 6:22; Mt 18:10; He 1:14)
- Angels have **no** form; they take on whatever form necessary for the mission
 - *Two types are labeled, probably related to specific missions: Cherubim {Holy}; Seraphim {Judgment}* (Nu 21:4-9; Is 6:1-6)
 - *Any depiction given conveys understanding of their mission, metaphoric, or essential to the mission {Men}* (Ge 18:16-21; 19:1-11)
 - *Revelation continues from Ezekiel's visions but with important difference; each cherub emphasizes one trait rather than embodying all traits simultaneous; again, showing manifestation needed for the mission* (Ex 1:4-11; 1Co 12:4-11)
 - *Integral to the Holy Spirit and the Father, who is spirit, they see everything as the eyes of God reporting to God* (Ge 28:10-12)
- These Four Cherubim give complete representation of the Father's-Son's Governance over us
 - *Jews exchanged this governance for hermetic monarchical governance that mimics Satan's government* (1Sa 8:4-20; Jn 8:44)
 - *Church fails to teach Christ's government; instead, they also agitate for hermetic dialectic government* (Jn 18:33-38)

METAPHORIC DEPICTIONS: MEMORIES OF EGYPT



- The human form with animal heads metaphorically conveying understanding of meaning dates to Very Ancient Kingdoms of which Egypt is our prototypical example into Ancient Kingdoms
- We understand God through the displays of His physical Creation; thus, God uses aspects of His Creation which, when deciphered by the Bible, gives us insight into His Kingdom (Ro 2:18-23; 2Pe 1:20-21)
 - *Cherubim represents an aspect of Father's government conflicting with Satan's-Man's government: John's revealing*
- Only animals of the Earth and Air are depicted (Re 1:4)
 - *God does not use animals of the Sea(s) because the Sea represents Satan's restless rebellion (Job 38:8-11; Re 13:1)*
 - *Leviathan, snake, serpent or dragon, lives in the Sea (Is 27:1; Re 12:9)*
- Man, image of God, is depicted as he is the point of this entire process making us complete in His image as adopted sons of God and emphasizes the reasonableness of Christ (Is 1:18; Ep 1:3-6; He 2:14-18)

LION AND OX: COMPLETE PROTECTION (PS 22:20-21)

- Lion: Symbol of individual protection {Bottom-Up}
 - *Lion is head over the pride protecting–providing for each member; lioness participates, yet follows the Lion*
(Is 31:4; Hos 11:10-11; Amos 3:7-8; Ep 5:22-33)
 - *Usurper lion kills living cubs to father his own; outcast lions are poor hunters with empty {vain} roars of prowess* (1Pe 5:8)
- Ox: Symbol of government protection {Top-Down}
 - *God as horns {of power} of wild ox protecting His people* (Nu 23:22)
 - *Satan uses horns of power to subdue peoples to his one hermetic kingdom* (1Ki 22:11-28; Da 2)
- Eagle: Symbol of protection despite barriers
 - *Jews protected by Christ as eagle protects its nest and provides; until blinded by Satan* (De 32:9-15; Mt 23:37-39)
 - *Dwelling in God's Tent {World-Government} sheltered by His wings* (Ps 61:4)
 - *Satan imitating Christ is empty noise; those who seek his protection face judgment: Prince of Air {Vainity}* (Obd 1:3-4; Ep 2:1-2)

CHRIST GOVERNS: FROM BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM

- Old Testament depicts holy God governing from between the Cherubim {On The Throne}
(Is 57:15-16)
 - Peoples rage like restless seas without hope or purpose as they reject Christ (Ps 2:1-6; Is 17:13)
 - But God spoke to Moses from between the Cherubim of the Ark (Ex 25:17-22)
 - The earthly Ark was a copy of the heavenly Throne Room (He 9:1-5)
 - Veil separating the Holy from Holiest place embroidered with Cherubim: Message of Holiness (Ex 36:35; 2Ch 3:10-14)
 - Christ's Death rent the Veil showing that the path to The Throne was now opened for us: New Covenant Salvation
(Mk 15:37-38; Ac 2:1-4; He 10:19-23)
- Wings and Voices of the Cherubim
 - Wings "cover" Cherub's face and feet depicting subservience to the Father-Son who gave them life and to whom they are constantly obedient (Is 6:2)
 - They continually announce Son's holiness which was demonstrated by His willingness to die for sinners (Ro 5:6-11)

LEST YOU FORGET: CHRIST IS HOLY

- We receive protection because of His steadfast love, sheltered under His wings (Ps 36:7-9)
- We take shelter until the *storms of destruction* pass by (Ps 57:1-4)
 - *Great Tribulation*
 - *Life* (1Co 10:13)
- Christ reigns from between Cherubim while sinners and Satan, impotently rage against Him (Ps 99:1-3)
 - *This is the story of John's Revelation*
 - *All peoples fail: Jews and Christians; but Christ remains faithful*
- There will never be a moment when we are not reminded that Christ is Holy
 - *The One who was {Died}, is {Resurrected} and is to Come {Second Advent}*
 - *When He returns it will be in Holiness just as John saw Him at the beginning of Revelation: He tells us – Fear Not because He shares His holiness with us* (Re 1:12-18)