

TEXT - Revelation 4:6b-8

REVIEW

From Ezekiel, we learn that these beasts are called cherubim.

The cherubim are mentioned many times throughout the Old Testament scriptures.

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known. 2 Samuel 6:2b ...God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

- 1) to be worshiped (Gen 3:24-4:4; Is 6:1-3)
- 2) to speak to us
- 3) to deal with sin
 - a) by judgment and punishment for those not in Christ
 - b) by mercy and forgiveness by the shedding of blood for those in Christ
- 4) this week: to save us

BODY

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known so we can understand Him to be dealing with sin by judgment and punishment.

Ezekiel 1:5-6 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. (6) And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

Ezekiel 2:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

Ezekiel 7:1-4 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (2) Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. (3) Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. (4) And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 9:3-6a And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; (4) And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. (5) And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: (6) Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary...

Ezekiel 10:1-7 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. (2) And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. (3) Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. (4) Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory. (5) And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. (6) And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels. (7) And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.
-note that when God had commanded the man to pour out fire on the city, one of the cherubs handed him the fire to use

Revelation 15:6-8 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. (7) And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. (8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

So, when we read about the cherubim in Revelation 4 and 5, we are to understand that God is declaring judgment on the wicked for their sins. But we also are to believe that those who repent of sins will be saved from this wrath of God.

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known so we can understand Him to be dealing with sin in mercy and forgiveness by the shedding of blood.

covering ordered - Exodus 25:10, 16-21

covering made - Exodus 37:6-9

there sins covered - Leviticus 16:15, 30

-God would look down and see His law, and be reminded of our breaking of it

-but with the covering over the ark, He sees the perfection of Jesus Christ

-with the blood sprinkled, He sees the price of sin already paid

Jesus Christ shown as fulfillment

Revelation 4 shows what the *kapporeth* or mercy seat represented

Revelation 5:6-9 shows Jesus, the true atonement

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known so we can understand Him to be ready to save those who call on him.

2 Kings 19:15-19

Psalm 80:1