



The Lord Almighty amidst the 24 Priests, the Spiritual Elders, and the 4 Living Creatures



The 4 Living Creatures

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The Holy Book of Revelations describes the 4 Living Creatures (4:6) *“Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were 4 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 4 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!’”*

These same creatures were described in the Holy Book of Ezekiel 1:5. *“Also from within it came the likeness of 4 Living Creatures.”* (Ezekiel 1:10) *“As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the 4 had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the 4 had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the 4 had the face of an eagle.”*

We know these creatures as the 4 Incorporeal Creatures, which praise God unceasingly. The faces of the 4 Living Creatures, of a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle, represent aspects of the creation over which God rules. Each time these creatures are mentioned, was in a vision, which shows how much God is exalted, and glorified. In the Holy Book of Isaiah chapter 6: *“I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above it stood Seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’”*

These 4 Creatures praise God and glorify Him without

ceasing. They represent the whole world, or God’s creation. Their unceasing worship of God is an ideal, which inspires us to do the same in our life. *“Four creatures full of eyes in front and in back”* (Revelations 4:6) Full of eyes, should mean that these creatures are full of knowledge, and this could mean that we must know and understand the Word of God, as well as praise Him with all our heart without ceasing. These 4 Living Creatures are mentioned in visions in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, and are full of symbolism. The 4 Incorporeal Creatures should always be a reminder to us that we must praise and glorify God unceasingly, and that we should always have time for the Lord.✙



Quiz: Quadruples

1. Name the Holy verse that was mentioned 4 times in 1 chapter? and where?
2. What are the 4 monasteries found in the Natroun Desert?
3. List 4 of the Archangels.
4. Who were the 4 women mentioned in the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ?
5. State the names of the 4 Evangelists.
6. Identify the 4 rivers described in the Holy Book of Genesis in the Garden of Eden.
7. Describe the 4 faces which Ezekiel saw.