

“Book of Revelation—Part 3”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a nine-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 3 was about the “24 Elders and Four Living Creatures.”

Glimpse into heaven

- Revelation 4:1—John saw an open door into heaven and heard a voice: “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”
- Revelation 4:2-3—John saw a throne in heaven and One who sat on the throne.

24 elders

- Revelation 4:4-5—Around the throne were 24 thrones and on the thrones were 24 elders clothed in white robes with crowns of gold on their heads.
- Revelation 11:16-18—The 24 elders who sat on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God saying: “We give You thanks, O LORD God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Four living creatures

- Revelation 4:6—Before the throne, there was a sea of glass; and around the throne, there were four living creatures (full of eyes in front and in back).
- Revelation 4:7—The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature was like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.
- Revelation 4:8—The four living creatures (each having six wings) were full of eyes around and within—they do not rest saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.”
- Revelation 6:1—When the Lamb opened the first seal, John heard one of the living creatures say: “Come and see.”
- Revelation 6:3—When the Lamb opened the second seal, John heard the second living creature say: “Come and see.”

- Revelation 6:5—When the Lamb opened the third seal, John heard the third living creature say: “Come and see.”

- Revelation 6:7—When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, John heard the fourth living creature say: “Come and see.”

- Revelation 15:7—One of the four living creatures gave seven golden bowls (full of the wrath of God) to the seven angels.

- Ezekiel 1:1-28—The heavens were opened and Ezekiel saw visions of God.

- Ezekiel 1:10—Each had the face of a man; each had the face of a lion on the right side; each had the face of an ox on the left side; and each had the face of an eagle.

- Ezekiel 1:28—This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

24 elders and four living creatures

- Revelation 4:9-11—Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne forever, the 24 elders fall down to worship Him, cast their crowns before the throne and say: “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.”

- Revelation 5:6—In the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures stood a Lamb as though it had been slain.

- Revelation 5:8-10—The four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, and they sang a new song saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

- Revelation 5:11-12—John heard many angels around the throne (the living creatures and the elders) saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing.”

- Revelation 5:13-14—John heard every creature saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever”—then the four living creatures said, “Amen” and the 24 elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever.”

- Revelation 7:11-12—All the angels, the elders and the four living creatures worshiped God saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

- Revelation 14:3—The 144,000 sang a song before the throne (before the four living creatures, and the elders).

- Revelation 19:4—The 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God (who sat on the throne) saying: “Amen” and “Alleluia.”