

**Revelation 4:1,
“After these things
I looked, and
behold, a door
having been
opened in heaven,
and the first voice
which I heard was
like a trumpet
speaking with me,
saying, ‘Come up
here, and I will
show you things
which must take
place after this’.”**

SEVEN Key Identifications in Rev. 4

The Throne and the One sitting on it: God the Father

The 24 Elders sitting on thrones: Raptured CA Believers

The Seven Lamps and the Seven Spirits of God

The 4 Living Creatures: classification of angels

The Lamb

The Scroll

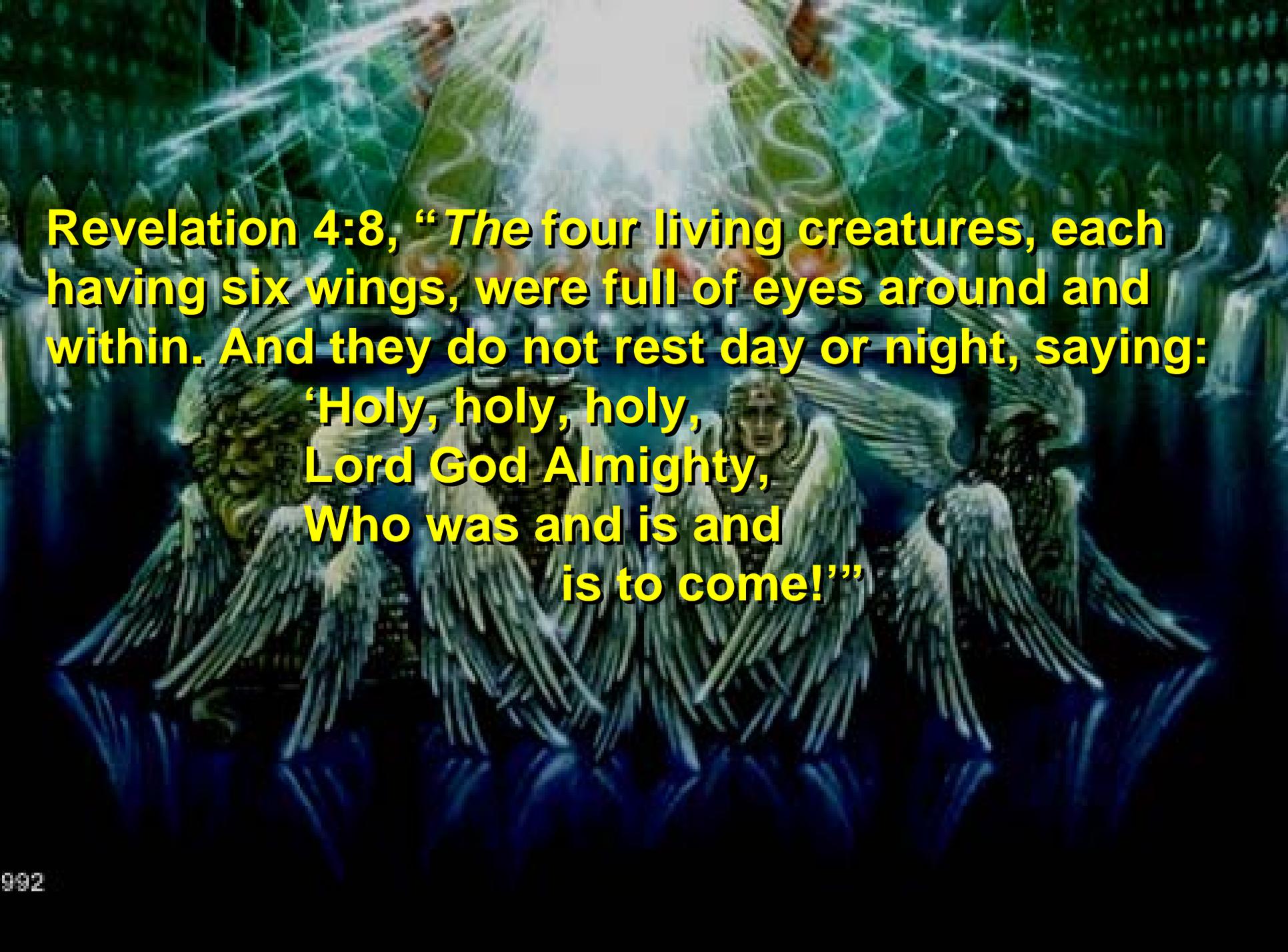
The Seven Seals on the Scroll

Revelation 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 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 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. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’”*”

An Introduction to the Doctrine of Angels

1. Both the Greek [ἄγγελος *ággelos*] and Hebrew [מַלְאָכַי *mal'āḵ*] terms for “angel” mean “messenger.”

- 2. This term describes a class of rational, immaterial, spirit beings created by God to fulfill a variety of functions. During human history angels function as:**
- Mediators of divine revelation (Gal. 3:19),**
 - Messengers of God (Dan. 10:11),**
 - Witnesses of God's justice (Revelation),**
 - Attendants to the Divine Throne (Ezekiel 1:5; Isaiah 6:2–6; Rev. 4–5), and**
 - Overseers of the outworking of divine judgment (Revelation).**

3. Angels can appear in human form (Genesis 18:1–8). They always appear as males (Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4). At least three categories of angelic beings, *seraphim* and *cherubim* and *living beings*, have wings (Isaiah 6:2–6; Ezekiel 1:5–8; Rev 4). Several angels are described as flying (Daniel 9:21; Luke 1:19).

- ***Cherubim*** are the highest class of angels. They attend the glory, holiness, and majesty of God (Ezekiel 1:5–14).
- ***Seraphim*** are “burning ones” or angelic incendiaries who are ablaze with the glory of God and continually announce His triune holiness (Isaiah 6:3).

- ***Living beings* (Hebrew, *hayoth*) is a general designation of the angels who both direct the worship of God and express His judgments (Revelation 4; 14). The four living beings in Rev. 4 maybe a variety of Cherub due to their similarity to the description of Cherubim in Ezekiel.**
- ***Michael* is designated as the “archangel” in Jude 9.**
- ***Gabriel* is the messenger who announces significant events related to Israel.**

5. Five characteristics of the Living Beings in *Revelation*.

Ezekiel 1:5, “Also from within it *came* the likeness of four living creatures [חַיִּיּוֹת, *chayyah* “living thing”] and this *was* their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

Ezekiel 1:6, “Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

Ezekiel 1:7, “Their legs *were* straight, and the soles of their feet *were* like the soles of calves’ feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.

Ezekiel 1:8, “The hands of a man *were* under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings.”

Ezekiel 1:10, “As for the likeness of their faces, *each* had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.”

Ezekiel 1:18, “As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them.”

Ezekiel 1:22, “The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads.”

Ezekiel 1:26, “And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.”

Ezekiel 10:20, “This *is* the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they *were* cherubim.”

Exodus 26:31, “You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.”

**Isaiah 37:16, “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel,
the One who dwells between the cherubim,
You *are* God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of
the earth. You have made heaven and earth.”**