

## THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES, Part One Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,  
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the  
words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

### FROM AROUND THE THRONE:

Around the throne were (what) twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones  
I saw (what) twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and  
golden crowns on their heads. Revelation 4:4

Since more chief men were found from the descendants of Eleazar than  
the descendants of Ithamar, they divided them thus: there were sixteen  
heads of fathers' households of the descendants of Eleazar and eight of the  
descendants of Ithamar, according to their fathers' households. Thus they  
were divided by lot, the one as the other; for they were officers of the  
sanctuary and officers of God, both from the descendants of Eleazar and  
the descendants of Ithamar. 1 Chronicles 24:4-5

### OUT FROM THE THRONE:

#### The Ultimate *Light Show* of Judgment:

Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of  
thunder. Revelation 4:5a

So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were  
(1) thunder and (2) lightning flashes and a (3) thick cloud upon the  
mountain and a (4) very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who  
were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the  
camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now  
Mount Sinai was all in smoke (why) because the Lord descended upon it  
(how) in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the  
whole mountain quaked violently. Exodus 19:16-18

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and  
threw it to the earth; and there followed (1) peals of thunder and (2)  
sounds and flashes of lightning and (3) an earthquake.

Revelation 8:5

And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His  
covenant appeared in His temple, and there were (1) flashes of lightning  
and (2) sounds and peals of thunder and (3) an earthquake and a (4) great  
hailstorm. Revelation 11:19

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice  
came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.” And there  
were (1) flashes of lightning and (2) sounds and peals of thunder; and  
there was a (3) great earthquake, such as there had not been since man  
came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

Revelation 16:17-18

### The Group of Sevens and the Sea of Glass:

And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are  
the seven Spirits of God; and before the throne there was something like a  
sea of glass, like crystal. Revelation 4:5b-6a

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of (1) wisdom and (2)  
understanding, the spirit of (3) counsel and (4) strength, the spirit of (5)  
knowledge and the (6) fear of the (7) Lord. Isaiah 11:2

### IN THE CENTER AND AROUND THE THRONE:

#### The Four Living Creatures:

And in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes  
in front and behind. Revelation 4:6b

See Ezekiel 1:4-25, 10:15

#### Their Four-Fold Description:

The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and  
the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was  
like a flying eagle. Revelation 4:7

<b>Lion</b>	Strength	Matthew	Judah
<b>Calf</b>	Service	Mark	Ephraim
<b>Man</b>	Reason	Luke	Reuben
<b>Eagle</b>	Speed	John	Dan