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CHAPTER 4

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."

(Revelation 4:1-11 NIV)

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The voice John heard was stunning. It transported him to heaven where he observed mysterious sights. Twenty-four elders sat on thrones, surrounding the God manifested as the Father. Reading it aloud again, we sense the beauty of His glory.

In Revelation 4, 5, 6, 7, 14:3, 15:7, and 19:4, *living creatures* are not the same as the others in chapters 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20. The four in heaven are rightly *living creatures*. (NIV) [Gr.: *zoon*, *creatures* with resurrection life, or *zoe*] They are unlike the lower beasts that fall to rise from the sea, the bottomless pit, or the earth. [Gr.: *therion*, or wild beasts] The four are heavenly, thriving with life, nearest the throne, worshipping day and night.

Every day supernatural ones observe us, and angels minister to the saints according to the will of God, yet we are unaware of our eyewitnesses and helpers. The LORD Most High is a Refuge. He has given angels charge over us. Knowing the intentions and inclinations of our hearts, He cares about our lives though we often live as though He's unaware of us while heroes of the faith are watching us day and night. (Heb. 12:1)

As Jesus said, *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? (Mat. 7:15-16)* Some are unaware of their great errors, so we must be *wise as serpents and harmless as doves.* (see *Mat. 10:16*) Cleaving to His words, we remain cautious.

On the last day, everything will be clear to us. Knowing that, let's be alert because He comes for each of us when we least expect Him. From the babe to the aged, we wake from our sleep to bow at His feet on that Day when He only receives His chosen ones whom He foreknew before there was a world. We walk in the light of His Word and are transparent with Him.

In both Revelation and Daniel, the wild beasts are fallen but supernatural, while the four living creatures in chapter 4 serve Yeshua at the Father's right hand. Perhaps they'll rule nations in the Kingdom under His authority. The living creatures continue giving thanks for the redemption of people from every language, tribe, and nation—a Kingdom and priests to God by His blood. They worship the Lamb who takes the scroll from the right hand of the One on the throne in chapter 5:

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5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God
from every tribe and language and people and
nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to
our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

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¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:1-14 ESV)

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The powerful angel who stands at the throne of God asks the multitudes, *Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose the seals of it?* (from 5:2 YLT) John weeps aloud. Of the billions, is there not one worthy soul? The scroll reveals world history, the judgments of God, the war between good and evil, the end of the world, and the creation of a new and everlasting universe.

Who is able to open it? In all of heaven, dare anyone break its seals? A Lion is in the Lamb, approaching the throne to open the scroll as the elders and living creatures worship and sing.

Jesus is the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, supporting, anchoring, nourishing, and sustaining life. The Father is on the throne as the Ancient of Days whose Spirit is in His Son, One with Him as His eternal Word, the Seed conceived by the virgin to live in our flesh among us. (See Jn. 1; cf. Gal. 3:19) Yeshua has a name identified with God: *his name is called The Word of God.* (from Rev. 19:13b) He was and is and will always be the Word of God, *the express image of his person* (in Heb. 1:3). The inter-linear reads, *the representation of the reality of him* (ZGE), i.e., of God who is Spirit. His Son opens the prophecy as His Word.

Terrible kings and beasts, tribulations and persecutions, wars and famines, earthquakes and twisters, judgments and rewards are in the scroll. The *Apocalypse* is about to be unveiled, but who can read it? and who would dare? Sure, at the end of the Book, we win, but what happens between now and then?

Only His Son is worthy to receive the scroll from the right hand of God. Heaven worships Him because the scroll is the *Revelation of Jesus Christ*, proving His is the Spirit of prophecy by the truth of its words. With its seals undone, everyone and

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everything alive should worship our holy God as they worship the Lamb who took the scroll and opened its seals. His name is above every other. He took our sins in His body and died, but His blood washed them away. He proved it by rising to life:

⁵ You know that *Yeshua* appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who sins has seen Him or known Him. ⁷ Children, let no one mislead you! The one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as *Yeshua* is righteous. ⁸ The one who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. *Ben-Elohim* appeared for this purpose—to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God practices sin, because God’s seed remains in him. He cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 Jn. 3:5-9 TLV) [*Ben-Elohim*, “Son of God.”]

The living creatures of chapters 4 and 5 may lead redeemed nations. Beasts lead kingdoms on earth, and living creatures are especially wise. Twenty-four elders [including twelve apostles] are its judges; His Kingdom’s elect are kings and priests to God. (1:6; 5:10; Mat. 19:28)

How to See Jesus

Near the day of Passover, the Greeks were looking for Him, hoping to hear the wisdom of His words. Knowing the gentiles would turn to Him though His own people would reject Him, He must have felt the impact of their presence:

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; ²¹ these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began to* ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. (Jn. 12:20-26 NASB)

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If we serve Him, we follow Him; if we love our lives, we lose them; if we hate our lives in this world, we live forever. In dying we bear fruit; emptied of ourselves, we are filled with His Spirit; we don't work but He does, and we rest in Him as we act by faith. More than a philosophy, it's a way of life. Israel set an example: brothers of a common lineage united with one mind:

... ² and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

³ For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, ⁴ but when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. ⁵ In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶ They were broken in pieces. Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress. ⁷ But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded." ...

¹⁴ They swore an oath to the LORD with a loud voice and with shouting and with trumpets and with horns. ¹⁵ And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around. (2 Chr. 15:2-7, 14-15 ESV)

In the days of the prophets of Judah and Israel, information about their future filled the prophecies to overflowing, pregnant with expectation:

⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. ⁴¹ Yea I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. ⁴² For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. (Jer. 32:40-42) [This is the only scripture where God declares the will of His whole heart and soul.]