

Lesson 5 & 6
Sunday Morning Bible Class “The End Times”
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The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

Revelation Chapter 4 & 5 & 6

Note on the four living creatures of Rev. 4:7;

Perhaps it is safest to say that the four faces are important because they represent all of animate creation, in its utmost excellence. The lion is the mightiest of wild animals, the ox strongest of domesticated animals, the eagle king of all birds, and man is highest of all creation. There are four which have principality in this world: among creatures, man; dominion over the earth, among birds, the eagle; among cattle, the ox; and among wild beasts, the lion: each of these has a kingdom and a certain magnificence, and they are placed under the throne of glory, Ezekiel 1:10, to show that no creature is to exalt itself in this world, and that the kingdom of God is over all.’ These creatures may be considered the representatives of the whole creation.” (Clarke)

Rev. 5:5 The Messianic title Lion of the tribe of Judah comes from Genesis 49:9-10, Isaiah 31:4, and Hosea 11:10. The title Root of David comes from Isaiah 11:10 and is repeated in Revelation 22:16.

Rev. 5:6 Having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth: Even though the marks of His sacrifice were evident, he also bore the marks of omnipotence/all powerful (seven horns) and omniscience/all knowing (seven eyes). What a figure! A slain Lamb, who has the marks of omniscience and omnipotence!

a. Throughout the Scriptures, eyes suggest knowledge and wisdom, and horns suggest power. This Lamb has knowledge, wisdom, and power fulfilled perfectly: seven horns and seven eyes.

b. Which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth: The Holy Spirit is not only the Spirit of God (in the sense of being the “Spirit of the Father”), but also the Spirit of Christ (see Romans 8:9).

Rev 6:2 Behold, a white horse: If one were to take their clues more from cowboy movies than from the Bible, it would be easy to believe the rider on the white horse is Jesus. Jesus does return on a white horse in Revelation 19:11-16; but this is a satanic dictator who imitates Jesus. First seal; Rider on white horse. Second seal; War. Third seal; Famine. Fourth seal; Death