

# Oak Grove Baptist Church

## Saturday April 2, 2022

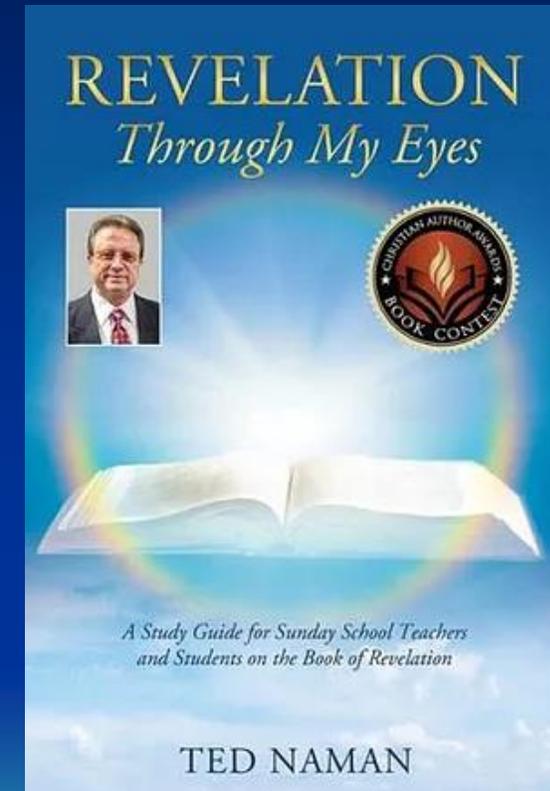


[Isaiah 40:31 \(NKJV\)](#): “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”



# “Glimpses of the Throne of God in Heaven”

Page 119 in my Book  
“Revelation Through My Eyes”



# Worship in Heaven

## Revelation 4:1-2

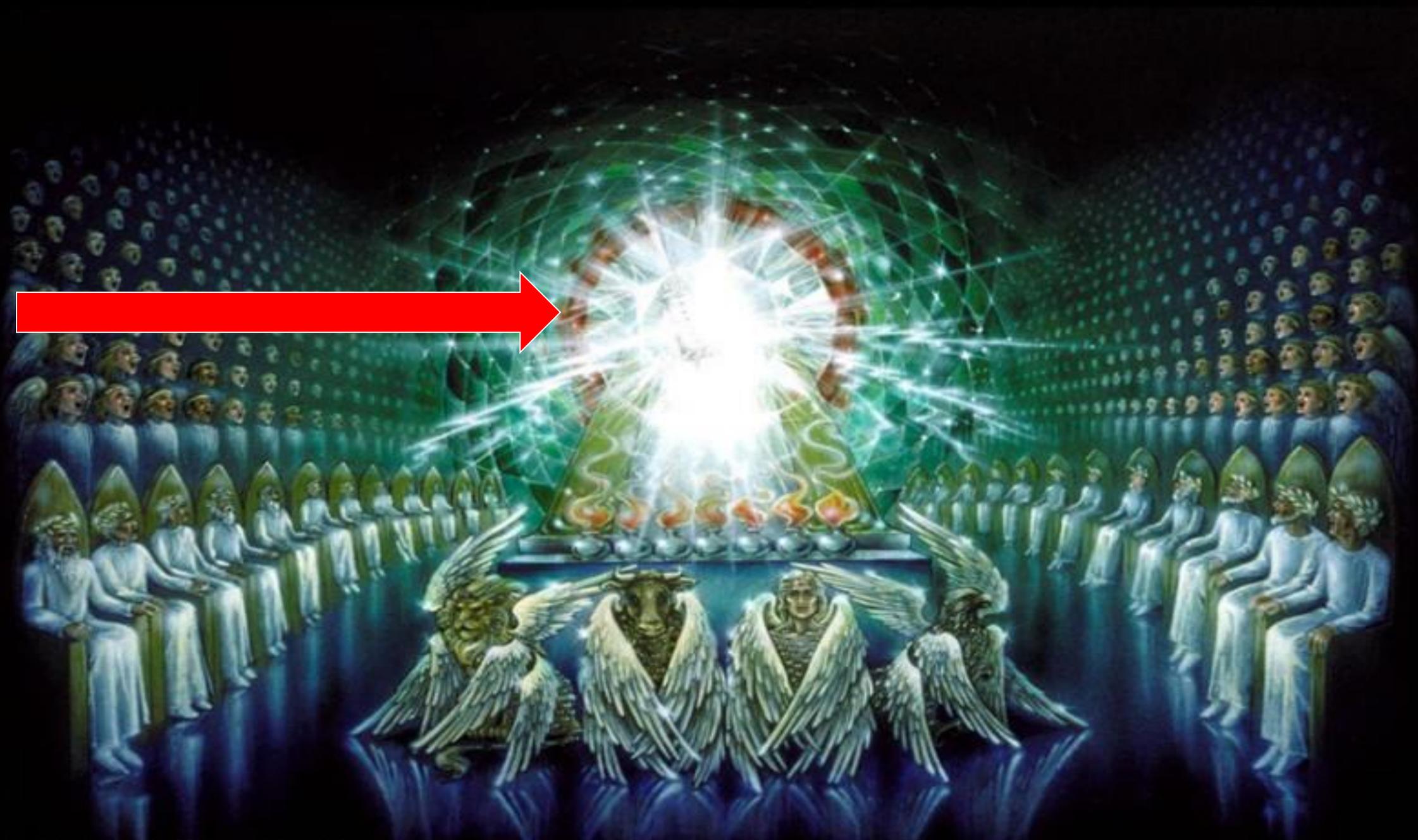
“Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it”

# Revelation 4:2-8

## Apostle John's Description of the Throne of God in Heaven

# Revelation 4:2

First thing John sees is the  
**Throne of God** in heaven



# Revelation 4:3

Then John describes our Lord as the One sitting on the throne as brilliant as gemstones like jasper and carnelian



# Revelation 4:3



Carnelian is orangey- to dark-red.

Jasper comes in a huge variety of colors and patterns!





# Exodus 28:15-21

The **jasper** and **carnelian** stones that John saw on God's Throne in heaven were also chosen by God as two of the precious stones in the breastplate of Moses' brother **Aaron the high priest**, as well as in **the foundation of the Heavenly City**, the New Jerusalem

# Exodus 28:15-21



# Revelation 21:14

The Foundation of  
the Heavenly City



# Revelation 4:3

Then John sees the glow of an emerald circling the throne of God like a rainbow



# Emerald Gem Stone



# Revelation 4:4

Then John sees twenty-four elders sitting on twenty-four thrones surrounding the Throne of God. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads



Who are these twenty- four elders dressed in white with golden crowns on their heads?

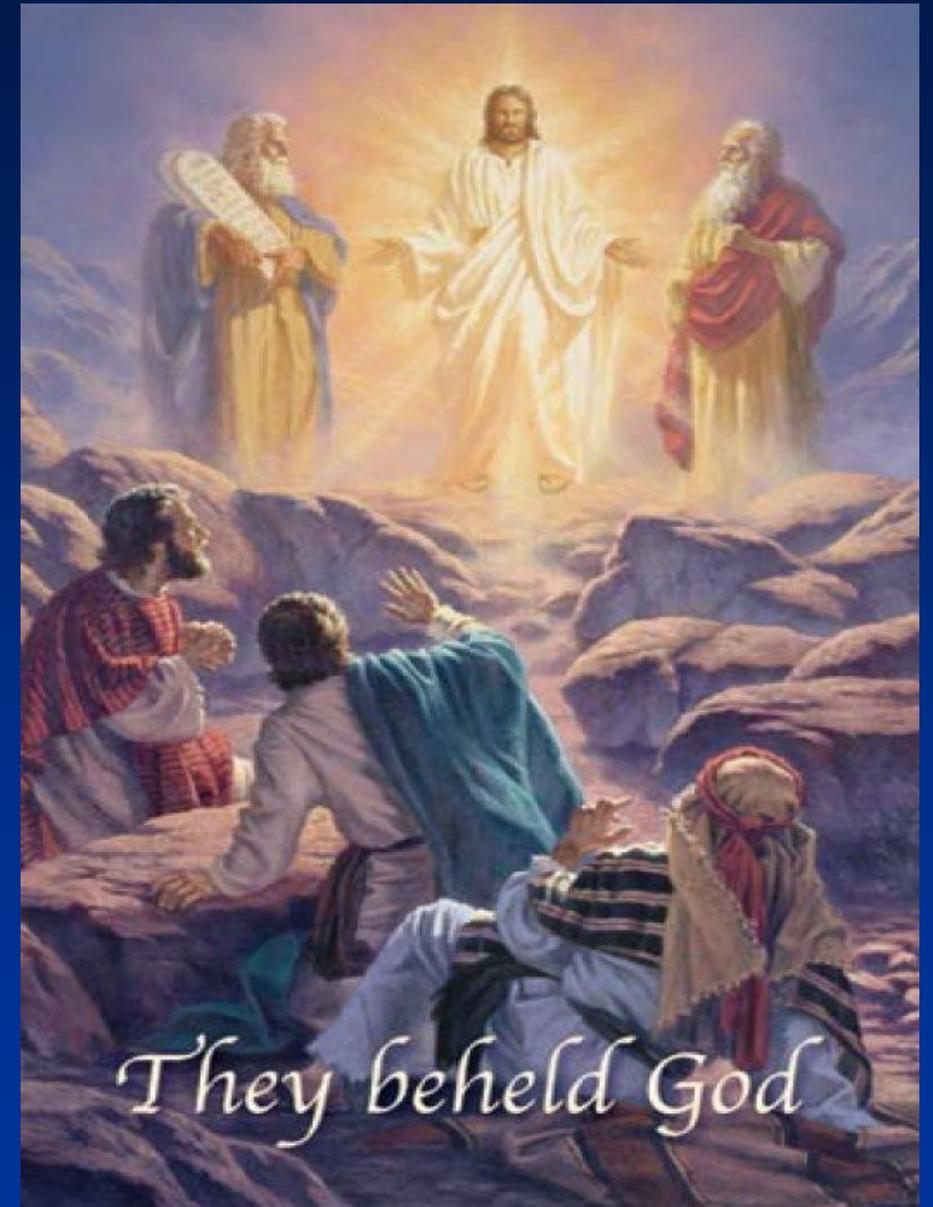
# Disagreement Among Bible Prophecy Teachers on the Identity of These Twenty-Four Elders

- Some say twelve of them are the disciples of Jesus including **Matthias** who replaced **Judas Iscariot**, and the other twelve are the sons of Jacob who formed the twelve tribes of Israel
- Some say they are the Old Testament prophets

The twenty-four elders represent church saints or overcomers dressed in white who earned their golden crowns at the **Judgment Seat of Christ** by putting their trust and faith in Jesus Christ and living for Him

# Clothed in White in the Bible

- Symbolic of the righteousness and purity of the saints
- Just as Jesus Christ was glowing in His holiness, when He appeared in His splendor to His disciples at the Mount of Transfiguration [Matthew 17:1-9](#)



The golden crowns on the heads of the  
twenty-four elders are the promised  
crowns for the believers

# 1 The Crown of Rejoicing



For those who win others to Christ. This is sometimes called the "soul-winners" crown.  
*(1 Thessalonians 2:19)*

# 2 The Crown of Righteousness



For those who look for and love Christ's Return.  
*(2 Timothy 4:8)*

# 3 The Crown of Glory



For those who faithfully teach and preach God's Word.  
*(1 Peter 5:4)*

# 4 The Incorruptible Crown



For those who "run a good race" in the Christian life.  
*(1 Thessalonians 2:19)*

# 5 The Crown of Life



For those who suffer for the name of Christ, especially those who lay down their lives for Him. We receive "the crown of life" by being faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*(Revelation 2:10)*

# Matthew 19:27-28 (NLT) God's Promise & Reward

“Then Peter said to him, “We’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get?” Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel”



## Revelation 3:21 (NLT)

### God's Message to the Church in Laodicea

“To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to **sit with me on my throne**, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne”



# Revelation 4:5

“Then From the Throne of God came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder”

## Exodus 20:18-19 (NLT)

### The Giving of the Ten Commandments

“When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram’s horn, **and when they saw the flashes of lightning** and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. And they said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen. But don’t let God speak directly to us, or we will die!”



# Revelation 4:5

Then John sees in front of the Throne of God **seven torches with burning flames**, symbolic of the sevenfold Spirit of God



**The Holy Spirit**



# The Seven-Fold Spirit of God

## Isaiah 11:1-2 (NLT)

1. Spirit of the Lord
2. Spirit of wisdom
3. Spirit of understanding
4. Spirit of counsel
5. Spirit of might
6. Spirit of knowledge
7. Spirit of the fear of the Lord

## Revelation 4:5 (NLT)

The seven-fold spirit of God is in reference to the Holy Spirit in His perfect work, a symbol of our Lord's perfection



## Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

### The Nine-Fold Fruit of the Spirit

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”



# Revelation 4:6

Then John sees in front of the Throne of God  
a shiny sea of glass sparkling like crystal



Sea of Glass

Revelation  
21:18-21

The Sea of  
Glass  
revealed in  
the New  
Jerusalem



## Exodus 24:9-11 (NKJV)

### Moses' Vision of The Sea of Glass in front of the Throne of God

“Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. **And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.** But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank”

## Ezekiel 1:1-28 (NKJV)

# Ezekiel's vision of the Throne of God



Isaiah 6:1-8 (NLT)  
Vision of the Throne of God



Daniel 7:9-10 (NLT)  
Vision of the Throne of God



2 Corinthians 12:1-4 (NLT)  
Paul's Vision of Third Heaven



# Revelation 4:6-8

Then John sees in front of the Throne of  
God **four living creatures**



Lion

Ox

Man

Eagle

Ezekiel 10:14 tells us these four living beings are **cherubim angels**

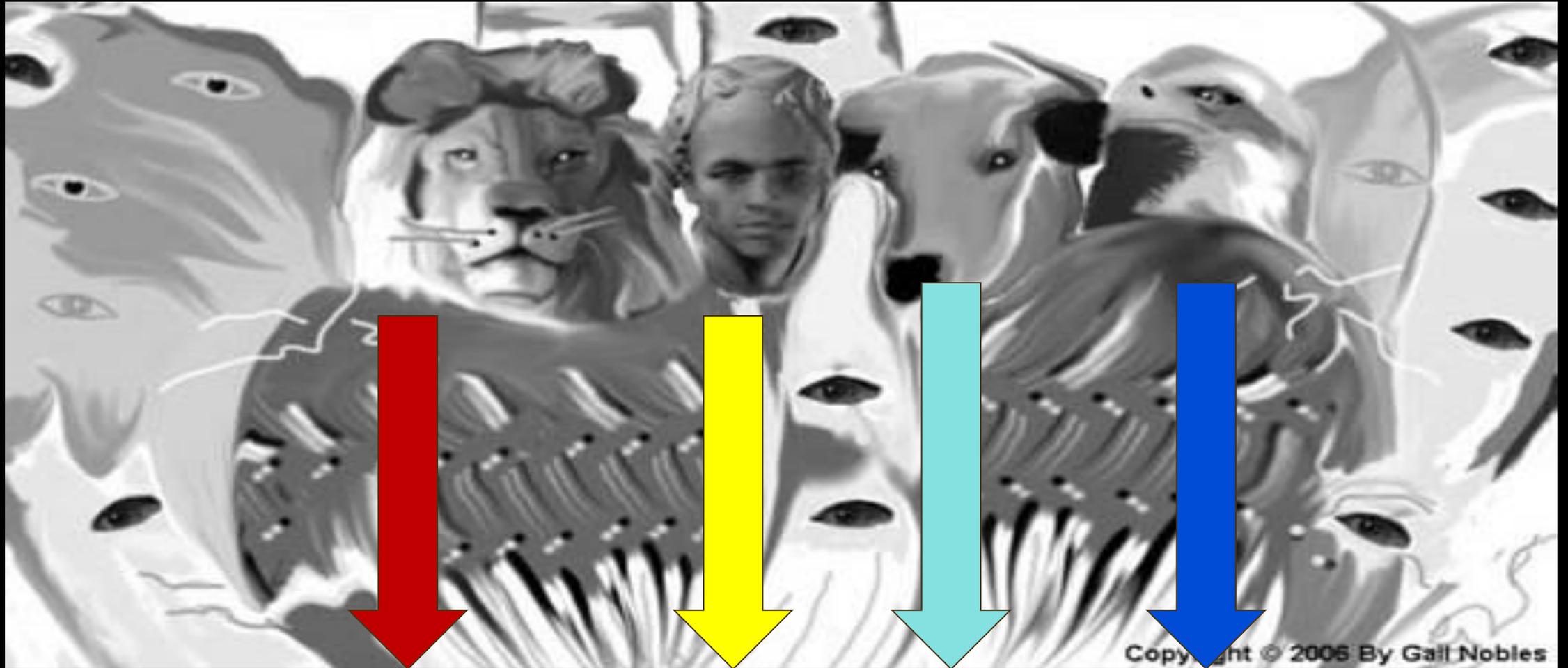
“Each of the four **cherubim** had four faces: the first was the face of an ox, the second was a human face, the third was the face of a lion, and the fourth was the face of an eagle”



My Bible commentary tells me the four faces  
represent God's **creation, attributes and perfect  
nature**



# God's Creation, Attributes & Perfect Nature



**Lion =  
Sovereignty  
& Strength**

**Human =  
Intelligence**

**Ox =  
Diligent  
Service**

**Eagle =  
Majesty**

# Revelation 4:9

Then John sees the 24 elders fall down  
and cast their crowns before the Lord



# Revelation 5:11

“Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus”



# Revelation 5:12

“Worthy is the Lamb 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

“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: **“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”**”

*Thank You  
And May  
God Bless  
You*

