

THE KING'S GUARDS

EXODUS 19:4

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:**

6 And ye shall be unto me **a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

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15 The Old Testament, the church was called the Kingdom of God. In other words, God is a King, and the church is His domain: God's Kingdom, Old Testament.

In the New Testament It's called "the Messianic empire. " Oh, I like that: Messianic. In other wise, **"the Messiah's empire," where the Messiah rules and reigns.** No denominational barriers or nothing, the Messiah rules in His empire. Isn't that wonderful thinking? Messianic empire.

Therefore, the church is not an organization; the church is not a gathering of people. **The church is the people of God that's been called out of the world to serve in another Kingdom.**

NUMBERS 2:1

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel **shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house:** far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 And **on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah** pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

NUMBERS 2:10

10 **On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben** according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.

NUMBERS 2:18

18 **On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim** according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

NUMBERS 2:25

25 **The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side** by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

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272. . . **four is the number of earth.** Did you know that? How many knows now before we have to go into it, four is an earthly number? Sure.

Like the four Hebrew. . . It's an earth. . . **It's a number of earth, of deliverance, deliverance. Now, keep that in your mind, "deliverance,"** 'cause I'm going to strike it just a minute real hard (See?), deliverance. " Now, there was **three Hebrew children** in the fiery furnace,

but the fourth One come; it was deliverance. **Lazarus** was in the grave three days, but when **the fourth one come he was delivered.** Four is God's number of deliverance. . .

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311 Israel in their journey, when they camped. . .

One, two, three; one, two, three; one, two, three; one, two, three;
that's the way **they camped around the mercy seat**. Now, and all of you know that; you've watched the--read in the Old Testament.

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312 Now, on **the east side**, the east side, right here, I'll put it down so you'll be sure to get it. East, the east side was always Judah. This is the gate, J-u-d-a, Judah.

And with Judah was the head of three tribes with their banner: three tribes with their banner, the banner of Judah. **On the west side**, down here (Now, you put it down; you can read it right if you want, Exodus, and so forth, as they come out.) was **Ephraim**. And he had three tribes with their banner.

All right, Ephraim. . . Now, and **on the south side was Reuben**, with three tribes and their banners. And on **the north side was Dan**: Dan with three tribes, and three tribes and their banner. All right.

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317 Now, now, you watch. On the east side, east side, he saw what kind of a face? Did you notice? It was a lion, l-i-o-n; that was the banner.

That was the--that was the standard banner of Juda. Because He is. . . Jesus come out of the. . . True. And He is the Lion of the tribe of Juda.

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323 the first beast was like a lion,. . . (Judah). . . the second beast was like a calf,. . . (That's a young ox.). . . the third beast was the face of a man, and the fourth beast was. . . a flying eagle.

Just exactly the tribes of Israel camped around, guarding, this earthly guards of the right to the ark. Hallelujah. Don't you see it?

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326 **"mercy seat," nothing could come anywhere around it without crossing those tribes.** Crossing what? The lion; crossing the man, intelligence of the man; and crossing the workhorse, as an ox; by crossing the eagle, the swiftness of it. See?

The heaven, the earth, in between, and all around. . . **You see, they were guards. And above it was the Pillar of Fire. Brother, nothing touched that mercy seat without the approach.**

EZEKIEL 1:4

4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and **a fire infolding itself**, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof **as the colour of amber**, out of the midst of the fire.

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 2_ JEFF. IN ROJC 585-643 SUNDAY_ 61-0101

152 Watch this prophet here, five hundred and ninety-five years before the coming of Christ; **see how his vision compares with John's.** a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, . . a fire unfolding itself,

and the brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof was the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had a likeness of. . . man.

Notice the color of the Spirit of God which was above the likeness of these four Creatures, was amber. Amber is yellowish green. Now, watch: yellowish green, amber. . . Oh,

He's the same yesterday. . . He revealed Himself to Ezekiel in the midst of Ezekiel's vision.

This Light that he saw coming above the four living Creatures was yellowish green. When He come to John, He appeared in the emerald which is also yellowish green. He comes now to the revelator in yellowish green. He comes to us in yellowish green, the Light. Walk in the Light; He is the Light.

EZEKIEL 1:5

5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **four living creatures**. And this was their appearance; they had **the likeness of a man**.

6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

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270 **As for the likeness of the living creatures, and their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like of the appearance of lamps:** it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth Light. . .

(That's God. From the fire went Light, the--not cosmic light now, **but eternal Light.**)

And the living creatures ran and turned. . . (Let's see.). . . **the living creatures ran and returned, and as the appearance of a flash of lightning.**

Now, as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

The appearance of the wheels. . . their work was like unto. . . colour of. . . beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was. . . it was a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

"What's the symbol here, Brother Branham? What is it?" It means that these guards--these guards was God's ark. . . They were in journey, rolling on wheels when Ezekiel saw them; but when John saw them, they'd already come into their right position in heaven.

The ark of God was on earth, rolling on wheels, as they took it from place to place, meant it was in travel; they took it all the way up through the wilderness and all the way into the temple and so forth; but now it's received up, 'cause the church age is over, and it's received up into glory. See?

It's stationary now in heaven with all the Angels and things around it. We find them after while taking off their crowns, and falling on their faces, and giving glory to Him. See? It was God's guards of the temple--of the ark.

EZEKIEL 1:13

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331 Now, remember, **God's got some guards for that--for that mercy seat.** What is that mercy seat guard? All right. M-a-t-h, Matthew, on the east; Luke--Luke, Mark, and John.

All of their four Gospels vindicate the Book of Acts to come; they guard it anywhere you want to look at it.

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347 All right, let's get Matthew 10, see if Matthew guards the Acts of the apostles.

Did you think that--that God don't **put a guard around His Word?** See if that ox, lion, man, eagle; isn't it still setting at those gates right here on earth right now?

They're the Gospels, the four Gospels. See? And you notice, every way they went they went straight forward. They don't contradict one another; they stay with one another. See? One goes with the shrewdness of a man; the other one goes with the swiftness of an eagle;

the other one's a pastor. . . One's evangelist, to fly like evangelist. See? The other one's a pastor; the other's sturdy; the other one's shrewd. See, guarded on every side, God guarding this Holy Ghost Gospel. Believe it, brother. All right.

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364 **There's only one Gospel; four guards.** "Preach this Gospel to every creature. " Now, remember, He's taking in both, all four guards Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (See?),

"Preach the Gospel to every creature. "

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; and he that believeth not shall be damned.

Boy, the south gate's guarded by the ox. The north gate's guarded by the lion, the north gate. . . I mean the east gate. And the north gate is guarded by the flying eagle, John, the evangelist. Then the physician on this side, Luke, the man.

REVELATION 4:4

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four ***BEASTS** full of eyes before and behind.

BEASTS: zoon {dzo'-on}
a living being

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252 in Revelations 11, 13, and 17, it's called beasts the same way; but the beasts there, interpretation is "t-h-e-r-i-o-n," therion. The word, Greek word "Therion," which means "a wild, untamed beast. " "Therion," that means "a wild, untamed beast. "

But "Zoon" means "a creature. " See? "Four living (Zoon) Creatures," not the beasts of wild (therion); but, (Zoon,) living creatures.

And "therion" is "wild, untamed savages. " In other words, if you'll watch the 11th chapter, "the beast of Rome," the 13th chapter, "the United States," the 17th chapter, "both United States and Rome," of the denominational churches consolidated with Catholicism **makes them a unconverted, untamed to the Gospel (Whoo): untamed.**