

## THE KING'S GUARDS II

### 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.

### EZEKIEL 1:13

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.**

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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 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.**

#### **REVELATION 4:7**

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

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262 **There is three different categories here.** I hope you all got this system down here now. Now, I want to show you. There's three different categories of it, **three different species** (Now, look. ) around the throne. Here's the throne.

Now, the first at this throne is **four living creatures.** Outside of that is **twenty-four elders** setting upon their throne, upon their--their thrones, little thrones under. And around this, **this great hosts of Angels around the throne.**

Oh, oh, oh. See what I mean? They're every one different, one from the other. **There is Angels; here is elders; and here is living creatures.**

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275 **But this is the mercy seat guards, the throne guards. The throne right up next to God, "living creatures," next thing to God,** standing there. Their intelligence, they knowed what was, which is, what shall come.

They had "eyes without," showing what they could see, what was to come; "eyes within," knows everything now; and "eyes in the back," which knowed what was. Which was, which is, which shall come, **reflecting through the church ages** "He that Was, Which Is, and Shall Come; Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. "

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299-4 {143} Now, remember, now **in the first age was a lion age.** That was the Lion of the tribe of Juda, Christ. His own influence of life, taken that age. **That's the first beast, which means power that answered by human voice.**

The next age was the **ox age** or the dark horse rider's age. See? Now, the reason this first age was a white age, was that. . . As--as I've always heard people say that that first rider, white, was

the power of the church went forth to conquer, and we find out he was given a crown, that that was it.

It was the church. It was the church, but where did he go to? Went to Rome, is where he did and got--received his crown.  
**Now, the second age was a--was a red horse rider which was a dark age.**

And now, now, the--the next age was the--the man of the--of age which was the black horse rider, and he was the age of the reformers (See?), went to the--the voice who spoke.

Now, **the black horse rider**, that was the antichrist; **but the one that was speaking in that age was represented as man.** And that's the wisdom, smart, shrewd. . . .

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300-1 {148} But now when it comes forth, **the eagle age**; that's the one that God always likens His prophets to eagles. He calls Himself an eagle. .

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343-4 {71} Now, one of those creatures, we find out in studying the--the--the revelation in the churches, that the--one of them had the--was a lion; and the other one--the other one was an ox; and the other one was a man; and the other one was an eagle.

**We find out in the church ages that those four beasts, meaning four powers, was gathered around the Acts of the Apostles just the way that the--the tabernacle in the wilderness. . .**

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344-1 {73} **They were watching over this, the Lamb and the Word to perform the Word just as they did the--the ark of the covenant in the holy place in the wilderness. . .**

Notice that even the nature of the beast was exactly a tribal emblem, which way the four. . . the twelve tribes, set four on each side or--or three tribes on each side. And the four beasts set and watched these tribes from all four ways.

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344-3 {75} And when we went and got the Gospels and show exactly when you enter into the ark, they was a-guarding the ark, the covenant; and then we find out that **the covenant of the new church, its representation on earth was the Holy Spirit.**

The Blood had sent back to us the Holy Ghost, and the four beasts represented as the--the twelve tribes of Israel, as it watched, and finding their natures and taken that same nature and bringing it to **each one of those four Gospels**, exactly, was exactly the same.

One talked to the lion, the other one to the--the ox, and the other--the four Gospels. There it is. **The four Gospels is the protection of the Holy Spirit.** Amen.

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346-3 {88} **Four beasts are four powers.**

Now, we know that "beast," by interpretation of the terms of the Bible symbols, means "power. " Now, let's get that close. **The four are beasts in the Bible represent a power among the people.**

Now, if we find out. . . Like in Daniel when he saw a certain nation rise up, it would be maybe a bear holding a rib in his side: symbol. Then he seen **another power** raise up, a goat; it represented something.

Then he seen another power raise up, and--and it was a leopard with so many heads; it represented a certain Kingdom. Then he saw another one rise up--a great lion with teeth and--and

stomped the residue; **that represented a different power altogether. . .**

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351-7 {136} The martyrs down through the ages there suffered terribly. But what was they? **They were under the inspiration, the Spirit of God, the power.**

And don't forget this, church, and you brethren on tape, I want you to examine this: **How could man do anything else besides the power of God that had been released to them?**

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352-4 {140} I'm going to set this box up here to represent that. If God sends a certain Spirit among them, **that's the only thing that they can work by, is the Spirit that works among them.**

Now, we'll prove to you by the history of the church and by the opening of the Seals and the powers that let loose. . And watch exactly **the church responded to the--the anointing, and they couldn't do nothing else.**

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352-6 {141} Now, the first was that lion that roared, that pure unadulterated Word. The second in Thyatira was the ox, and it was a--a burden, a beast of burden, and it was also a sacrificial beast.

And wasn't that exactly the poor little church of Rome that settled down there to a thousand years of dark ages? And anything that didn't profess to be of the Roman church was put to death immediately; and they had to labor, go from place to place.

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353-1 {145} They didn't care because **the Spirit of the church in that day was sacrifice, labor.** And they walked up just as freely as they could walk, **anointed with the true Spirit of God of that age,**



and died like heroes of sacrifice, thousands times thousands, sixty-eight million of them on the record: ox, sacrifice.

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353-3 {147} **Now, the third beast that went out from the devil was this black horse. See? Now, the third beast that went out, power from God to combat him, to combat the powers of the black horse, was a man, cunning, smart, with the wisdom of God.**

You know, a man is the--smarter than any of the beasts. See? He's smarter 'cause he can outwit him, mostly. He's cunning, shrewd. See?

And he's the. . . The age from the dark age now, coming out from the dark age down to this other side where this black horse was riding, when they charged for their--their--their sacrifices and everything they done, and money was just. . . Oh, you know how it was.

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353-5 {150} That was the age of the Reformation: Martin Luther, John Wesley, and so forth. See, it was the Reformation: Zwingli, and a, oh, who all, Knox, Calvin, and who all (See?), went out. It was a cunningness.

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357-5 {186} Notice. Now, the fourth beast that was sent forth to combat the antichrist in this last beast. . . **Are you ready? The last beast that was sent forth, or the last power to combat the antichrist (who was against the teaching of God, the antichrist) was an eagle. See?**

**The fourth living beast was an eagle.** Now, you just study the ages, study the Scriptures, it's a eagle. And in the Bible **the last age was an eagle age**, and God likens the eagle to His

prophets. See? It. . . Now, watch. The last age, the eagle age-- a revealer of the true Word. See?

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358-2 {188} The lion, that was the original. There's where the antichrist come up in the--in combat; then He raised up **another power**. He sent a power to meet it. Then He raised up **another power**, and He sent another power to meet it.

And then at the last power, **He brings down the eagle to restore the children back to the original faith again of the fathers--the eagle age**. Then did you notice? There's no more beasts. That's all of it. That's the end.

### **REVELATION 5:6**

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as it had been **slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

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97-1 {196} John looked at that Lamb, and the Lamb looked like He'd been slain. **And then he noticed He was wounded, and cut, and bruised, and bleeding: a bloody Lamb**. That's what took our place.

Isn't it strange a simple Lamb had to take our place? And he saw the Lamb. He proceeded out; **John hadn't saw Him, because He had been way back into the eternities, even making intercession and showing that those who had come to God** under the offering of the blood of bulls, of goats, a substitutionary offering.

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97-3 {198} the Lamb proceeded out into the vision now, as It had been slain. Notice: come from the Father's throne. . . Oh, think, He. . . Where did He advance from, to this vision?

**He come from glory where He's seated at the right hand of God. He advanced forth to John out of glory.**

Oh, would not it be a glorious thing if our sinful thoughts tonight could be laid aside long enough to accepting Him,

He would advance all the way from glory tonight to make Himself known to anyone: **the Lamb advancing from glory for intercessions (All right. ) to make claims now for His redemption. . .**

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98-4 {203} John," said the elder, "here comes the Lion. He was the One prevailed. " And when he looked, here come a Lamb, bloody, that'd been slain.

**Anything that's killed is bloody, you know, been killed; its neck's been chopped open or something; the blood's all over it.** Here come a Lamb, been slain. And He came forth. Oh, my. What? To make His claims on His redemption. Amen.

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99-1 {210} **He comes forth (what?) to take His claims now (Oh, my. ), comes forth to take His claims.** Now, He had done the kinsman work. He'd come down, become man, died; **He'd done the kinsman work of redemption, but had not as yet called for His claim.**

**Now He comes on the scene to claim His rights** (Watch what takes place. Oh, my. ) for which He was slain. For as becoming a Kinsman to man to die in his place to redeem him, but the elder was right when he said He was a Lion. See?

**The elder called Him, said, "a lion," because He had been a Lamb, an Intercessor, a bloody Lamb, but now He's coming forth as a Lion. My. His days of intercession's over.**

"Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's righteous be righteous still. Let him that's holy be holy still. " The thing is closed. Oh, brother, then what? Then what? And remember, it comes at the seventh church age, when the mysteries of God will be opened up.

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100-4 {224} Notice, there's seven horns on this Lamb. Did you notice it? "Having seven horns. . . " We just been through that. **"Horns" means "power" to the animal.**

And notice, He was not a animal, because He took the Book out of the right hand of Him that set upon the throne.

. . . Now watch, when He comes out, the seven horns. . .

Now, when he saw this Lamb (John looking at It) It had looked like It'd been slain: bloody. And He's come from eternity, and He ceased to be a Mediator. Then pray to Mary as much as you want to. . .

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101-2 {228} **And what did He do now? He's been back here interceding until His Blood has atoned for every person, and the Lamb now, knows what's written in the Book.**

**So He knowed from the foundation of the world their names were in there, so He has stood back here and re--and--and done mediator work like this until--mediatorial work till every one that's been put in the Book has been redeemed and it's finished, and now He walks out.**

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101-3 {228} You know--you know what the kinsman work was to testify before elders. You remember Boaz kicking off his shoe and so forth? He's done all this now.

**Now, He comes to take His Bride. Amen. He comes now as King; He's looking for His Queen. Amen. In this Book is the whole secret of it wrapped up around Seven Seals (Oh, brother. ), Seven Seals, waiting for Him to come. . .**

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101-4 {231} Seven horns was the seven churches (See?), the Seven Church Ages, **because that was the Lamb's protection. What He protected His rights with on earth was a God-sent group of people that's protected.**

See, the horn on the Lamb. . .Seven eyes are the seven messengers of the Seven Church Ages: seven eyes, seven seers.