



Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Tuesday Study
December 8TH 2015

The Four Likenesses

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was **made in the likeness of men:**



The plan of redemption
by God is being
accomplished and revealed
in four roles (likenesses)

Ezekiel's Vision



Ezekiel 1:4 ¶ 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. 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.**

The four creatures are... Cherubim



- Ezekiel 10:14 And every one had four faces: **the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.**
- Ezekiel 10:20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; **and I knew that they were the cherubims.**

The Four Creatures



Revelation 4:6 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.

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.

The “Likenesses”

- The Lion



- Represents
 - Kingship & Deity. Holds or guards Gods deity

- The Man



- Represents
 - Gods Glory & Priesthood. Holds or guards Gods glory

- The Cherub



- Represents
 - Gods protection. Serves or guards Gods creation

- The Seraph



- Represents
 - Gods holiness. Defends and proclaims Gods holiness

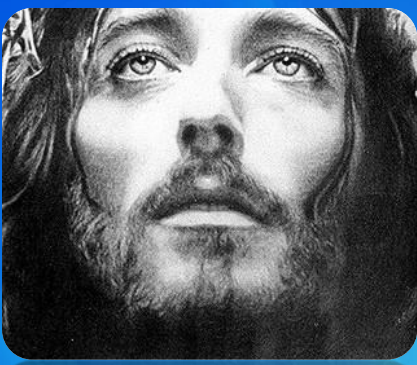


“One of the chief princes ”The Lion

- “Chief” in Hebrew “is Rosh”
 - “Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed
 - Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, **lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me;**
 - Daniel 12:1 ¶ And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:
 - Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,



“Rosh sar im”



The Man: Created a Son of God to showcase in man, Gods Glory!

- 1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch **as he is the image and glory of God:**
- Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**
- Hebrews 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; **thou crownedst him with glory and honour,** and didst set him over the works of thy hands:



The “Cherub”

Guarding Gods creation



- Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life.**
- Psalms 91:11 For he shall give his **angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**
- Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven **their angels** do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

The KJV Old Testament Hebrew Lexicon

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Original Word

שרף

Transliterated Word

Saraph

Phonetic Spelling

saw-rawf' 

Definition

serpent, fiery serpent

poisonous serpent (fiery from burning effect of poison)

seraph, seraphim

majestic beings with 6 wings, human hands or voices in attendance upon God

King James Word Usage - Total: 7

fiery serpent 3, fiery 2, seraphim 2

Word Origin

from (08313)

TDNT Entry

TWOT - 2292a,2292b

Parts of Speech

Noun Masculine

The Seraph

- What do you call fiery flying
- Serpent ?

Seraph: Fiery Flying Serpent “Dragon”



- Isaiah 14:29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

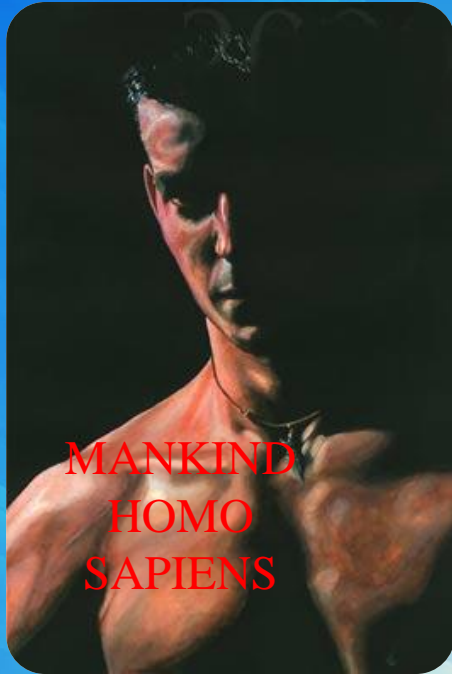
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- Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Genesis 3:14 “And upon thy belly shalt thou go”

1-The likeness of a Son of man



Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

- 1. Redemption of the Kingdom needed a **Man**
 - Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a **man** among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.
 - Hebrews 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body** hast thou prepared me:

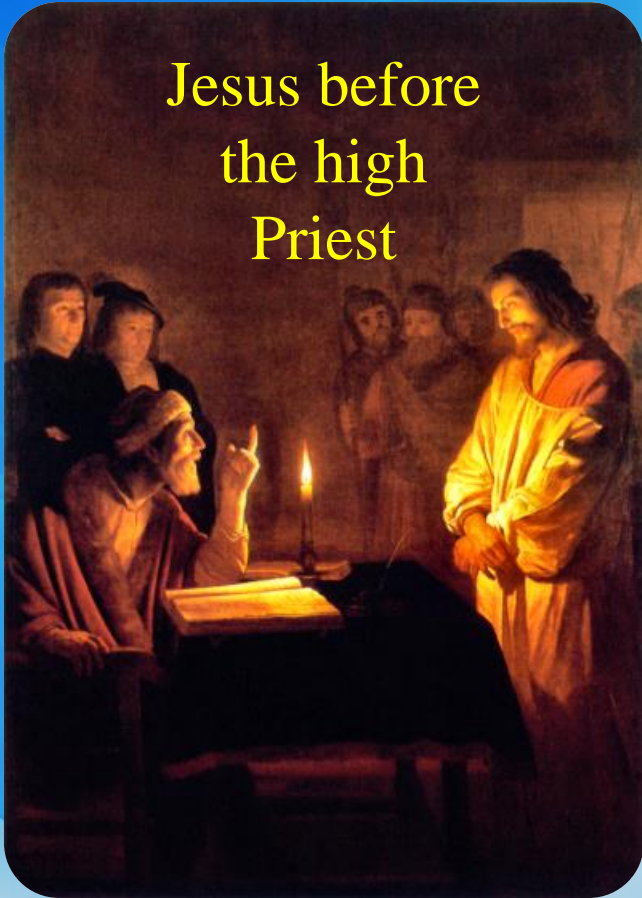
Why did God need the likeness of a man?

- Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
- Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:



2-The likeness of sinful flesh

Jesus before
the high
Priest



- Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of **sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 11:51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

Why did God need the likeness of sinful flesh?



To enter the kingdom of the grave

– 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

– 1 Peter 3:18 ¶For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

3- The likeness of the son of God Melchisedec king and priest !



Hebrews 7:1 ¶ For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; ***but made like unto the Son of God;*** abideth a priest continually.

Why did God need the likeness of the Son of God?

1. As an intercessor, a go between, A high Priest

Hebrews 7:23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:



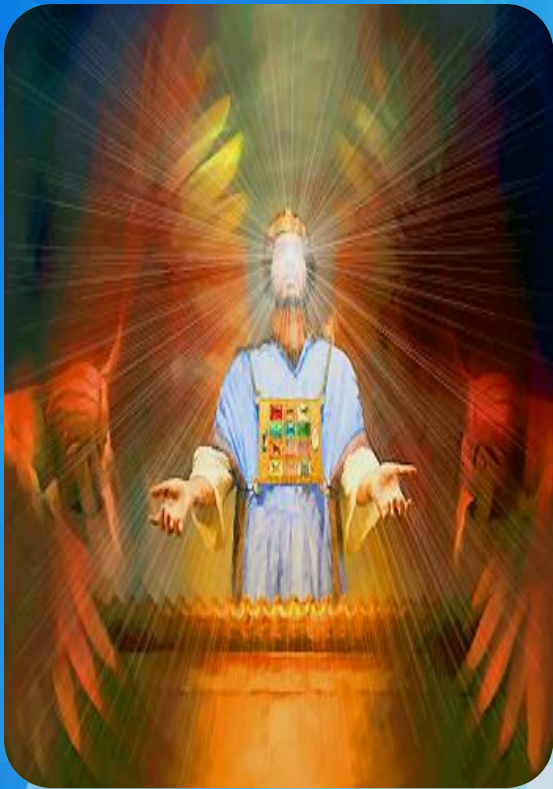
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2. To bring us to God

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him.**

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:



4-The likeness of the King



- Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the ***Lion of the tribe of Judah***, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

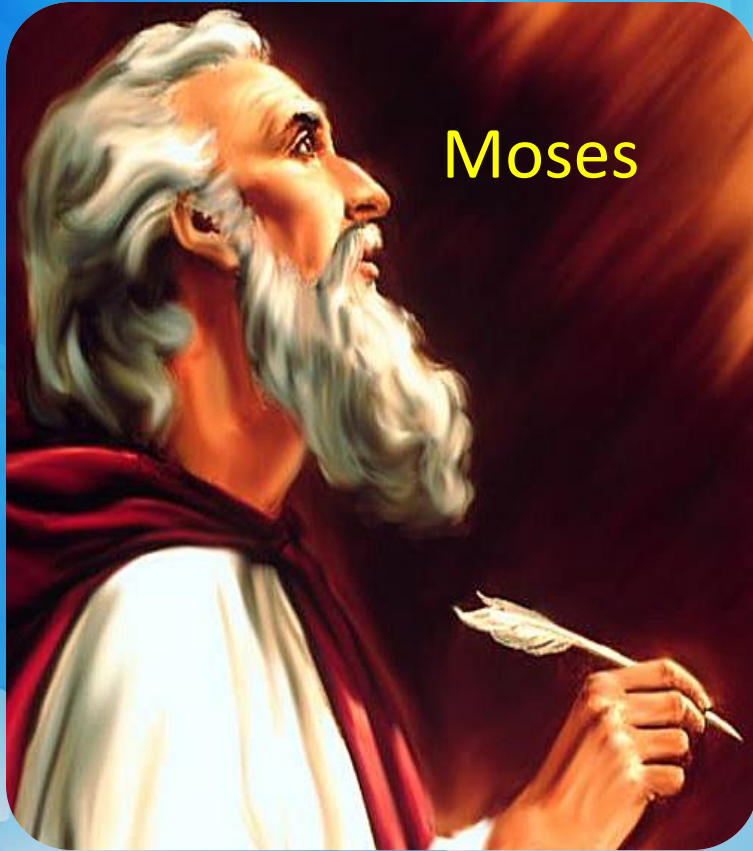
Why the likeness of the king?



Revelation
11:15 And the
seventh angel
sounded; and
there were great
voices in heaven,
saying, The
kingdoms of this

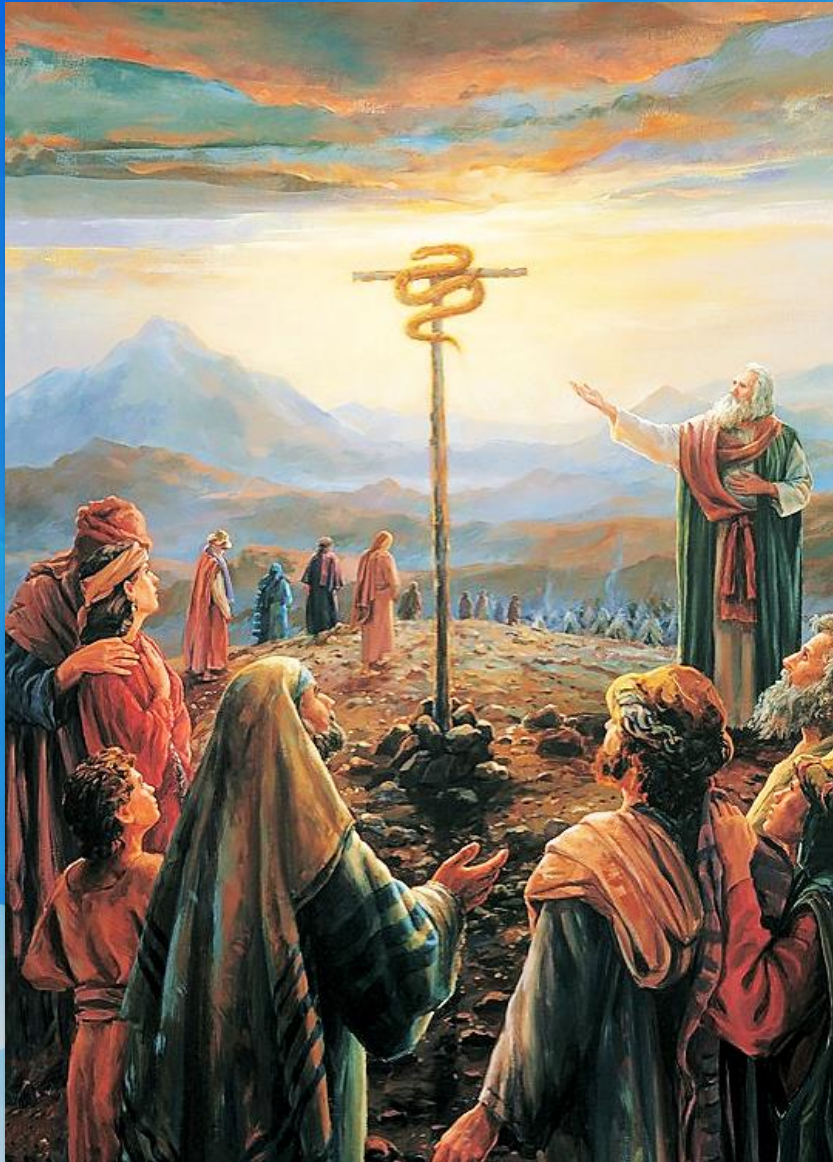
- world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; **and he shall reign for ever and ever**

Man was forbidden to make a “likeness”



- Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, **or any likeness** of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

The likeness of a fiery serpent



Numbers 21:5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD **sent fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

The first likeness

The son becomes flesh!



- Revelation 4:7 “**the third beast had a face as a man,**”
- Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

The second likeness the image of sin



- John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Moses making a likeness of the serpent broke the law, Jesus made in the likeness of sinful man upon the cross broke the power of Sin

The fiery flying serpent!

The third likeness the Son of God (fulfilling the likeness of the Cherub)



- Guarding the way to the tree of Life
 - John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 - Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**
 - 30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**
 - Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh **will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**



The third likeness the Son of God (fulfilling the likeness of the Cherub)



- Fulfilling the role of Melchisedec as Priest:
 - Hebrews 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
 - Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
 - Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:



“Bearing the names”



The fourth likeness, The Prince of Princes, making war and ruling!



- Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: **behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- Revelation 10:1 ¶ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
- 3 And cried with a loud voice, *as when a lion roareth*: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

“Rosh sar im”

Our Role: The likeness of his death!



- Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the **likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:** 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on Christ.**