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His Image & His Likeness

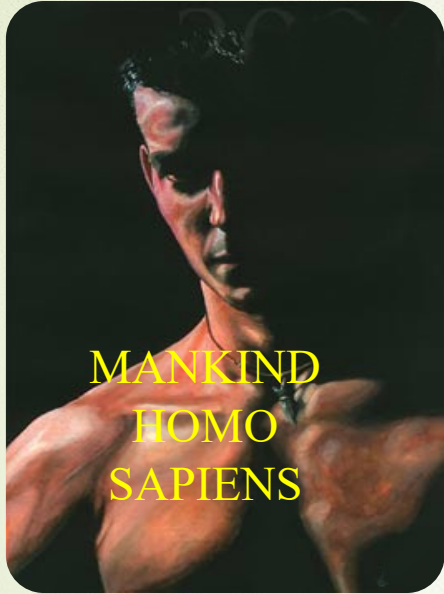


The plan of redemption by God is being
accomplished and revealed
in four roles (likenesses)

The Four Likenesses

- The Likeness of the Son of God
- The Likeness of a Son of Man
- The Likeness of Sinful Flesh
- The Likeness of the King & Priest

1-The Likeness Of A Son Of Man



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:

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:

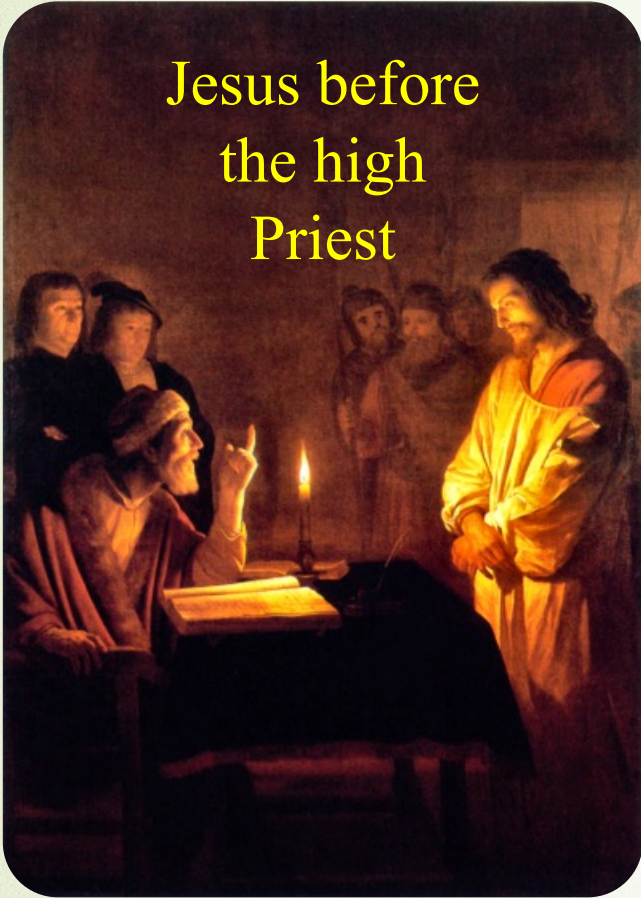
“WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN!”

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

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 (Proclaim) unto the spirits in prison;**

Isaiah 61:1 ¶The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to **proclaim(Preach) liberty to the captives**, and the **opening of the prison** to them that are bound;

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; **that opened not the house of his prisoners?**

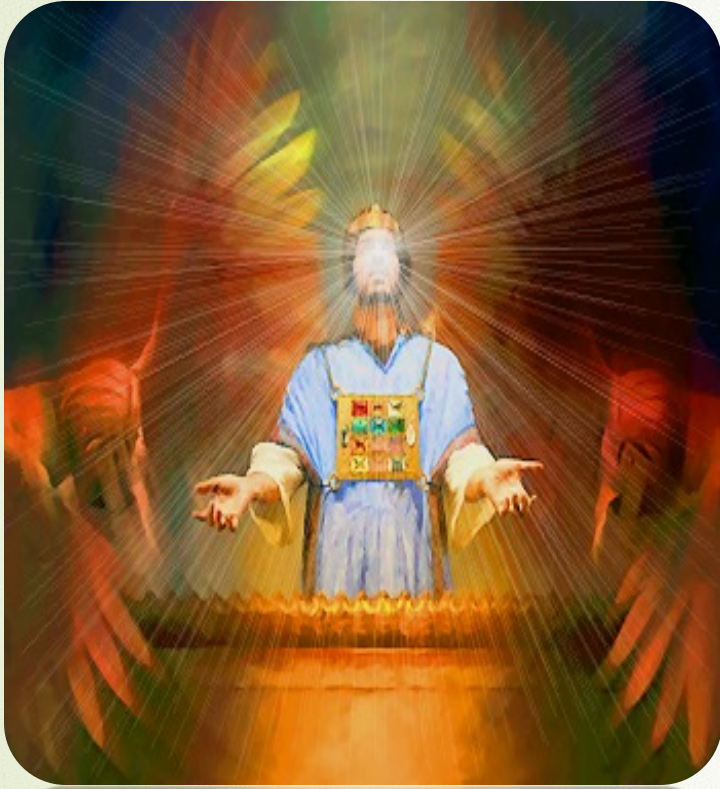


3- The Likeness of the Son of God Melchisedec (KING!)



- 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?



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:

Melchisedec: Likeness of our High Priest



- Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, **to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**
- Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that **we have a great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession.
- Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- Hebrews 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, **made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

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 Juda*, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Why The Likeness of The king?



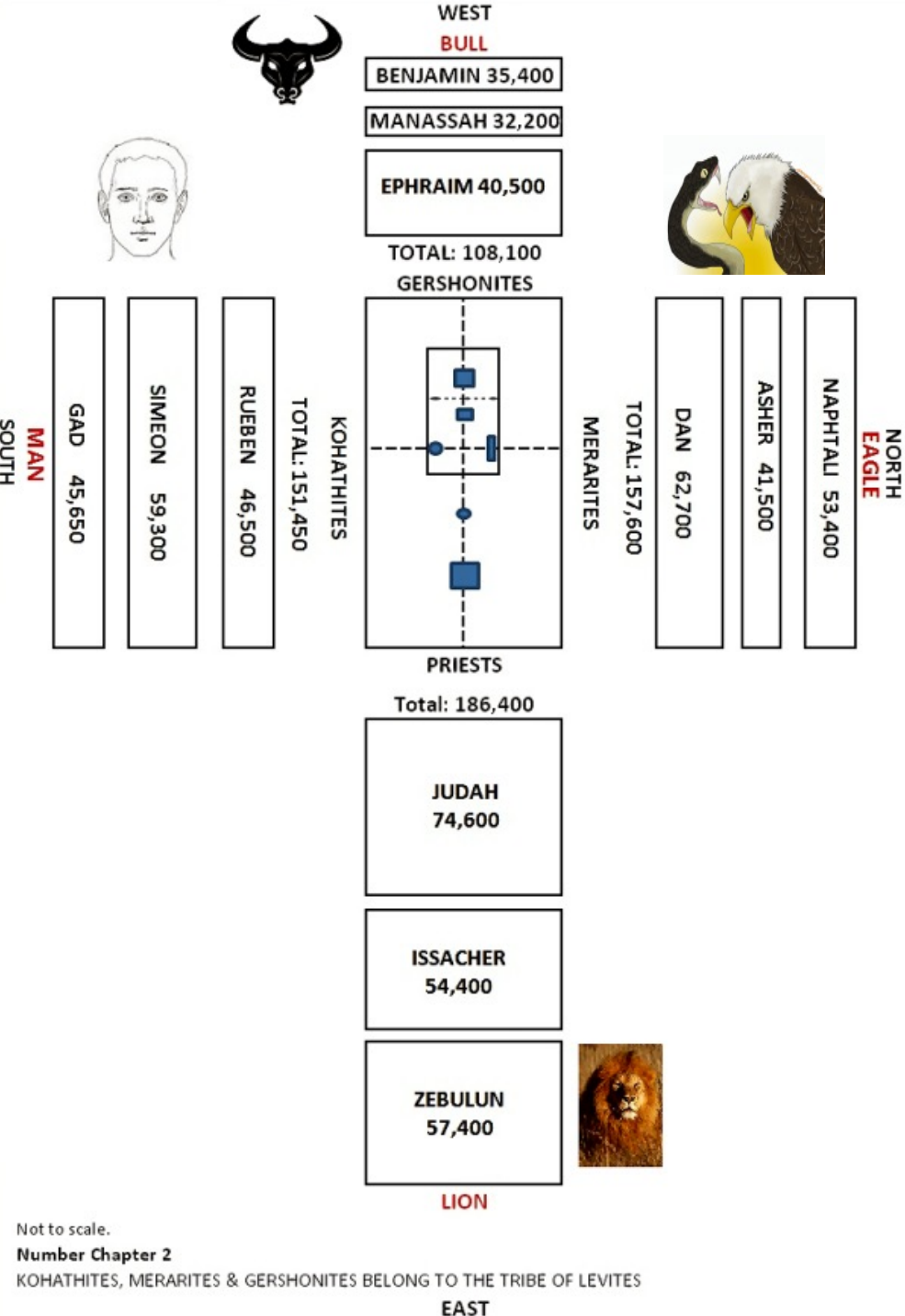
Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this

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

The Meaning Of The Four Creatures ?



They are a representation of the Four Likenesses!



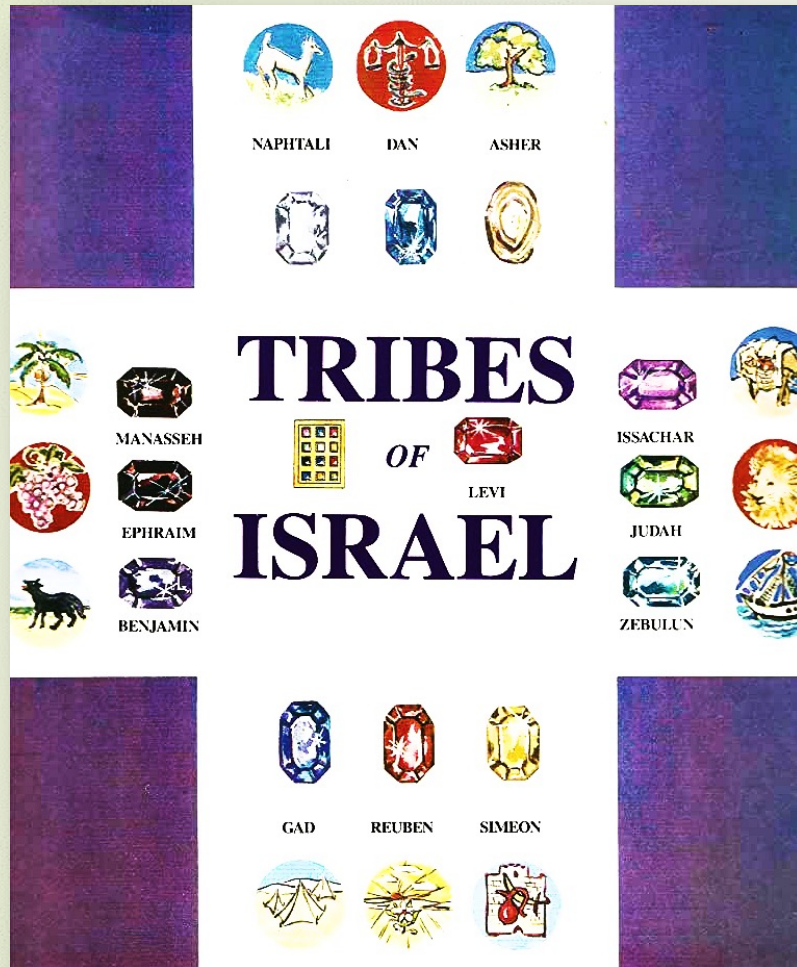
Together They form they are in the “Likeness of the Cross”

Numbers 2:1 ¶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.

The Stones and Ensigns



- Reuben's stone was *odem*, and the colour of his flag was red, and mandrakes were drawn on it [cf. Genesis 30:14].
- Simeon's [stone was] *piteda*, and the colour of his flag was green, and [the city of] Shechem was drawn on it [cf. Genesis 34].
- Levi's [stone was] *bareget*, and the colour of his flag was one third white, one third black, and one third red, and the *Urim and Tummim* were drawn on it.
- Judah's [stone was] was *nofekh*, and the colour of his flag was like the colour of the sky, and a lion was drawn on it [cf. Genesis 49:9].
- Issachar's [stone was] *sappir*, and the colour of his flag was dark blue [lit. black like kohl], and a sun and a moon were drawn on it, as it is written [I Chronicles 12:33]: "And from the sons of Issachar were those who knew the wisdom of the times [i.e. astronomy and calendars]."
- Zebulun's [stone was] *yahalom*, and the colour of his flag was like the moon, and a ship was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:13]: "Zebulun shall dwell by the seashore."
- Dan's [stone was] *leshem*, and the colour of his flag was similar to sappir, and a snake was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:17]: "Dan shall be a snake."

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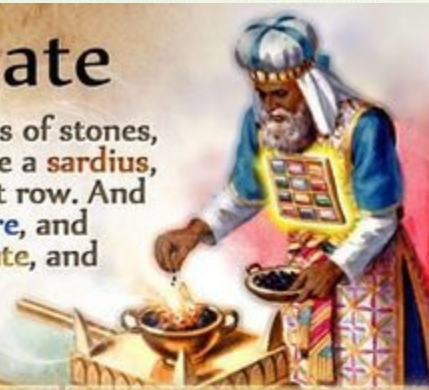
- Gad's [stone was] *shevo*, and the colour of his flag was not white and not black but a mixture of black and white, and a military camp was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:19]: "Gad shall camp in troops [Heb: *Gad gedud yegudenu*]."
- Naftali's [stone was] *ahlama*, and the colour of his flag was like diluted wine whose red [colour] was no longer strong, and a deer was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:21]: "Naftali is a swift deer."
- Asher's [stone was] *tarshish*, and the colour of his flag was like a precious stone that women decorate themselves with, and an olive tree was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:20]: "From Asher will be his rich bread."
- Joseph's [stone was] *shoham*, and the colour of his flag was very black, and the [picture] drawn on it for the two leaders, Ephraim and Menasseh, was Egypt, because they were born in Egypt. And on the flag of Ephraim was drawn an ox, as it is written [Deuteronomy 33:17]: "His first born is his ox;" this is [a reference to] Joshua, who was from the tribe of Ephraim. And on the flag of Menasseh was drawn a *re'em* [oryx], as it is written [Deut. 33:17]: "and his horn will be like the horns of the *re'em*;" this is [a reference to] Gideon, son of Joash, who was from the tribe of Menasseh.
- Benjamin's [stone was] *yashpe*, and the colour of his flag was like all the colours of the twelve colours, and a wolf was drawn on it, as it is written [Genesis 49:17]: "Benjamin is like a scavenging wolf."

The Stones and Ensigns

- *Odem*: clearly a red stone. Scholars suggest either red jasper, or carnelian sard (a type of quartz).
- *Piteda*: some sort of yellowish-green stone, probably topaz. Others suggest peridot, chrysolite or perhaps green-yellow chalcedony.
- *Bareqet* - translated in the Aramaic Targumim as *azmaragd*, a loanword from the Greek *smaragdos* for “emerald”. Some suggest beryl (of which emerald is a type). Others suggest the green malachite.
- *Nophekh* - its colour is unclear. Is it supposed to be sky blue? Some suggest turquoise. Or red, perhaps more likely (as suggested by the etymology of *nophekh*)? If so, it may be garnet.
- *Sappir* - a blue gem, but unlikely to be sapphire, even though the words are etymologically related. Most likely lapis lazuli.
- *Yahalom* - even though in modern Hebrew it means diamond, almost no scholars think this is correct. It appears to be a white/moon-like stone. Chalcedony is likely, and others suggest moonstone, amethyst or even jade.
- *Leshem* - apparently similar to *sappir*. Aventurine? Hyacinth? Turquoise?
- *Shevo* - almost everyone agrees that this is agate, perhaps striped or spotted.
- *Ahlama* - this is also fairly unanimous that this is amethyst, and the wine connection makes that even clearer (amethyst was associated in the ancient world with wine, and was reputed to prevent drunkenness).
- *Tarshish* - very unclear, especially since we don't have a colour to associate it with. We don't even know if it is the name of a stone or simply a precious gem that comes from the city of Tarshish. Scholars have suggested aquamarine, or some kind of beryl. The Targum suggests a stone associated with (the colour of) the ocean.
- *Shoham* - Most likely onyx, although the Targumim give *burla* or *birlewa*, which means beryl.
- *Yashfe* - again, one of the clearer identifications. Almost all scholars are in agreement that this is jasper. The Targum's association with panthers suggests that it was spotted or veined jasper.

Ephod Breast Plate

Exodus 28:17 - And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius**, a **topaz**, and a **carbuncle**: this shall be the first row. And the second row shall be an **emerald**, a **sapphire**, and a **diamond**. And the third row a **ligure**, an **agate**, and an **amethyst**. And the fourth row a **beryl**, and an **onyx**, and a **jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.



1  Sardius Reuben	2  Topaz Simeon	3  Carbuncle Levi
4  Emerald Judah	5  Sapphire Issachar	6  Diamond Zebulun
7  Ligure Nephtali	8  Agate Gad	9  Amethyst Asher
10  Beryl Manassah	11  Onyx Ephram	12  Jasper Benjamin

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- 20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.
- 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.



The Order and Rank

- Numbers 10:13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
- 14 In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
- 15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.
- 16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

The Four Likenesses (Cherubim Guardians)

- 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

“The Four Likenesses”

“Were used in Gods Plan of Redemption

The Model Revealed!



The four
Likenesses

- 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.

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.

“Pillar of Fire ” (Seraphim)



- Exodus 23:20 ¶Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.
- 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: **for my name is in him.**
- 22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.
- 23 **For mine Angel shall go before thee,** and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

“Rosh / Sar ” (Chief Prince)



- Joshua 5:13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?
- 14 And he said, Nay; **but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship,** and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?
- 15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

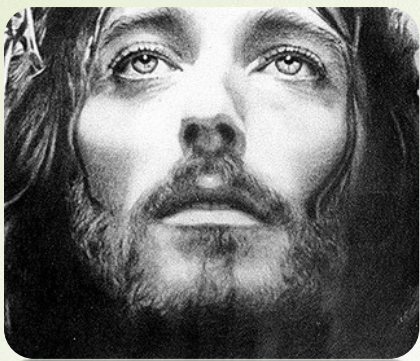


The “Cherub” guarding Gods creation

- 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 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 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



The fiery
flying serpent!

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 third likeness the Son of God (fulfilling the likeness of the Intercessor)



- 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)

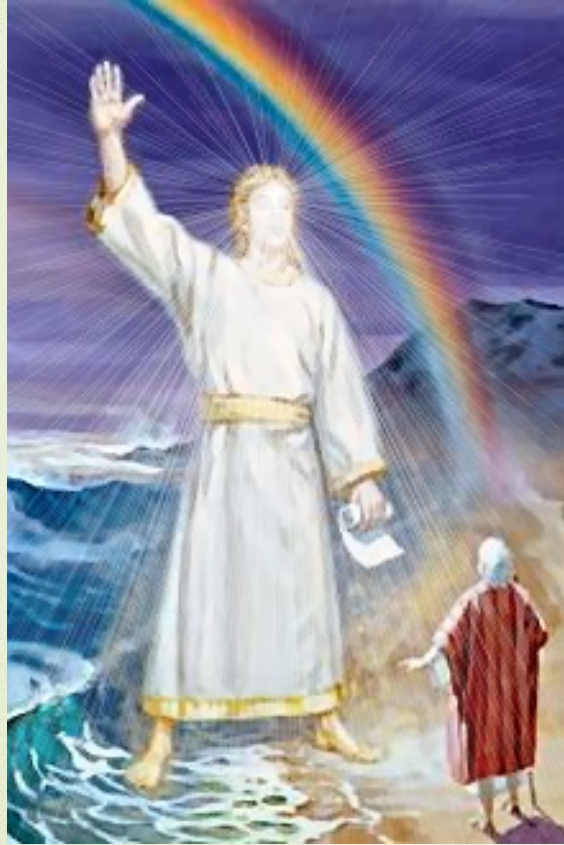


“Bearing the names”

- 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:



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.**