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**Faces of a
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a
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Faces of a Lion, a Man, an Ox, and an Eagle.

Topics.

- The symbolism of faces.
- The face of an eagle, and the character and nature of eagles.
- The face of a human, a lion, a man, and an ox.
- The face of a human, lion, ox, and eagle.
- Jesus' face shone like the sun.
- They will see his face and name on their foreheads.

THE SYMBOLISM OF FACES

When the secular world uses the term, "that person has two faces," they are not saying they have got two heads, they mean they have two characters, while they are with you, they are full of flattery, but behind your back they are speaking or plotting wickedness. With this understanding in mind when the word face is used figuratively it can refer to:

- The countenance and presence of a person their personality, goal, purposes, and motivation etc.
- The character of a king, nation, army or an individual.
- The character of a crowd, or a mass of people, or group of people and of nations.

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THE FACE OF AN EAGLE

Concerning eagles, we read in the book of Exodus:

- **Exodus 19:4:** You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. (Exod. 19:4).

Here God is pictured bringing His people out of Egypt on eagle's wings into the Promised Land, signifying, God will bring all those in Christ into the future Promised Kingdom.

- **Deuteronomy 32:11:** Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, (Deut. 32:11).

Here eagles are pictured protecting, feeding, and caring for their young, signifying, God protecting, feeding (by His Spirit and word), and caring for His children.

THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF EAGLES

They nurture their young: signifying God's care for His people and the care His people have for each other.

They fly high in the air: signifying freedom, especially the freedom and joy those in Christ have.

They never eat dead meat: signifying the faithful never pollute themselves with idols pagan religions or anything that is offensive to God.

They have amazing vision: signifying wisdom and perception in perceiving the truths of the Bible.

They are fearless: signifying those in Christ have no fear of man or of Gods judgment.

They are tenacious (i.e., determined): signifying the determination and endurance of Christians holding fast their faith.

They possess vitality: signifying the energy and vitality, the drive and passion those in Christ have, and their zeal to share the Good News of the Gospel with others.

With all these facts in mind: the face of an eagle embraces a character and countenance of:

- Freedom, caring, joy, wisdom, perception, and determination.
- Endurance fearlessness, energy, vitality, and God's power.

THE FACE OF A HUMAN

A human face, in contrast to the face of a cherub or God signifies:

- The sinful side of human nature which is hypocritical, of low degree, not honourable, destructive, cruel, without mercy (especially when it is used in the context of a nation's army).

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THE FACE OF A LION

A lion is the king of wild animals, they are fierce and when they capture their prey they tear it apart, signifying:

- Power, strength, royalty, and great authority to rule and judge.

THE FACE OF A MAN

On a positive side, the face of a man signifies:

- The goodness of mankind, such as wisdom, prudence, good sense, and compassion.

On a negative side the face of a man signifies:

- The sinful nature, which is of low degree, prideful, lacking honour, hypocritical and destructive, cruel and without mercy (especially when it is used in the context of a nation's army).

THE FACE OF AN OX

The ox is the king of domestic animals (i.e., work animals), they are, strong, powerful able to endure working all day, and as such they signify:

Ministry, service (especially self-sacrificing service), labour and work etc.

THE FACE OF A HUMAN, LION, OX AND EAGLE

These four creatures (a human, lion, ox, and eagle) signify the nature of four armies and their kings. Collectively they signify the character and nature of the following four nations:

1. Babylon
2. Edom
3. Tyre
4. Egypt

It is a symbolic way of saying that the armies of these nations will be fierce, cruel, strong, and swift to destroy and take their prey (i.e., Israel's houses were burned; Jerusalem and the temple of God destroyed, the people slaughtered and those who did survive were taken into captivity for seventy-years to Babylon).

JESUS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN

- **Matthew 17:2:** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

The words, "his face was like the sun," carry the following ideas:

- His face was literally shining bright like the sun.
- His face was shining like Moses' face shone after he had been talking with God when he came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand. (Exodus 34:29-35).
- His face was shining in the same way that all the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. (Matt. 13:43).

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THEY WILL SEE HIS FACE AND NAME ON THEIR FOREHEADS

- **Revelation 22:3-4:** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

This is the strongest expression in the language of Scripture, to denote the most perfect happiness of the heavenly state. No mental vision of God, no complete comprehension and no complete knowledge of Him and no direct contact with Him is ever possible for finite man dwelling on earth, however, when we see Christ through the eyes of faith it can be rightly said that we also see the invisible, eternal Almighty God who dwells in the light that is inaccessible to us at this present time, because, Jesus is the manifestation of God, and the mirror image of His character and love.

But, when the dead in Christ and those who are alive, are caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and always be with him. (1 Thess. 4:15-16) and the perishable (corruptible in KJV) puts on the imperishable (incorruption in KJV), and the mortal puts on immortality, and death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Cor. 15:54) We will not be mortal or finite, but as the heavenly angels are, immortal, without sin, and eternal, and in this state, there will be no reason why we cannot see God

face to face. Here on earth, we see by faith, but in the New World beyond there will be no need for visions or faith, since God will not be invisible, but be seen face to face, as expressed in the following verses:

- **Matthew 5:8:** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- **1 Corinthians 13:12:** For, now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
- **Hebrews 12:14:** Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- **1 John 3:2:** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

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