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# Four Living Creatures

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- **Revelation 15:7:** And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls (golden vials in KJV) full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever,

**A brief overview of the four living creatures:** one of the four living creatures gave seven-golden bowls/vials to the seven angels. These golden bowls were normally used for sweet smelling incense, but in the hands of this living creature, are now filled with the wrath of God, which is about to be poured out upon the antichrist kingdoms in answer to the following heartfelt prayer and cry of the faithful:

- **Revelation 6:10:** “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

The fact it was one of the four living creatures that gives the seven bowls/vials of wrath to the angels:

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This shows that the four living creatures cannot be human ministers of the church on earth (as some suppose). In John's visions of future things to come the four living creatures are seen in heaven from the time John was called up to heaven (Rev. 4:1-11) to the time the bride appears ready for the Lamb. (Rev. 19:4-7). During all this time the church is still on earth, which means that the four living creatures most likely symbolise one of the following two:

- Four figures that have great authority, outstanding power and influence that stand in the presence of the LORD forever ready to carry out His will, plans and purposes.
- God's mighty power and omnipresence over the entire universe and the earth and His will and judgment being worked out on the nations and all creation.

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Their six wings (Rev. 4:8) most likely symbolise strength of something (natural or spiritual) that carries a thing (good or bad) to its destination. There is one on the north, east, south, and west side of God's throne which signifies that their power, influence, and calamities will affect the entire earth in the latter days, and not just part of it.

Being awe-inspiring creatures of splendour and wonder in vision form that worship God and the Lord Jesus Christ they inspire and encourage the church by showing that all things are in God's control and no matter what terrors, dread and calamities come upon earth the redeemed will be resurrected to glory and worship the Lamb with the angels surrounding them.

**NOTE:** The King James Bible uses the word “beasts,” while many modern Bibles use the word, “living creatures.” Since the creatures have characteristics and appearances that beasts cannot have such as being full of eyes in front and behind and having the face of a man (Rev.4:6-8), the better translation is, “a living thing or living creature,” especially since they are to be taken as symbols that represent various things and not literal animals.

Whatever these four living creatures are they appear to represent creation. It is interesting to notice that one of them gave the seven vials/bowls to the seven angels to pour out God's divine justice upon His enemies, and that it is through creation that the wrath of God comes upon

the anti-Christian beast world. It could be said that God has given to creation an eternal righteous law that is averse to evil, and cannot be broken without consequences, which means that His wrath is the operation of His righteous law against sin.

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