

Living creatures and winds

The legions of heaven and their judgment

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there

was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the

thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

Rv 4:1-4

Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, **four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. **The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature****

like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, **who was and who is and who is to come.**”

Rv 4:5-8

Why show heaven? God is coming to His kingdom in this world built according to the structure of the spiritual world (Mt 6:10, Rv 21:1-4).

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, **the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them**, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”**

Rv 21:1-4

Ps 103:20-22

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**Bless the Lord, you His angels,
mighty in strength, who perform His
word, obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,**

**you who serve Him, doing His will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of His,
in all places of His dominion; bless
the Lord, O my soul! Ps 103:20-22**

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(Mt 6:10, Rv 21:1-4).

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Rv 3:12

The four living creatures

- The four living creatures are archangels, the generals of the armies of heaven. They are also called cherubim (Ez 10:15) and seraphim (Is 6:1-3).
- Creature refers to a created being. These four are “living” because they have and obey the living word of God (Jn 1:3-4).
- *All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (Jn 1:3-4)*

- Should we not become the living creatures in the physical world?

As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire. Within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form. Each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze.

Ez 1:4-7

Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies.

Ez 1:8-11

And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went. In the midst of the living

beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright,

and lightning was flashing from the fire. And

the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.

Ez 1:12-14

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- In Ez 1, the 4LC have 4 faces, fire surrounding them, and they move like lightning.
 1. **Lion** - judges people like beasts
 2. **Calf/bull/ox** - judges by plowing the field of the heart
 3. **Man** - judges with discernment between truth and lies

4. Eagle - judges spirits

- They move like the wind and like lightning when sent by God to judge → help those who will be saved to discern (Heb 1:7, 14). How about us?

And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire.” ... Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the

sake of those who will inherit salvation? Heb 1:7, 14

Now I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming forth from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains. With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled horses. Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, “What are these, my lord?” The angel replied to me,

“These are the four spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

Zec 6:1-5

The 4 horsemen & the winds of

judgment

Jesus



God



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Abomination

Rv 7:1-3 (After this...)

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Desolation

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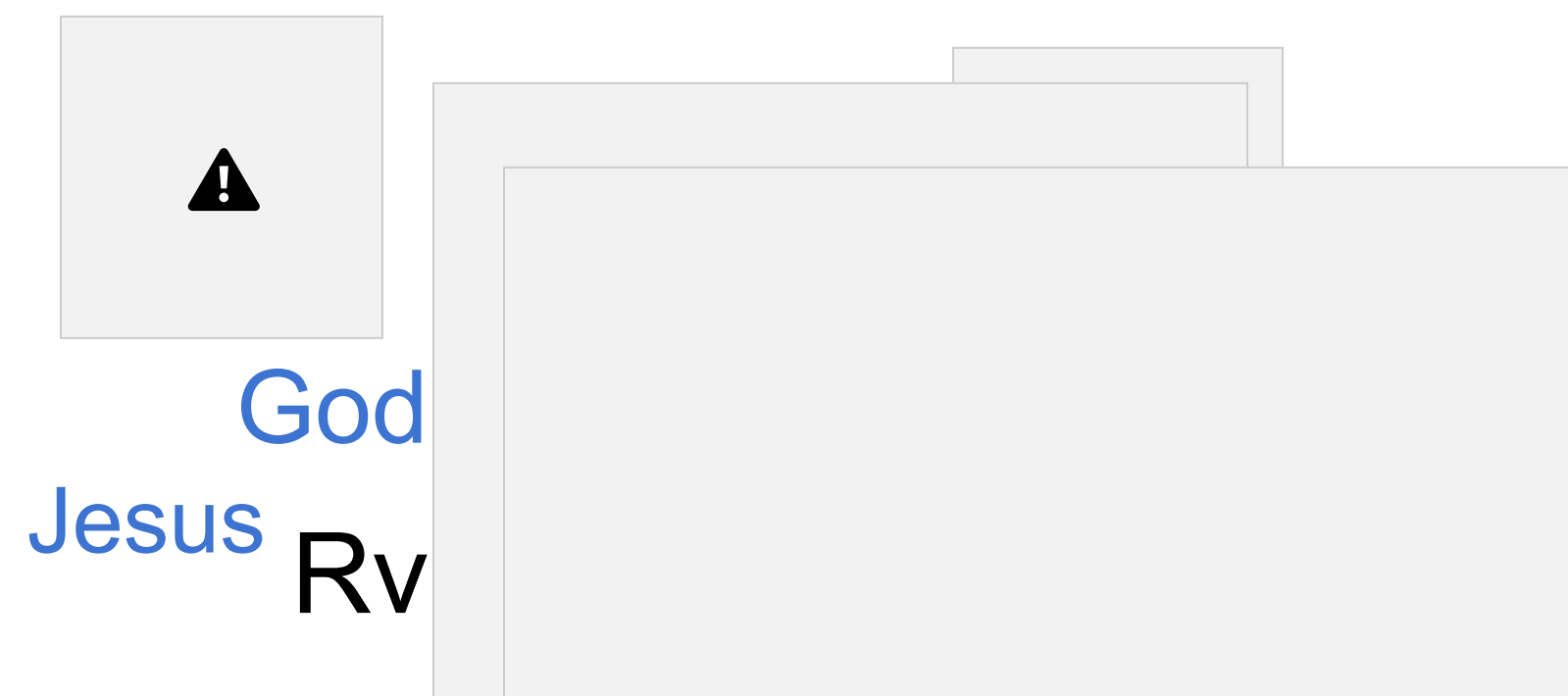
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After this I saw **four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from**

the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”

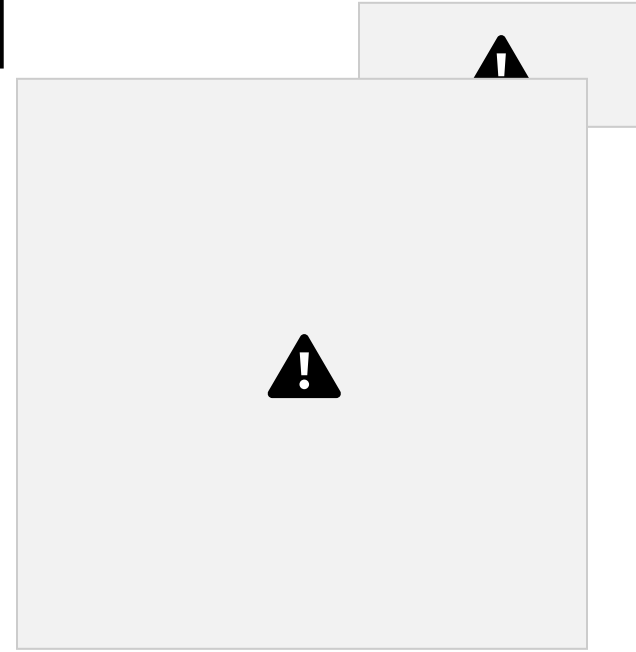
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Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” And another, a red horse,

went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

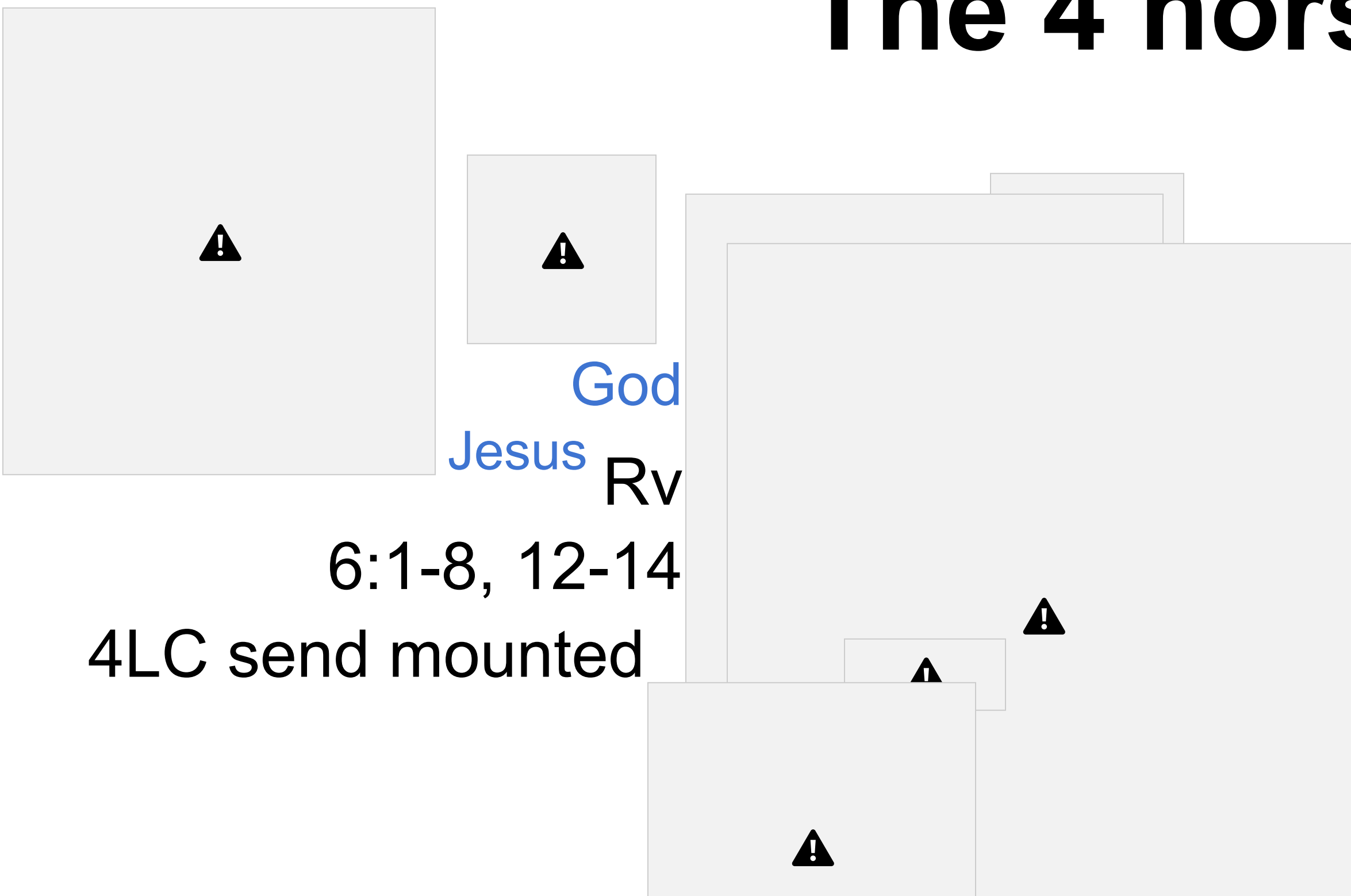
Rv 6:1-4

When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.” When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the

name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

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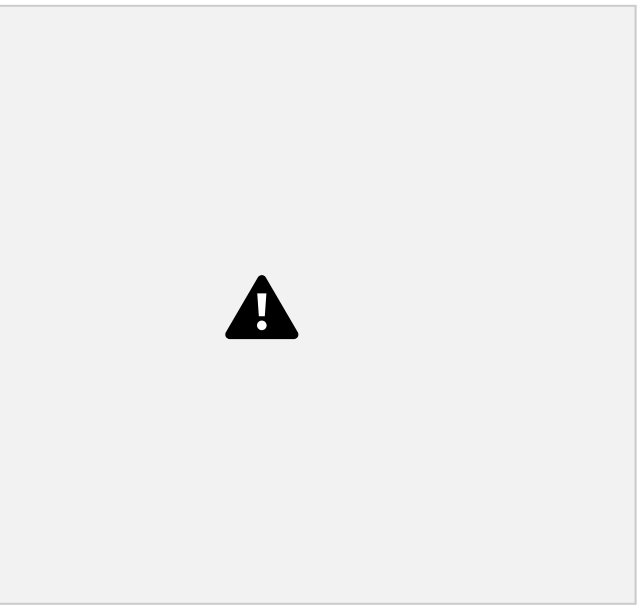
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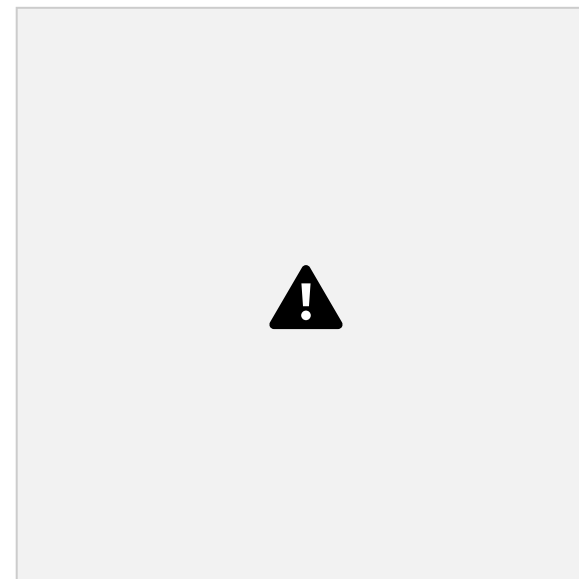


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Summary and conclusion

- Revelation promises God and heaven will return to Zion, the kingdom of heaven on earth at the time of the end.
- The 4 living creatures (cherubim, winds, chariots) are the archangels and the legions of heaven they lead. They are living embodiments of God's word, moving like lightning in obedience to God's commands.
- At the fulfillment, when the revealed word is given, it judges/separates those who claim to be God's people. Those who accept the revealed word receive its spiritual life, but those who reject it are cast out.
- As those who accept it obey God by sealing and sharing the word with others, they become the living creatures in God's kingdom on earth to whom God and heaven come.

Let's pray

