

REVIEW

From Ezekiel, we learn that these beasts are called *cherubim*.

In Isaiah, we hear them described as *seraphim*, “burning ones.”

The cherubim are mentioned many times throughout the Old Testament scriptures.

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known. 2 Samuel 6:2b ...God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

- 1) to be worshiped (Gen 3:24-4:4; Is 6:1-3)
- 2) to speak to us
- 3) to deal with sin
 - a) by judgment and punishment for those not in Christ
 - b) by mercy and forgiveness by the shedding of blood for those in Christ

What are they? Who are they?

Part of answering this is observing what they are doing. So, what are they doing?

They are worshipping God and leading others to worship Him.

TEXT

Revelation 4:6-5:10

LESSON

They are worshipping God as God (4:8)

Rev 4:8

-Holy, holy, holy

-Lord God Almighty

-Who was and is and is to come

They are leading the 24 elders to worship God as Creator (4:9-11)

-when the beasts worship the 24 elders worship

-because He created all things

-because they are created for His pleasure

They are worshipping the Son of God as Savior (5:8-12)

-verse 9 He was slain, and has redeemed us to God by His blood

-verse 10 He has made us unto our God kings and priests

-notice what we have been learning in the 9:30 Bible study: obtaining and applying

-praying, symbolized by vials full of odours, or censers full of incense

-singing, symbolized by harps

-to the question sometimes raised about whether we may use instruments in

worship: notice how the heavenly vision includes instruments with the singing

-note that when they are singing a song, the words are described as what they were

“saying;” see the same in Ephesians 5:29

-verses 11-12 countless angels join in praising the Son of God as Savior

They are leading, or joining with every creature in worshipping God (5:13-14)

-in the vision, not only men and angels, but all other created beings joined in the worship

-see that worship belongs equally to God the Father and to Jesus Christ the Son

-remember that the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is symbolized as being with both

Ellicott: ...the praises (represented by the harps), and the prayers (represented by the censers)...