

Davidic Worship

The Royal Priesthood of God's People

- 1 Chronicles 22:2–19 Preparation for the Temple
- 1 Chronicles 23:1–32 Levites organized into four divisions by type of work
 - Work of the Temple – 1 Chronicles 24:1–31 The divisions of the priests into 24 (verse 4)
 - Worshipers – 1 Chronicles 25:1–31 The divisions of the musicians 24 lots (vs 31)
 - Porters/gatekeepers – 1 Chronicles 26:1–32 The divisions of the gatekeepers 24 divisions (vss 17–19)
 - Officers and judges – 1 Chronicles 27:1–34 division of Officers and tribal leaders (12 + 12) (vs 15–16)

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➤ The Four Beasts and 24 Elders

➤ The imagery of the four beasts and 24 elders in Revelation is a reference to David's organization of the Levites in 1 Chr 23-27

➤ There's not an exact granular correspondence

➤ Adapted from Mosaic to the New Covenant

➤ David lived under the Mosaic covenant, so he did a granular division of the Levites into four functioning units

➤ Under the New Covenant, all believers are priests

➤ New Covenant Priesthood is of all believers, rather than just Levites

Exodus 19:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9

➤ Priesthood of All Believers was God's Original Intention

➤ Explains why the division of officers and judges is listed as a subcategory of Levites in 1 Chr 23:4 "...six thousand were officers and judges..."

➤ Yet, the detailed description of officers in chapter 27 also includes all twelve tribes as both judges over the people and officers in David's court (12 + 12)

➤ New Covenant Temple is in Heaven Revelation 15:5-6

➤ The Four Beasts are presented differently in Ezekiel and Revelation *Ezekiel 10:12-14, Revelation 4:7-8*

➤ Both represent the creature with eyes all around and faces of a lion, ox, man, and eagle

➤ Ezekiel has each creature having all four faces of each animal

➤ In Revelation each creature has a specific distinct face

➤ Eyes represent the ability to see God's light. Scripture is presented as a light

➤ Both Testaments have a Pentateuch composed of a history book with doctrine and four doctrinal books

➤ Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy – Law

➤ Matthew, Mark, Luke John, Acts – grace

➤ Scripture as Light – *2 Peter 1:19-21*

➤ The four living beasts represent the use of Scripture to guide worship

➤ The 24 elders represent each believer taking their place as King and Priest before God's Throne