# WHAT DO THE SEVEN HORNS AND THE SEVEN EYES REPRESENT?

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In Revelation 5:6, we read:

"And I saw, and look, in the middle of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, there was a Lamb, standing as it had been slain, bhaving seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, which have been sent out into all the earth." (AT)

# Explanation of verse 6<sup>a</sup>

"And I saw, and look, in the middle of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, there was a Lamb, standing as it had been slain"

The main Subject in this verse is **the Lamb**. This Lamb stands in the center of the heavenly temple, in other words, in the center of the throne room of God and it looks as it had been slain.

#### Who is the Lamb?

According to John 1:29,36, Isaiah 53:7 and 1 Peter 1:19, the Lamb is the Lord Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood for the sins of the world. Let us read these verses:

John 1:29,36:

"<sup>29</sup>On the morrow, John sees Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold! The Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world ... <sup>36</sup>And looking at Jesus walking, he said, Behold, the Lamb of God!"

### Isaiah 53:7:

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a ewe before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth."

## 1 Peter 1:19:

"but with precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish ...."

# **Explanation of verse 6**<sup>b</sup>

"having seven horns"

# What do the "horns" symbolize?

The term "horns" symbolizes kings --- persons of power, of authority. Our conclusion is supported by the following scriptures:

#### Daniel 7:24:

"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise:" (KJV)

#### Revelation 17:12:

"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast."

# Daniel 8:3-8,20-22.

"Then I lifted up my eyes and looked. And behold! A ram was standing before the canal, having two horns. And the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. 4I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward, so that no beasts could stand before him, and none could deliver

out of his hand. But he did according to his will and became great. <sup>5</sup>And I was considering. And behold! A male of the goats came from the west, over the face of all the earth and did not touch the ground. And the he goat had an outstanding horn between his eyes. 6And he came to the ram with two horns which I had seen standing before the canal. And he ran to it in the fury of his power. <sup>7</sup>And I saw him touched beside the ram. And he was moved with anger against him. And he struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground and trampled him. And no one could deliver the ram from his hand. 8Then the he-goat became very great. And when he was mighty, the great horn was shattered. And in its place came up four outstanding ones toward the four winds of the heavens ... <sup>20</sup>The ram which you saw with two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup>And the shaggy goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king (Alexander the Great). <sup>22</sup>And as for that which was shattered, and four stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation (after Alexander's death his empire was divided into four parts and they were given to his four generals) but not in its power." (LITV – Author's parentheses and underlining)

## **Explanation of verse 6**<sup>c</sup>

"and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, which have been sent out into all the earth."

#### Who are the "seven eyes" of God?

The above words are very clear: The "seven eyes ... are the seven spirits of God, which have been sent out into all the earth."

## Who are "the seven spirits of God"?

For a full understanding of "the seven spirits", read the explanation of Revelation 1:4<sup>b</sup> (Decoded book, pages 20-26). However, let us review the following five scriptures and let us reason with them because they will help us further identify the "seven eyes" of God:

## 1. Revelation 1:4

"... and from the seven spirits which are before His throne".

## 2. Revelation 8:2

"And I saw the seven angels who were standing before God ...."

## 3. Revelation 5:6<sup>c</sup>

"and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, which have been sent out into all the earth."

## 4. Revelation 4:5

"... and before the throne (there were) seven burning lamps of fire which are the seven spirits of God".

## **5.** Hebrews 1:7

"... (God) makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire."

From the above five verses, we realize that the "seven eyes", the "seven spirits", the "seven burning lamps of fire" and the "seven angels" are one and the same!

The fact that these **seven ministerial angels** stand before the throne of God denotes that **they are beings of great importance**, **of great power and authority**. **Indeed**, **they**  are heavenly rulers and we know them as archangels (i.e., leaders of angels).

## Do we know any of the heavenly rulers or archangels?

Yes, we do! One of them is Michael. Daniel tells us that Michael is "one of the first rulers" (Daniel 10:13) and a "great ruler" (Daniel 12:1), Jude tells us that he is an "archangel" (leader of angels; Jude 1:9) and Revelation 12:7-9 tells us that Michael and his angels made war against Satan and his angels in heaven, that he conquered them and that he cast them down to the planet earth.

Another one of the first rulers "who stands before the throne of God" is Gabriel!

# How do we know that Gabriel is one of the seven who "stand before the throne of God"?

From his own words! When he spoke to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, he said: "... I am Gabriel who stands before God ...." (Luke 1:19).

## Does God send the Archangels to the planet earth?

Yes, He does! For instance, in Daniel 10:13 we see Michael coming down to Persia to help another angel, and in Luke 1:26,27 we read that **God sent Gabriel** to the virgin Mary to announce to her the coming of the Son of God into our world!

From all the above, we realize that the "seven eyes" of God which have been sent out into all the earth are the seven **Archangels of hosts who stand before His throne** (Also read Zechariah 4:2,10.)

# Why was it necessary to do the previous study on the "seven horns" and on the "seven eyes" of God?

Because now we are in a position to understand the reason the Lamb has "seven horns" and "seven eyes"! The fact that the "seven horns" represent all the earthly authorities (kings: Revelation 17:10) and the "seven eyes" represent the leaders of all the heavenly hosts (Archangels: Revelation 12:7), proves that the words of the resurrected Lord Jesus in Matthew 28:18 are true! There, He said to His disciples:

# "... All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to *Me.* "

Paul agrees with our conclusion because, in Philippians 2:10,11, he wrote:

"... at the name of Jesus 'every knee will bow' of those who are in heaven, and of those who are on earth, and of those who are under the earth, and 'every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

All the above help us see the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 where it says that "the government", in other words, all authority, will be "upon His shoulder"!

Praise You Jesus! The universal authority in heaven, on earth and under the earth, is Yours O King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16)!!