

Who are the seven spirits?

(Excerpt from my book, "The Book of Revelation Decoded!", pages 22-26.)

In Revelation 1:4^b we read:

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

Explanation of verse 4^b

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

Here, John says that the greetings are also sent to the churches ***"from the seven spirits which are before His throne"***.

Who are the seven spirits which stand before the throne of God?

Other exegetes of the book of Revelation are of the opinion that the number ***"seven"*** expresses perfection and that for this reason ***"the seven spirits which are before His throne"*** represent the Holy Spirit who is in full operation before the throne of God. However, the author of this book does not agree with the foregoing **opinion** because scripture does not support it. What I see from the Scriptures is that **the Holy Spirit is the Lord God** (2 Corinthians 3:17), and since He is One of the True Godhead YHWH, **He sits on the throne** --- He is not divided into seven personalities which stand **before the throne of God**, and which send greetings to the churches. The Scriptures show that ***"the seven spirits"*** are **seven angelic beings of great importance, of great office, who are "first rulers" or archangels in heav-**

en, and whom the Lord God has favored **to stand before Him**, in other words, **to stand before His throne!**

Does the Bible mention that the angels are “spirits”?

Yes, it does! In the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 1 and verse 7, we read about the angels the following:

“And as to the angels, He said, “Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire;””

Thus, ***“the seven spirits which are before the throne”*** of God, are **seven angelic beings!**

The last words of the foregoing verse present one more point which proves that ***“the seven spirits”*** which are before the throne of God are angelic beings. There, we read that God makes His angels, His ***“ministers”***, ***“flame of fire”***. And, in Revelation 4:5, we hear John describing the seven angels, ***“the seven spirits”*** which stand before the throne of God, as ***“seven lamps of fire”***! Let us read his words:

“... ^band before the throne (there were) seven burning lamps of fire which are the seven spirits of God;” (AT)

The fact that the foregoing ***“seven spirits”*** or ***“seven lamps of fire”*** which stand before the throne of God are ***seven angelic beings***, is also proven by Revelation 8:2. There, John presents them as ***“angels”***. He said,

“And I saw the seven angels who were standing before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.”

Who are those angelic beings, those “*first rulers*” or archangels in heaven who stand before God? Do we know their names?

One could consider the following information:

The book of Daniel informs us that **Michael the archangel** is “*one of the first rulers*” in heaven (Daniel 10:13).

Another one of the first rulers “*who stands before the throne of God*” is **Gabriel!** Gabriel is the one who received the great privilege of announcing to the virgin Mary the good news about the coming of the Son of God into our world in order to save **His** people from their sins (Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:21).

How do we know that Gabriel is one of those 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).

A POINT OF INTEREST

The names of the other five “*of the first rulers*” are not mentioned in today’s Bible. However, Jude, in verses 14 and 15, presents to us a prophecy from the book of the prophet Enoch (Enoch 1:9). Let us read the words of Jude and the words of Enoch:

Jude 14,15 (ASV):

“And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Enoch 1:9:

“And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones To execute judgment upon all, And to destroy all the ungodly: And to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, And of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

If the Holy Spirit moved Jude to quote from the book of Enoch and therefore some of Enoch’s writings became part of today’s written word of God, I have no reason not to, at least, consider the names of the seven heavenly rulers as they are listed in that book, especially since the names “Michael” and “Gabriel” are included in that list. Here are the names as they appear in the book of Enoch: 1. Uriel. 2. Raphael. 3. Raguel. 4. Michael. 5. Sarakiel. 6. Gabriel. 7. Ramiel. (Book of Enoch 20:1-7)

Therefore, when God and Christ sent their greetings to the churches, the seven heavenly rulers (Archangels) who stand before the throne of God took the opportunity to do the same. After all, those who are in Christ “... *are no longer strangers and tenants, but ... are fellow citizens of the saints and of the family of God*” (Ephesians 2:19)! Even the writer of the letter to the Hebrews said that the Christians “... *have drawn near Mount Zion, even the city of the living God, to a heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, and to a gathering, an assembly of the first-born ones having been enrolled in Heaven; and to God the Judge of all, and to spirits of just ones who have been perfected; and to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant*” (Hebrews 12:22-24)!

I am so greatly honored to be part of such a great “family” and to know that I have been “*enrolled in Heaven*”, in oth-

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er words, that my name has been written in the book of life
(John 1:12; Philippians 4:3)! Thank you, Lord Jesus!