

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
CREATION

1 CHRONICLES 15:1–16; GENESIS 1



- 1. We want to begin to examine the majesty and power of God as Creator and expressed through His Creation**
- 2. From this we want to move through the development of God's creation as it relates to the idea of worship**
- 3. As we do this we will then examine a key teaching or theme of Scripture which traces through the dwelling of God in His creation. The purpose for this is to enhance and expand our understanding of worship.**



**Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’**

**Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

**Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”**



**Gen. 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to serve (work) and watch over (keep) it.”**



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**Rev. 22:3, “And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.”**



## **Umberto Cassuto:**

**“Also in the book of Ezekiel, which makes repeated references to Eden, especially in two sections that we shall discuss later, mention is made of the cherub in connection with the garden of Eden (28:14f); but the cherub there is not necessarily outside Paradise, as it is depicted here, but actually inside it.”**



**“The earliest description of Paradise is in Genesis 2. Man’s banishment from it is in Genesis 3. Luke 23:43 tells of a restoration to it, and 2 Cor. 12:2, 4 speaks of a vision of it. A promise of a future enjoyment within it is in Rev. 2:7 (Bullinger). The five verses that begin Revelation 22 show that God’s redemption will return the new creation to the Garden of Eden state and to the Creator’s intention for humanity.”**

**~Robert Thomas, *Commentary on Revelation*, vol 2.**



**“Rev. 22:3 The absence of the curse and the presence of God and of the Lamb further characterize the restoration of Paradise ...”**

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**Rev. 22:5, “There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”**

**Rev. 22:9, “Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.’ ”**



# **God's Act of Creation is the Foundation for Worship**

**Psa. 148:5, “Let them praise the name of  
the LORD, for He commanded and they  
were created.”**



**To the Chief Musician. On the Instrument  
of Gath. A Psalm of David.**

**Psa. 8:1, “O LORD, our Lord, How excellent  
is Your name in all the earth, Who have set  
Your glory above the heavens!**

**Psa. 8:2, “Out of the mouth of babes and  
nursing infants You have ordained  
strength, because of Your enemies, that  
You may silence the enemy and the  
avenger.”**



**Psa. 8:3, “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

**Psa. 8:4, “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?”**

**Psa. 8:5, “For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.”**



**Psa. 8:6, “You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

**Psa. 8:7, “All sheep and oxen—Even the beasts of the field,**

**Psa. 8:8, “The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.**

**Psa. 8:9, “O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!”**



**Psa. 136:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good! For His mercy endures  
forever.**

**Psa. 136:2, “Oh, give thanks to the God of  
gods! For His mercy endures forever.**

**Psa. 136:3, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord of  
lords! For His mercy endures forever:**

**Psa. 136:4, “To Him who alone does great  
wonders, For His mercy endures forever;”**



**Psa. 136:5, “To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;**

**Psa. 136:6, “To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever;**

**Psa. 136:7, “To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever—**

**Psa. 136:8, “The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever;**

**Psa. 136:9, “The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.”**



**Psa. 29:9, “The voice of the LORD makes  
the deer give birth, and strips the forests  
bare; And in His temple everyone says,  
‘Glory!’ ”**



# **God's Act of Creation is the Foundation for Worship**

- 1. The first glimpse of angelic worship is directed to God as Creator.**



**Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.**

**Job 38:5, “Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?**

**Job 38:6, “To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,**

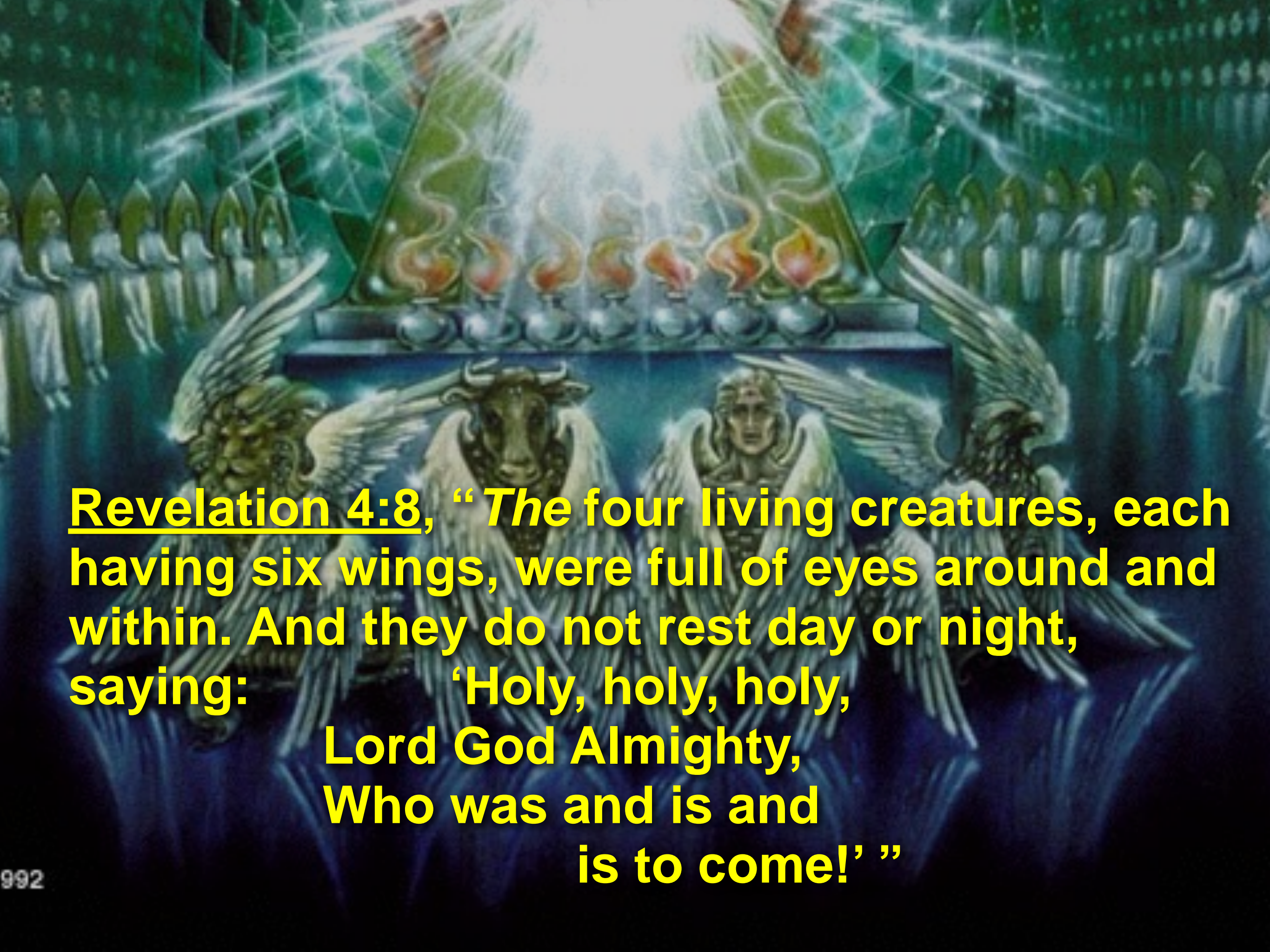
**Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”**



**One of the future glimpses we see of angelic worship echoes Isa. 6:3 and is followed by the 24 Elders (raptured Church Age believers) praising God as Creator.**

**Isa. 6:3, “And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”**





**Revelation 4:8, “*The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:* ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’ ”**





**Rev. 4:11, “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”**



## **2. Creation is related to appreciating the majesty of God.**

**1 Chron. 29:11, “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.”**



## 2. Creation is related to appreciating the majesty of God.

גִּאְוָה (*ga'ăwâ*) majesty, excellence.

הוֹד (*hôd*) splendor, majesty, vigor, glory, honor.

הִדָּר (*harar*) ornament, splendor, honor.



**1 Chron. 16:26, “For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

**1 Chron. 16:27, “Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and gladness are in His place.”**



**Psa. 145:4, “One generation shall praise  
Your works to another, and shall declare  
Your mighty acts.**

**Psa. 145:5, “I will meditate on the glorious  
splendor of Your majesty, and on Your  
wondrous works.”**



**3. God as the *ex nihilo* Creator of all things is foundational to everything in our lives.**

**Without creation there is no basis for meaning, value of humanity, for understanding good and evil, for sin, for redemption, for ethics, or for hope for the future.**



**4. We cannot understand Jesus without a biblical doctrine of creation.**

**John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:2, “He was in the beginning with God.**

**John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”**



**5. God as Creator is contrasted to the false gods, the idols.**

**1 Chron. 16:26, “For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.”**



**Psa. 33:6, “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.**

**Psa. 33:7, “He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.**

**Psa. 33:8, “Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.**

**Psa. 33:9, “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”**



**6. Creation as described in Gen. 1 is the foundation of the Law and the rationale for all of the ten commandments.**

**Ex. 20:9, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,**

**Ex. 20:10, “but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.**

**Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**



**7. Creation answers the question: Why should I obey the commands of God?**

**a. Because all of creation obeyed God when He commanded them to come into existence.**



**7. Creation answers the question: Why should I obey the commands of God?**

**b. God's commands produced absolute perfection and beauty.**



**7. Creation answers the question: Why should I obey the commands of God?**

**c. God's commands produced life, harmony, and peace.**



## **8. The 1st commandment:**

**Ex. 20:2, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**

**Ex. 20:3, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”**

**All of the other gods were forces of nature created by Yhwh.**



## 9. The 4th commandment:

**Ex. 20:9, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,**

**Ex. 20:10, “but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.**

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