

## Chapter 2

# Yahweh Showed Me Four Craftsmen

### BIBLE

Four great animals came up from the sea, diverse one from another.<sup>1</sup>

Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.<sup>2</sup>

Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.<sup>3</sup>

He dreamed. Behold, a stairway set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. Behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it.<sup>4</sup>

Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.<sup>5</sup>

Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke out on the great sea.<sup>6</sup> I heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound which I heard was like that of harpists playing on their harps."<sup>7</sup>

### COMMENTARY

<sup>1</sup> **Daniel 7:3** [*The "four great animals" that "came up from the sea" are the Beatles*] Animal names have always been popular choices for rock bands. Examples include the Byrds, the Turtles, Eagles, the Monkees, the Animals, Scorpions, Arctic Monkeys, Counting Crows, and of course the Beatles. The Beatles, who hailed from the port city of Liverpool, England, chose their name as a tribute to a favorite band of theirs, the Crickets, featuring Buddy Holly.

<sup>2</sup> **Daniel 1:17** [*"Daniel" is Brian Epstein, original manager of the Beatles*] Like the Biblical Daniel, Brian Epstein was one of the world's great Jewish visionaries.

<sup>3</sup> **Daniel 6:11**

<sup>4</sup> **Genesis 28:12** Angels of God bring heavenly ideas to earth.

<sup>5</sup> **Daniel 2:19** Brian Epstein, who discovered the Beatles in November 1961 at the legendary Cavern Club in Liverpool, had a vision for the group. He saw great potential in the band, and guided them to much of their early success.

<sup>6</sup> **Daniel 7:2**

<sup>7</sup> **Revelation 14:2**

“Yahweh showed me four craftsmen.<sup>8</sup>  
They sing to the tambourine and harp,  
and rejoice at the sound of the pipe.<sup>9</sup>

“Yes, they will sing of the ways of  
Yahweh; for great is Yahweh’s glory.<sup>10</sup>

“There will be no night, and they need  
no lamp light; for the Lord God will  
illuminate them. They will reign  
forever and ever.<sup>11</sup>

“Your eyes will see, and you will  
say, ‘Yahweh is great—even beyond  
the border of Israel!’<sup>12</sup> For he will put  
his angels in charge of you, to guard  
you in all your ways.”<sup>13</sup>

Then Daniel went to his house, and  
made the thing known to Hananiah,  
Mishael, and Azariah: his  
companions.<sup>14</sup>

These great animals, which are four,  
are four kings, who shall arise out of  
the earth.<sup>15</sup> They will come from the  
east, west, north, and south, and will  
sit down in God’s Kingdom.<sup>16</sup>

“I will strengthen them in Yahweh;  
and they will walk up and down in his  
name,” says Yahweh.<sup>17</sup> “Out of them  
shall proceed thanksgiving and the  
voice of those who make merry; and I  
will multiply them and they shall not  
be few; I will also glorify them and  
they shall not be small.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>8</sup> **Zechariah 1:20**

<sup>9</sup> **Job 21:12**

<sup>10</sup> **Psalm 138:5** Natt Weiss, friend  
and business partner of Brian  
Epstein: “He had the vision to say  
the Beatles would be bigger than  
Elvis in 1961...He knew that the  
Beatles would be bigger than  
anything and he never gave up on  
that.”

<sup>11</sup> **Revelation 22:5**

<sup>12</sup> **Malachi 1:5**

<sup>13</sup> **Psalm 91:11**

<sup>14</sup> **Daniel 2:17** Beatles producer  
George Martin, on Brian Epstein:  
“He had this unswerving devotion  
and faith in them [The Beatles],  
that they were brilliant and that  
they were going to conquer the  
world.”

<sup>15</sup> **Daniel 7:17**

<sup>16</sup> **Luke 13:29** Each Beatle will bring  
his own distinct personality to the  
group, and to the cause of  
furthering God’s Kingdom.

<sup>17</sup> **Psalm 148:5** Michael Smith,  
*The Present (With Religion)*: “The  
Beatles themselves were like other  
men, but the music and lyrics  
channeled through them contained  
magic and messages from beyond  
the mind.”

<sup>18</sup> **Zechariah 10:12** Philip Larkin:  
“When you get to the top, there is  
nowhere to go but down. But the  
Beatles could not get down. There  
they remain, unreachable, frozen,  
fabulous.”

“They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.<sup>19</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.<sup>20</sup>

“They will be for a sign and for a wonder to you and your offspring – forever.”<sup>21</sup>

Let them praise Yahweh’s name, for he commanded, and they were created.<sup>22</sup>

As for their appearance, the four of them had one likeness, like a wheel within a wheel.<sup>23</sup> They had hair like women’s hair, and their teeth were like those of lions.<sup>24</sup>

They had breast-plates which seemed to be made of steel; and the noise caused by their wings was like that of a vast number of horses and chariots hurrying into battle.<sup>25</sup>

The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>19</sup> **Jeremiah 30:19**

<sup>20</sup> **Isaiah 35:5**

<sup>21</sup> **Ezekiel 44:23**

<sup>22</sup> **Deuteronomy 28:46** Kurt

Vonnegut: "I say in speeches that a plausible mission of artists is to make people appreciate being alive at least a little bit. I am then asked if I know of any artists who pulled that off. I reply, 'The Beatles did.'"

<sup>23</sup> **Ezekiel 10:10**

<sup>24</sup> **Revelation 9:8** Sinéad O’ Connor:

“I have a theory that the Beatles were actually the four horsemen of the apocalypse. They changed the entire face of the planet.”

<sup>25</sup> **Revelation 9:9** The “breast-plates which seemed to be made of steel” are electric guitars. Michael Tomasky, in *Yeah Yeah Yeah*, credits the Beatles for basically inventing the “rock and roll two electric guitar sound.” Sounds affect our brain chemistry and thus our mood, and Tomasky describes the electric guitar as “the emperor of the dopamine kingdom.”

<sup>26</sup> **Revelation 4:7** John is represented by the lion, a symbol of outspoken leadership, strength and courage. Ringo is the calf; peaceful, gentle and dependent on the rest of the herd. George is the flying eagle, a symbol of strength combined with lofty spiritual values. Paul, “the cute Beatle,” has facial features distinctive from the others in this group: he has “a face like a man.”

They are joined to one another. They stick together, so that they can't be pulled apart.<sup>27</sup> Each one went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; they didn't turn when they went.<sup>28</sup>

And all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>29</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.<sup>30</sup>

Yahweh is their strength. He is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.<sup>31</sup> They change the night into day, saying "The light is near" in the presence of darkness.<sup>32</sup>

This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.<sup>33</sup>

For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can't bear up.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>27</sup> **Job 41:17** Allen Ginsberg: "The Beatles changed American consciousness."

<sup>28</sup> **Ezekiel 1:12** George: "I think we gave hope to the Beatle fans. We gave them a positive feeling that there was a sunny day ahead and that here was a good time to be had and that you are your own person and that the government doesn't own you. There were those kinds of messages in a lot of our songs."

<sup>29</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:3** Artemy Troitsky: "The Beatles, Paul, John, George and Ringo have done more for the fall of Communism than any other western institution."

<sup>30</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:4** By aligning themselves with their higher nature and letting God express through them, the Beatles drank from the rock that was Christ consciousness.

<sup>31</sup> **Psalms 28:8** Jim Wentzel: "[The Beatles] changed the world's attitude toward what the younger generation could accomplish."

<sup>32</sup> **Job 17:12** "When the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines," the Beatles remind us in "Let It Be."

<sup>33</sup> **Isaiah 14:26** Paul: "There'd never been anything like the Beatles, who were about music but also about something more far-reaching."

<sup>34</sup> **Proverbs 30:21** Plato: "When the mode of the music changes, the walls of the city will shake."