

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 4 and 5

Revelation 4:1

"After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, (a voice) as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must come to pass hereafter."

A Door Opens in Heaven!

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Revelation 4:2

"Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne"

"In the Spirit"

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Revelation 4:3

"and he that sat (was) to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and (there was) a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon."

His Appearance

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Revelation 4:4

"And round about the throne (were) four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones (I saw) four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold."

24 Elders

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Revelation 4:5

"And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And (there was) seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God"

From the Throne

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Revelation 4:6

“and before the throne, as it were a sea of glass like a crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind.”

Sea of Glass

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Revelation 4:7

“And the first creature (was) like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature (was) like a flying eagle.”

Four Living Creatures

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Four Living Creatures

- “Full of eyes” – all-seeing ability
- “Cherubim” (Ezekiel 10:5, 10, 18, 20)
- “Seraphim” (Isaiah 6:1-2)
- “Lion” – strength
- “Calf” – service
- “Man” – intelligence
- “Flying Eagle” – velocity and swiftness
- These living creatures are special servants of God – strong, swift, intelligent, and always vigilant. Beings of the highest order that **guard** holy things of God and never fail to **worship**.

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Revelation 4:8

“and the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, (is) the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

No Rest Night or Day

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Revelation 4:9

“And when the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth for ever and ever”

Give Thanks and Honor

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Living Creatures Give Constant Praise and Honor

- No rest day or night
- **Message:**
 - In Isaiah’s throne scene ... praise of the Lord God Almighty (Isaiah 6:1-3).
 - God is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).
 - Habakkuk described him so, “Art not thou from everlasting, O Jehovah my God, my Holy One” (Habakkuk 1:12; 2:20).
 - “Holy, Holy, Holy” – purity of God
 - “Lord God Almighty” – power
 - “Who was and is and is to come” – eternal existence (Exodus 3:14).
- Gives **glory, honor, and thanks** to one on the throne

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Revelation 4:10

"the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,"

24 Elders Cast Crowns

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Revelation 4:11

"Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the ⁽¹⁾glory and the ⁽²⁾honor and the ⁽³⁾power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created."

Worthy of Glory, Honor and Power ...

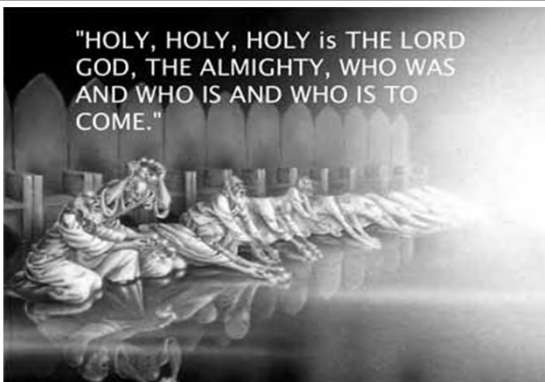
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Worthy of All Glory Honor and Power

- Living creatures **fall down** before Him.
- 24 elders fall down and **cast their crowns** before Him.
- The **Song**:
 - *God is worthy of all glory and honor and power. cf. Revelation 5:12*
 - *All things came from Him.*
 - *He created all things.*
 - Acts 14:15; 17:24-28

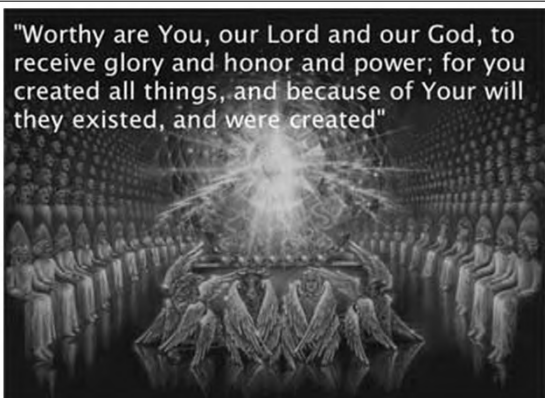
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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."



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"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created"



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Romans 1:25

"Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

Such Honor Belongs Only to God!

Chapter 5

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“Worthy is the Lamb and the Scroll”

- I. A Scroll That No One Could Open (verses 1-4)**
- II. The Lamb Takes The Scroll (verses 5-7)**
- III. Worship of the Lamb as Worthy (verses 8-14)**

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“Only Christ can open the book and carry forth God’s judgments on wicked men. The destiny of men is in the nail-pierced hands of the Lamb who was slain.”

– Ray Summers, *Worthy is the Lamb*, Page 136

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What Is The Point?

“Believing in the power of God (chap. 4) and the redeeming love of God (chap. 5), there is no enemy or force of evil which Christians need to fear. They can enter the conflict or endure evil knowing that God is still on his throne; he has not laid aside his scepter; he has ...

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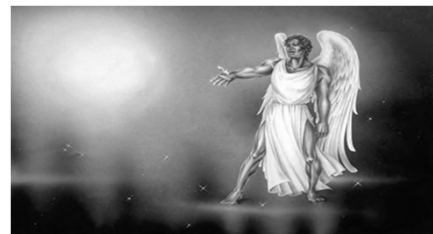
... not abandoned his throne to any other. He is mightier than all the forces arrayed against his people. Faith in him gives man the proper evaluation of life, of its issues and their outcome.”

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Book of Revelation: Chapter 5



The Lion – Lamb

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Revelation 5:1

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals.”

The Scroll

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Revelation 5:2

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?”

The Question

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Revelation 5:3

“And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon.”

No One to Open

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Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”



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God Holds the Sealed Book

- **“Scroll”** – sheets of papyrus joined edge-to-edge (rolled)
- **“Written inside and on the back”** no blank spaces – full on both sides, written to capacity. Nothing lacking.
- **“Sealed up”** only here “closely sealed” – completely sealed
- **“Seven seals”** – perfection. The individual seals will reveal each section of the whole, which is the destiny of the church.

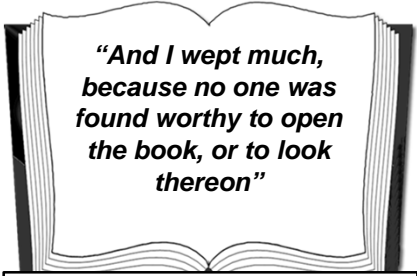
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Proclamation of the Strong Angel

- **“Strong angel”** has nothing to do with the opening of the book (10:1; 18:21).
- **“Who is worthy”** – good enough or qualified:
 - To **“open the book”**
 - To **“break the seals”**
- Meaning to open the book by **breaking the seals**.
- **“No one”** was able – not the strong angel with the challenge, or those who heard it.

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Revelation 5:4



“And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon”

John Weeping

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John Weeps

- John begins to **weep**, but no one can open the book or break its seals.
 - None in **heaven** (*angelic*)
 - None on the **earth** (*man*)
 - None **under** the earth (*departed spirits*)
- Would he not get to see that which he was promised back in 4:1?
 - “... I will show you things which **MUST** take place after this.”

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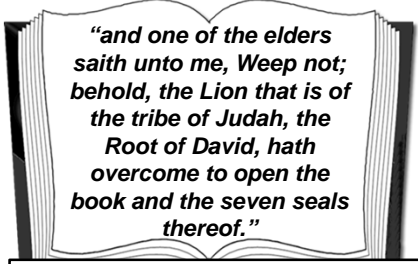
John Weeps

What is the Message Within?

- The future of God’s people and their struggle
- God’s eternal purpose (cf. verse 9)
- See the message: chapters 6-11

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Revelation 5:5

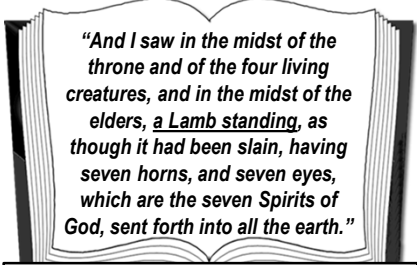


“and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof.”

The Lion of Judah

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Revelation 5:6



“And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth.”

Lamb Slain

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Revelation 5:7



“And he came, and he taketh (it) out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne.”

Takes the Scroll!

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Comfort for John

- Comfort for John – Christ has “**overcome**.” He is worthy to “open the books and the seals!” Conquering Christ.
- The elder – not the angel – offers comfort.
- John turns to see a lion, but he sees a **Lamb** standing, as if slain. (**John 1:29**)
- Located in the center of all the beings named, for **He is the center (focal point) of the vision, ready for action.**

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The Lion

- **Lion (Genesis 49:8-12)**
 - Hand on neck of enemies
 - Brethren bow down
 - Scepter – Ruler (authority and power)
 - Lawgiver
 - Obedience of the people
 - Teeth whiter than milk (**1 Peter 2:22**)

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The Lion – Lamb

- **The Root of David (2 Samuel 7:12-14)**
 - The source of David
 - Root and offspring of David (**22:16**)
 - Tied to David (**Matthew 22:41-46**)
 - Mentioned on Pentecost (**Acts 2:29-36**)
 - Shoot (or stock) out of Jesse (**Isaiah 11:1-2**)

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Lamb Slain

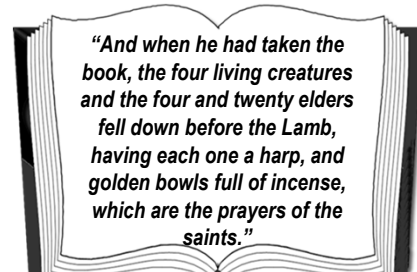
- **John beheld the Lamb (John 1:29)**
 - “**Slain**” cf. **1 Peter 1:18-20**
 - **Seven horns** (horn = power) (**Deuteronomy 33:17; 1 Samuel 2:10**)
 - Seven horns = **complete** power
 - **Seven eyes** identified as the seven spirits of God (Probably the **Holy Spirit**)
 - “**Sent into all the world**” – with the gospel (**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Colossians 1:23**)

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Lamb Takes the Scroll

- **Lamb approached the Father.**
- **Two distinct persons!**
- Only Jesus was able to approach and take the scroll (**1 Timothy 2:5-6**).
- Pictured in **prophecy**
 - **Psalms 110:1-2**
 - **Daniel 7:13,14**
- He **overcame** (**3:21; Hebrews 1:2-6**)

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Revelation 5:8**Living Creatures Fall Down**

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Revelation 5:9



"And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood (men) of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation"

The New Song!

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Revelation 5:10



"and madest them (to be) unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon earth."

Kings and Priests

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Commendation Song

- **Four living creatures** and the **24 elders** fall down before the Lamb.
 - Worship, praise, and adoration!
- **Harp** and **golden bowls**
 - The harp is for praise.
 - Golden bowls are the **saints' prayers**; they were despised on earth but precious in heaven.
 - Sing a **"NEW"** song.
 - Only God is to be worshipped (22:8-9).

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New Song

- **"Sing a new song"**
 - Worthy is the Lamb – His worthiness. Only Jesus could open the book of God's eternal purpose.
- Speaks of man's **redemption** (Ephesians 1:3-13; 3:10ff)
 - **Mystery before not revealed!** (cf. 1 Peter 1:9-13)
- Purchased people with **His blood** (1:5)
- **They were redeemed** by His blood (1 Peter 1:18-20)
- Every tribe, tongue, nation, or people!
- Emphasis is on the His **worthiness** – what He has done!

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Kings and Priests

- Made **people** to be:
 - **A kingdom** – He made them a kingdom (1:9; Colossians 1:13-14)
 - **Priests** to our God (1 Peter 2:5,9; Hebrews 13:15)
 - **Reign upon the earth** – presently, they reign as a kingdom of priests who are fellow heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). The saints' prayers affect the world (8:3-5).
 - Prophecy fulfilled (Zechariah 6:12,13)
 - Hebrews 8:1-2; Romans 5:17

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Kings and Priests

- Not a reign during a **millennial** period to come; if anything, it includes a rule now, and for sure a rule after death.
 - 5:10 – "they will reign" (those purchased)
 - 11:15 – "He will reign" (now reigning)
 - 20:4 – "they came to life and reigned with Christ" (**NOW**)
 - 20:6 – "will reign with Him a thousand years" (**NOW**)

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Revelation 5:11

"And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands"

Voices of Many Angels

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Revelation 5:12

"saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the ⁽¹⁾power, and ⁽²⁾riches, and ⁽³⁾wisdom, and ⁽⁴⁾might and ⁽⁵⁾honor, and ⁽⁶⁾glory, and ⁽⁷⁾blessing."

Worthy is the Lamb!

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Revelation 5:13

"And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, (be) the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever."

Praise Of All Creation

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Revelation 5:14

"And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped."

24 Elders

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Chorus of Multitude of Angels

- Now we have **additional singers** – a multitude of angels around the throne. *"Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."*
- All erupt in **praise** to the Lamb.
- Imagine the chorus of millions or thousands praising the Lamb and His accomplishments.
 - **All the forces of hell cannot overcome and defeat HIS purpose.**
- This gives a brief glimpse of what it will be like when **"All Of God's Singers Get Home!"**

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Heaven's Praise

- **Seven-fold** aspect of the worthy Lamb:
 - **"Power"** – to save, sustain, and sanctify (**Romans 1:16**)
 - **"Riches"** – redeeming promise, pain, and poverty (**2 Corinthians 8:9**)
 - **"Wisdom"** – light instead of darkness. Liberate us from fear. Lead to life (**7:17**)
 - **"Might"** – overthrow evil, overcome temptation, overshadow our weaknesses (**1 Peter 2:11**)
 - **"Honor"** – worthy of worship (**Hebrews 3:3**)
 - **"Glory"** – seen in His birth, life, death, resurrection, present ministry (**Hebrews 1:3**)
 - **"Blessing"** – He shares with us in the gospel of grace, goodness, and glory! (**Ephesians 1:3**)

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True Worship

- **Worship** of the **Father** and the **Lamb**
- **New courage** and **new hope** for the persecuted on earth.
- ***“Believing in God’s power” (4)***
- ***“Redeeming the love of God” (5)***
- God’s people do **not** need to fear any **enemy** or force.
- Jesus is God – Deity!
- Four living creatures – **AMEN!**