

# The Book of **REVELATION**



Lesson 5  
Chapters 4 and 5

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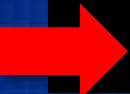
1:1-20

Part 2: The Things Which Are

2:1 to 3:20

We have completed Parts 1 and 2.

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- Part 3: The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter 4:1 to 22:21**



We now begin the largest section of the book.

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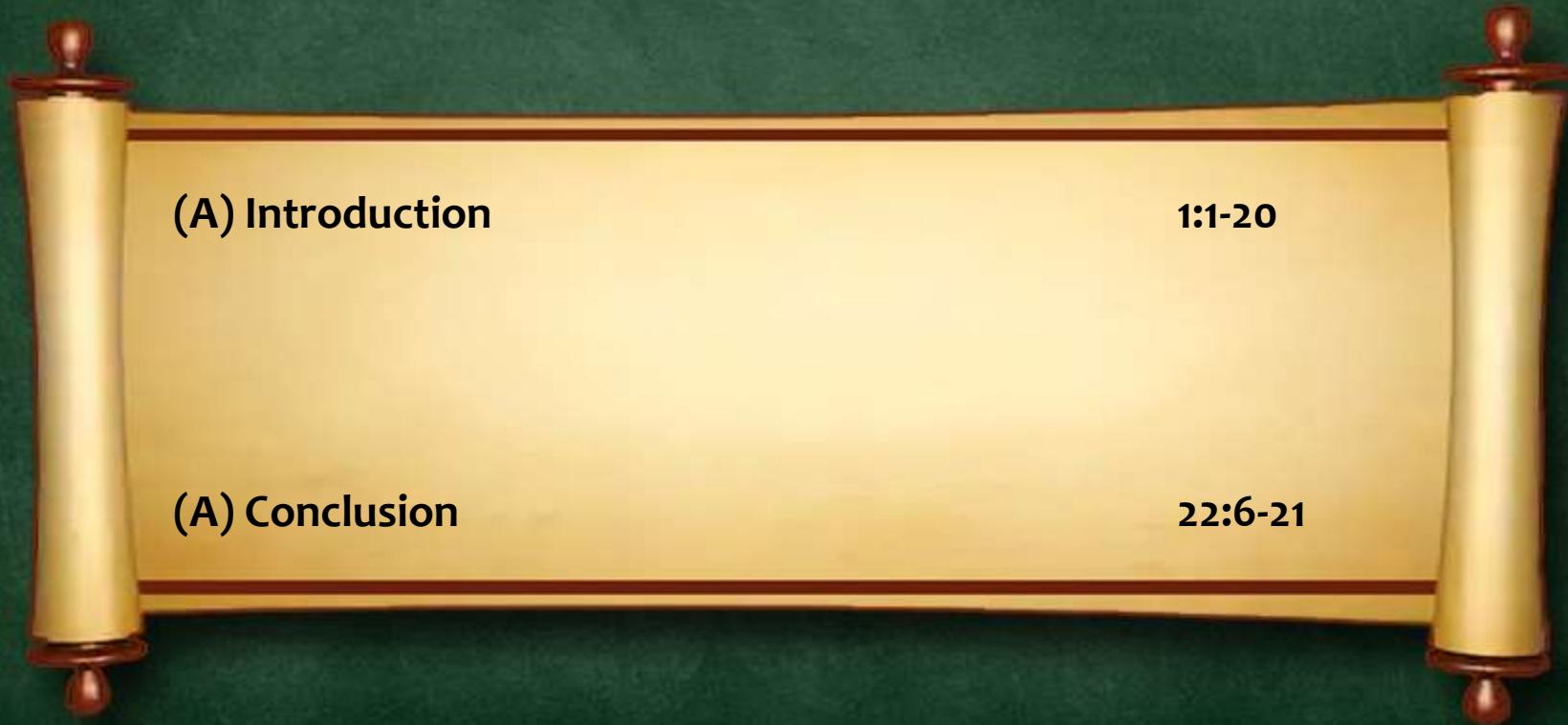
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4:1 to 22:21

The Book of Revelation is divided into these three parts.

It can also be divided by its STRUCTURE.

It begins with an **introduction**, and ends with a **conclusion**.



John writes of God's people on THIS earth and on the NEW earth.

(A) Introduction

1:1-20

**(B) God's people on this Earth**

**2:1 to 3:22**

**(B) God's people on the New Earth**

**20:1 to 22:5**

(A) Conclusion

22:6-21

His testimony centers on **14 visions** he saw of events related to “The Time of Jacobs Trouble” (also known as The Great Tribulation).

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| (A) Introduction                  | 1:1-20              |
| (B) God’s people on this Earth    | 2:1 to 3:22         |
| <b>(C) Fourteen Visions</b>       | <b>4:1 to 19:21</b> |
| (B) God’s people on the New Earth | 20:1 to 22:5        |
| (A) Conclusion                    | 22:6-21             |



Seven visions tell of things that happen in Heaven.  
Seven visions tell of things that happen on Earth.

John's 14 visions alternate  
between a vision of heaven,  
then of earth,  
of heaven,  
then of earth, etc.



## John's 14 Visions

| 7 events in heaven | 7 events on earth |
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| 4:1 to 5:14        | 6:1 to 7:8        |
| 7:9 to 8:6         | 8:7 to 11:14      |
| 11:15-19a          | 11:19b            |
| 12:1-12            | 12:13 to 13:8     |
| 14:1-15            | 14:6-20           |
| 15:1-8             | 16:1 to 18:24     |
| 19:1-16            | 19:17-21          |

Here is a very important key to understanding the book of Revelation:

The events described in these 14 visions are NOT always told in sequential order (first *this*, then *this*, then *this*).

Some events happen simultaneously, at the same time.

Some visions are of things that have *already* happened, as a way of explanation.

# John's 14 Visions of “The Time of Jacob’s Trouble”

1) 4:1 to 5:14

IN HEAVEN

The Throne Room. The Book with 7 Seals. The Lamb.

The first vision is of things that will happen in heaven.

ON EARTH

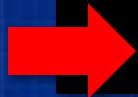


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### Part 3: The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter

4:1 to 22:21

Chapter 4: Inside the Throne Room of God



## The First Vision: In Heaven

### Revelation 4:1

<sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and, behold,  
a door was opened in heaven:  
and the first voice which I heard  
was as it were of a trumpet talking  
with me; which said,  
  
Come up hither,  
and I will shew thee things which  
must be hereafter.



## **Revelation 4:2-3a**

- <sup>2</sup> And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.
- <sup>3</sup> And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone:



## **Revelation 4:3b-4**

<sup>3</sup> and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

<sup>4</sup> And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.



## WHO ARE THE 24 ELDERS?

“Some people believe these 24 elders represent Israel, but at the time of this vision, Israel as a whole nation had not yet been redeemed.

The elders cannot represent tribulation saints for the same reason – not all had yet been converted at the time of John’s vision.

The most likely option is that the elders represent the raptured Church which sings songs of redemption. They wear the crowns of victory and have gone to the place prepared for them by their Redeemer.”

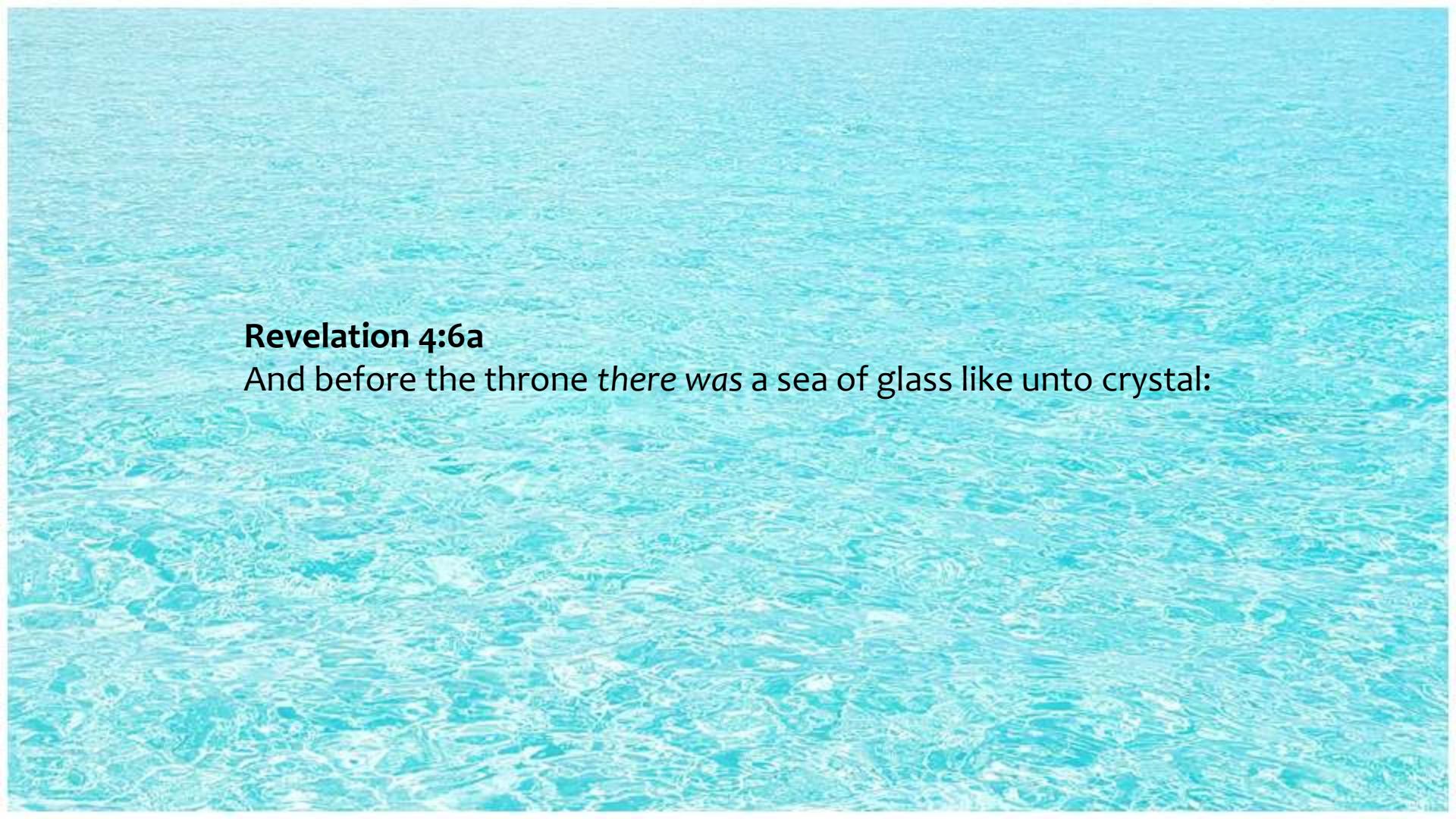
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## **Revelation 4:5**

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices:

and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.





**Revelation 4:6a**

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal:

## **Revelation 4:6b**

<sup>6</sup> ... and in the midst of the throne,  
and round about the throne,  
were four beasts full of eyes  
before and behind.



## **Revelation 4:7**

<sup>7</sup> And the first beast was like a lion,  
and the second beast like a calf,  
and the third beast had a face as a  
man,  
and the fourth beast was like a  
flying eagle.



## **Revelation 4:8**

<sup>8</sup> And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
which was, and is, and is to come.



## **Revelation 4:9-11**

- <sup>9</sup> And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
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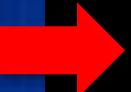
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Part 3: The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter

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Chapter 4: Inside the Throne Room of God

Chapter 5: The Book with Seven Seals



John's first vision continues in Chapter 5.

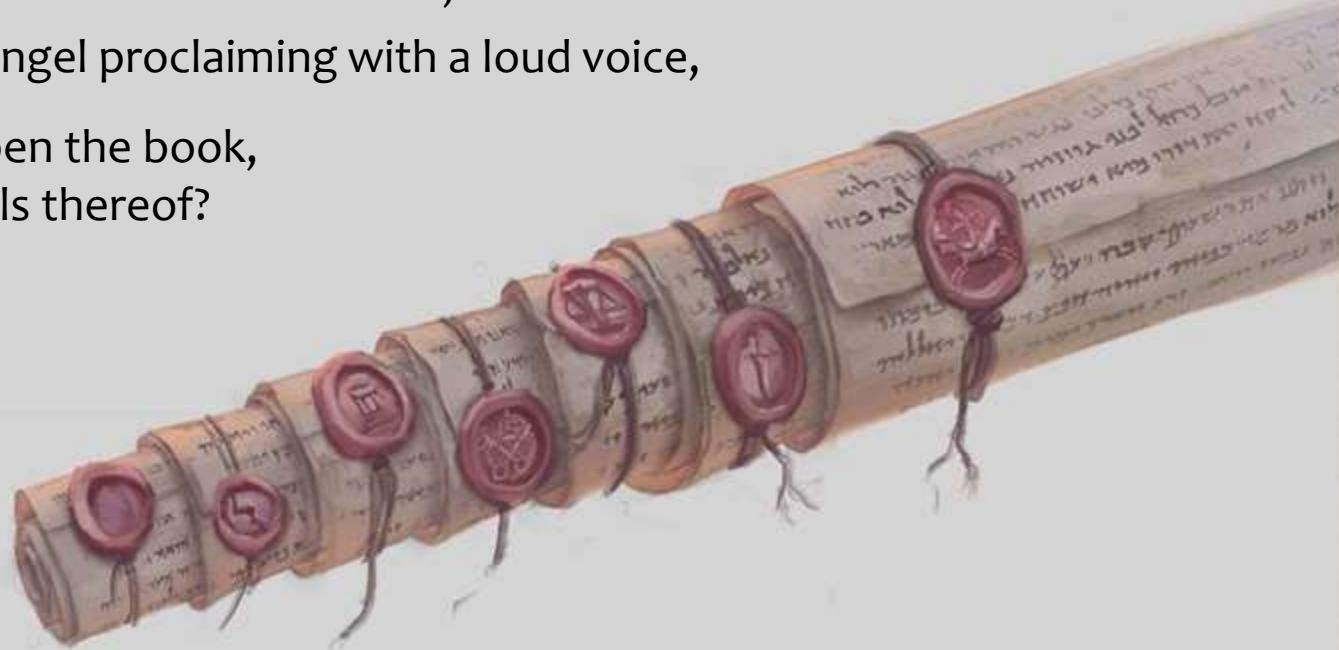
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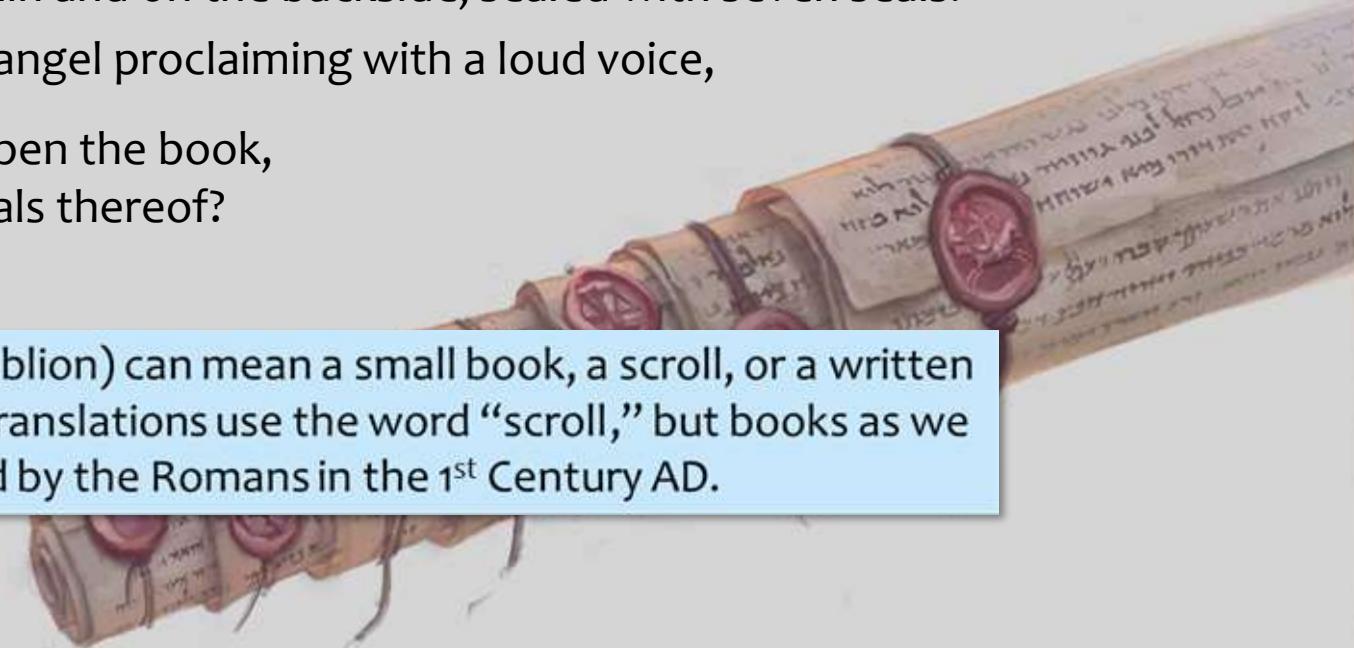
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The Greek word βιβλίον (biblion) can mean a small book, a scroll, or a written document. Most modern translations use the word “scroll,” but books as we know them were produced by the Romans in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD.

## **Revelation 5:3-4**

- <sup>3</sup> And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth,  
was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- <sup>4</sup> And I wept much, because no man was found worthy  
to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.



## **Revelation 5:5**

5 And one of the elders saith unto me,

Weep not:

behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda,  
the Root of David,  
hath prevailed to open the book,  
and to loose the seven seals thereof.



## **Revelation 5:6-7**

- <sup>6</sup> And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.



## **Revelation 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb,  
having every one of them harps,  
and golden vials full of odours,  
which are the prayers of saints.



## **Revelation 5:9-10**

- <sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song,  
saying, Thou art worthy to take  
the book, and to open the seals  
thereof:  
for thou wast slain, and hast  
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Here is more proof that the 24 elders represent the Raptured church.





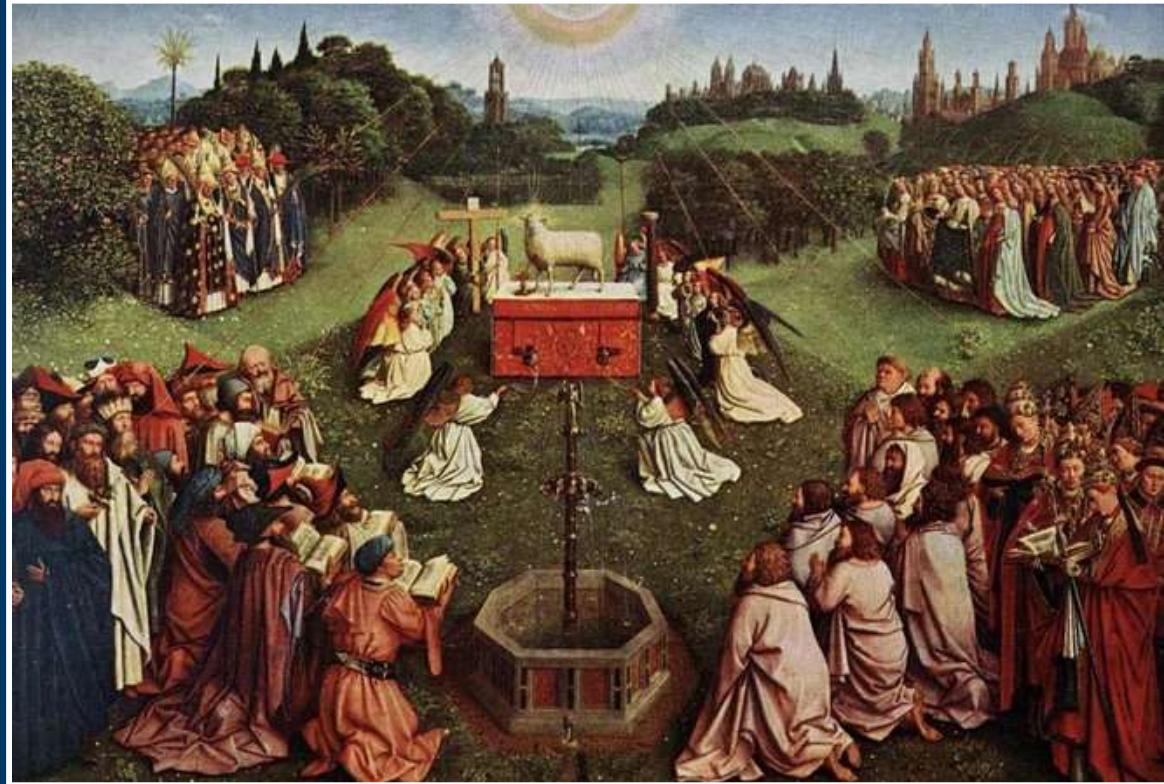
## **Revelation 5:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> And I beheld,  
and I heard the voice of many  
angels round about the throne  
and the beasts and the elders:  
and the number of them was ten  
thousand times ten thousand,  
and thousands of thousands;

<sup>12</sup> Saying with a loud voice,  
**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain**  
**to receive power, and riches, and**  
**wisdom, and strength, and**  
**honour, and glory, and blessing.**

## **Revelation 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.



## **Revelation 5:14**

<sup>14</sup> And the four beasts said,  
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This is the end of Chapter Five, and the end of the first vision.

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1) 4:1 to 5:14

IN HEAVEN

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2) 6:1 to 7:8

ON EARTH

Six Seals are Opened. The 144,000 are sealed.

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## Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

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10 point bonus question: This answer is not given in this lesson, so you must search your own heart for the answer. Why do you think only the Lord is worthy to open the seven seals?

Each question is worth 20 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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