

LESSON 3

The Heavenly Throne-Room Vision — Revelation 4–5

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What is the situation?

17:14 → “his called, chosen and faithful followers.” Persecuted yet protected.

Revelation 1 →

Revelation 2–3 →

Revelation 4–5 →

The throne-room vision

4:1–11 →

5:1–7 →

5:8–14 →

4:1–11 — God on His Throne as Sovereign Creator

“Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this. (4:1)”

John “in the Spirit.” The image of God’s throne.

- Twenty-four elders (4:4)
- The seven lamps = “seven spirits of God” (4:5)
- Four living creatures (4:6)

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come ... You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. (4:8–11)”

Applications from Revelation 4:

- God is the holy, sovereign, eternal Creator who alone is worthy of worship.
- Our worship should be God-centered.
- Worship is transformative.

5:1–7 — Worthy is the Lamb Who was Slain

Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll? (5:2)

A depressing answer (5:3–4). Angelic comfort (5:5):

“Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals. (5:5)”

John hears about a Lion but turns to see a Lamb (5:6–7). The Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, stands at the center of the throne with seven horns and seven eyes.

How God conquers evil:

One throne shared by God and Jesus, with the Spirit moving out from the throne. Jesus, the Lion-Lamb, takes the scroll. John can stop crying!

5:8–14 — God and the Lamb Are Worthy of Worship

- The living creatures and elders worship (5:8–10); they sang a new song (cf. Pss. 33:3; 98:1; 144:9)
- Golden bowls full of incense · Purchased people from every tribe, language, people and nation · A kingdom and priests
- A countless multitude of angels joins in (5:11–12); all creation worships the Lamb (5:13–14)

Applications from Revelation 5:

- God is a God of holy love.
 - Worship is a response to God, not a way of conjuring up God.
 - Because of Jesus, our standing before God has radically changed.
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Reference: Every Tribe, Language, People and Nation

Duvall, Revelation, 96. Variations occur seven times to indicate universality: 5:9 (purchased for God by Christ) · 7:9 (great multitude in heaven) · 10:11 (John prophesies about them) · 11:9 (unbelievers refuse burial to the two witnesses) · 13:7 (the beast is given authority over them) · 14:6 (the gospel proclaimed to everyone on earth) · 17:15 (the waters the prostitute sits on)