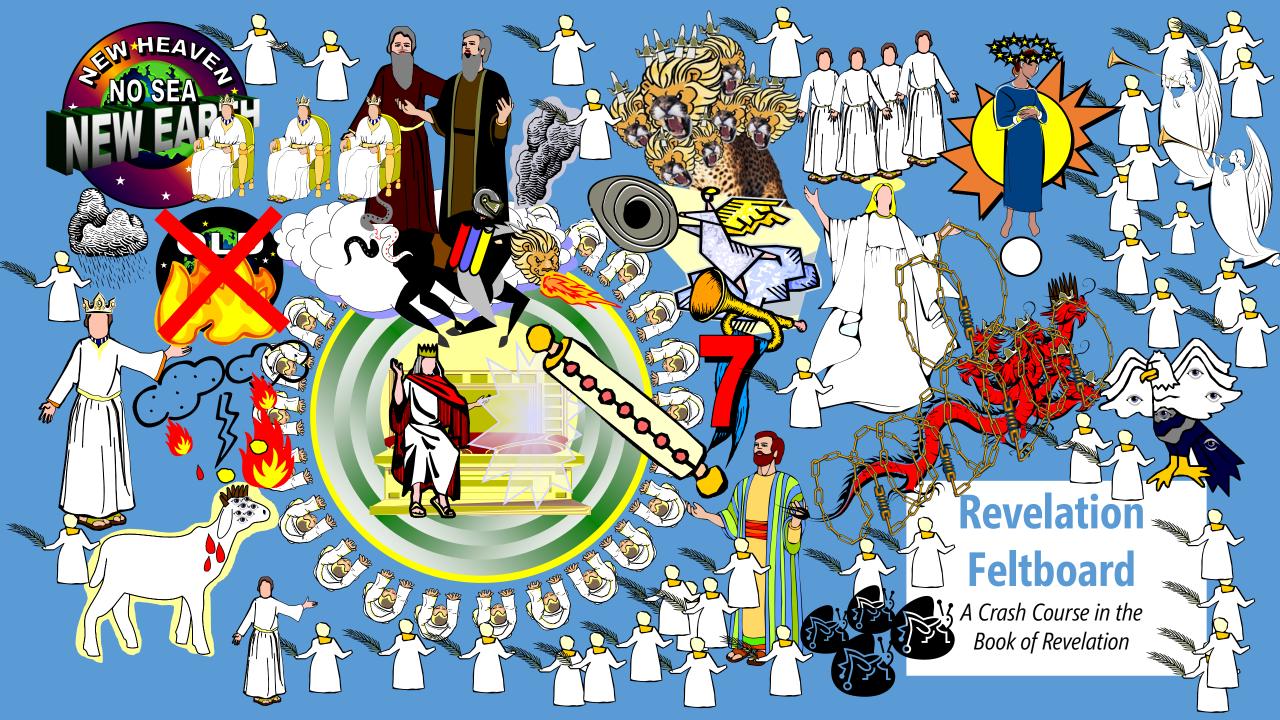
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Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto, I'olam va'ed

Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God. The LORD is One. Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever.

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- From last week: Question about "strong" angel, any correlation to other uses? Are "strong" and "mighty" the same? Do words distinguish this angel from anything else?
- ISCHUROS (G2478) = forcible, boisterous, mighty, powerful, strong, valiant
- <u>Used 7 X in Revelation</u> (no surprise!)

- 5:2 = strong <u>angel</u>
- 10:1 = mighty <u>angel</u>
- 18:8 = strong is the Lord
- 18:10 = mighty <u>city</u> (Babylon)
- 18:21 = mighty <u>angel</u>
- 19:6 = mighty <u>men</u> (bird feast)
- 19:18 = mighty <u>angel</u>

All 7 uses are the same word **ISCHUROS** (G2478) =forcible, boisterous, mighty, powerful, strong, valiant

May imply a hierarchy of angels, but generally a descriptive term of any thing or person

REVELATION FELTBOARD: Chapter 5

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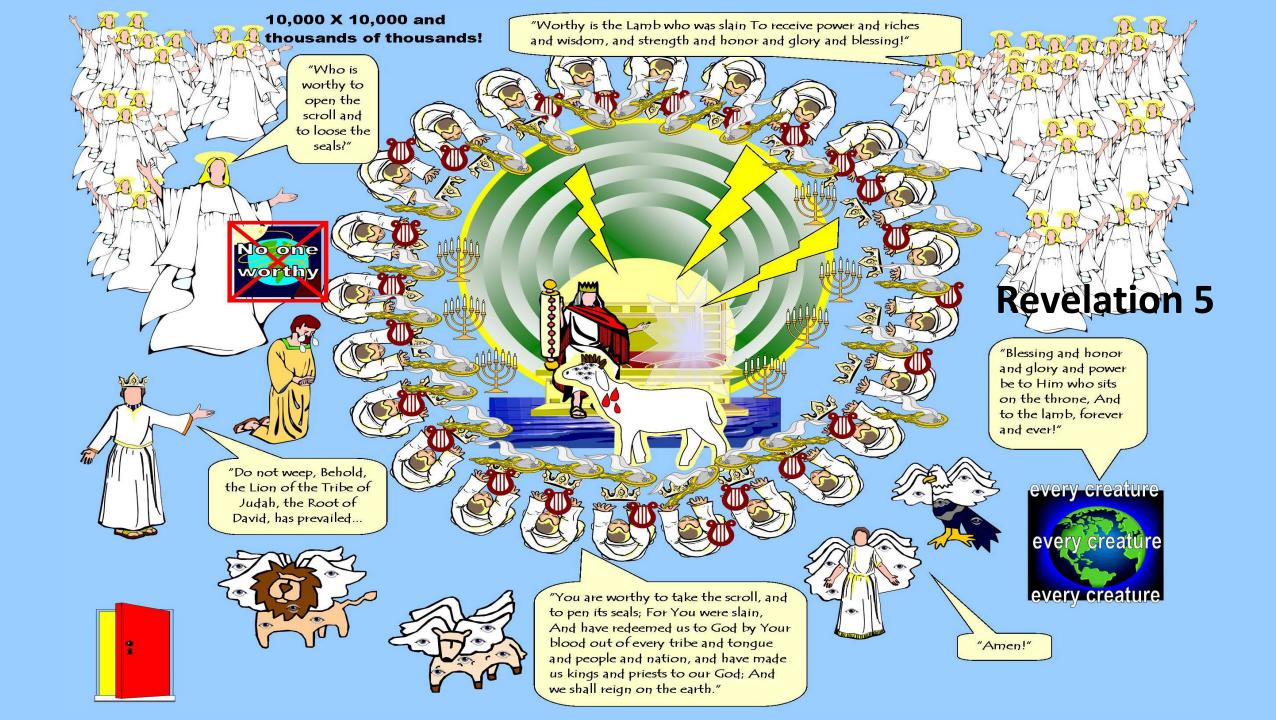
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- And praising continues...4 living creatures and 24 elders and everything/one there "falls down" before the Throne.
- Literally, "fall down" not bow. "Who can stand ...?"

• WHO CAN STAND? NO ONE!

 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes; He casts out His hail like morsels; <u>Who can stand</u> before His cold? He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow. (Psalm 147:16-18)

- Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. (Nahum 1:6)
- But who can endure the day of His coming? And <u>who can</u> <u>stand when He appears</u>? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. (Malachi 3:2)



Will see this *literally*, next chapter. For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" Revelation 6:17

NO ONE AND NO THING!

Every knee will bow...



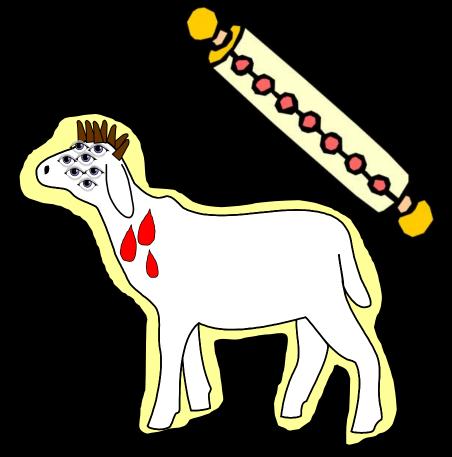
- "Harps" instruments of praise
- "Golden bowls of incense" = "prayers of the saints." – remember, Bible interprets itself!!! (chapter 8 also)
- Will see these bowls/incense again (chapter 8).
- Prayer in His Name and His will is <u>partnering</u> with God to accomplish His plan.
- Ever prayed the <u>Lord's Prayer</u>.... "Thy will be done...?" your prayers are included in these bowls.

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- Finally, ONE worthy takes the scroll, rejoicing now
- "new song" common term in Psalms, new song = new work of God. (usually deliverance, rescue of some sort)
- Here part of New Covenant, <u>song of redemption</u>.
- New work of <u>redemption</u> celebrated.
- Note this song for mankind, *not angels*. <u>They are not</u> <u>redeemed</u>. (Elders are NOT angels!!)

- "You are worthy....for You were slain..." credentials for one worthy to open scroll. He was killed to pay penalty for our sins. <u>Blood a required payment</u>.
- *"have redeemed us..."* literally purchased us back
- English, "it is finished" –
 Greek = tetelestai = PAID IN FULL!
- <u>Because of this</u>, He is worthy to open the scroll. No one else!



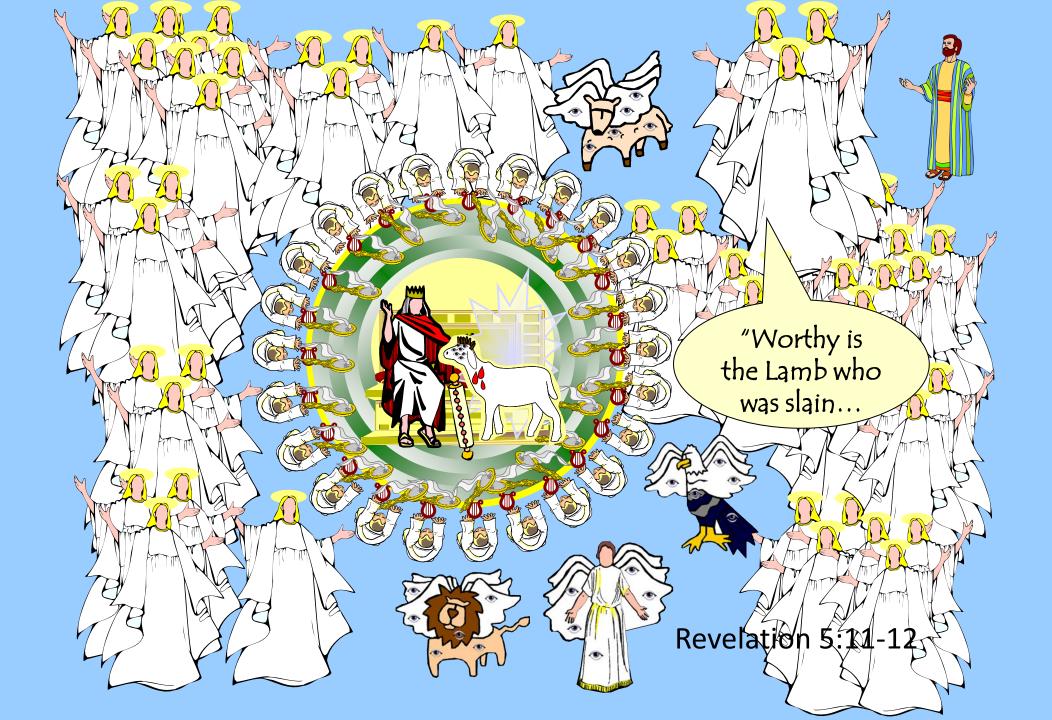
- Also, YHVH <u>committed all judgment to Yeshua</u> –scroll contains God's perfectly complete judgment on mankind.
- Appropriate, Son (Lamb that was slain) opens scroll and begins judgment process.
- "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son" (John 5:22)
- *"every tribe and tongue and people and nation..."* No one left out. God redeemed entire world through death of the Lamb, His beloved Son.

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- "kings and priests" Gr. for "kings" same as for "kingdom." Either "kingdom <u>and</u> priests" or "kingdom <u>of</u> priests." Both correct, <u>but NOT "kings.</u>"
- ONLY ONE KING in the Kingdom of God.
- "we shall reign on the earth" –to be co-regents with Him in Millennial Kingdom
- "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you <u>a kingdom</u>, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,..." (Luke 22:28)

- "If we endure, <u>We shall also reign with Him</u>. If we deny Him, He also will deny us."
 (2 Timothy 2:12)
- "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be <u>priests of God</u> and of Christ, and <u>shall reign with Him a thousand years</u>." (Revelation 20:6)

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- Bring on the angels! Now quite a scene in the throne room...angels (beyond counting), living creatures, redeemed (elders) Almighty Father and the Lamb. Amazing sight for John to describe!
- "...and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands..." –doubtful John counted them!
- Greek for "ten thousand" = murias, literally "myriads upon myriads." John means number too huge to count.
- <u>Uncountable</u> (except to the Almighty!) host of heaven.

- "worthy" = axios, "deserving, due reward," literally "of proper weight."
- The Lamb (*Yeshua, Jesus*) ONLY one "just right," (of proper weight) to redeem entire earth. No one else could do it.
- Handel's Messiah, "Worthy is the Lamb" Handel said his inspiration was these chapters in the throne room of heaven, Revelation 4 and 5. <u>He said he "looked into the</u> glory of heaven."





Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, And glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. (Revelation 5:12-14) Amen.

- "...to receive <u>power</u> and <u>riches</u> and <u>wisdom</u>, and <u>strength</u> and <u>honor</u> and <u>glory</u> and <u>blessing</u>!"
- 7 things, perfectly complete list. ALL belongs to Him.

Messiah already owns all of these things. They are given by the Father. They are also <u>things that WE give Him</u>. Is there anything we find powerful, rich, wise, honorable, full of glory and blessing? Then it should all be given to Him. <u>None of these things is for us</u> –not things for us to hunger for, <u>only to give to Him</u>.

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"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Revelation 5:13



Growing crescendo of praise here. Keeps growing, getting louder, more passionate. This is the throne room of the Almighty God! It is ceaseless praise!

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Heaven is filled with praise that includes:

- Power
- Riches
- Wisdom
- Thanks
- Strength
- Honor
- Glory
- Blessing
- Power (Authority, Dominion)

Praise is acknowledging it ALL belongs to Him!

- This praise is directed at "Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb..."
- <u>Very pointed statement</u>: the One on the throne and the Lamb are equal in status and praise-worthiness.
- <u>Both are worthy of all this praise</u>, all the glory, honor, power, blessing, riches, wisdom, strength and gratitude. Both are God. They are One.

- "every creature..." Everywhere! No creature (created thing) anywhere not included. ALL PRAISING!
- Same 3 places listed: <u>In heaven, on earth, under earth</u>. Everything ever created, <u>dead or alive</u> will praise Him...
- "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, <u>of those in heaven, and of</u> <u>those on earth, and of those under the earth</u>, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)



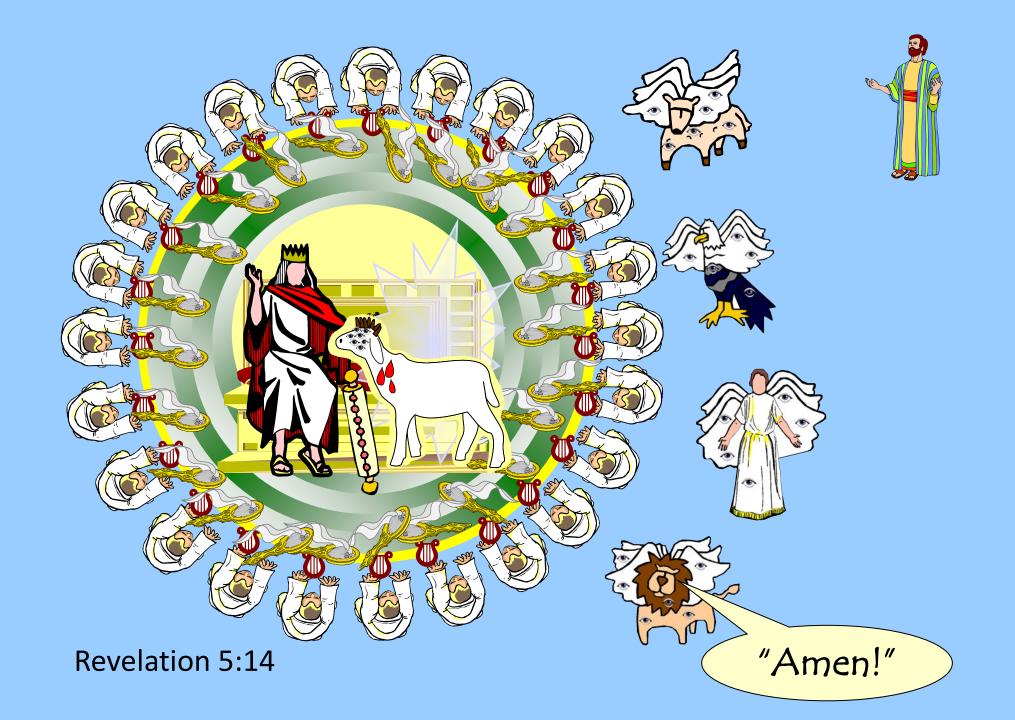
- Here in this chapter is What all creation is intended to do –praise Elohim!
- PRAISE = Hebrew <u>halal</u>, to shine; hence <u>to make a</u> <u>show; to boast</u>; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; to celebrate; commend, glory, give [light], praise, renowned, shine. (do we do this???)
- <u>3rd round of praise</u> in the throne room.

What does it mean to PRAISE GOD???

- To KNOW ...
- To REFLECT on
- To MAKE A SHOW about
- To BOAST about
- To RAVE aboutTo CELEBRATETo COMMEND

• And sometimes be "clamorously foolish" in thanks! Our God

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.



- "said" = continuous action. Not finished! This praise continues into eternity.
- Final AMEN- "So be it!" (It is determined, it IS...)
- Chapters 4 and 5 <u>increasing crescendo of praise</u>, more and more, louder and louder. Building....
- "Overture" of the "movie" of this revelation. Praise builds until the story of the end begins...

- Now all heaven is in WORSHIP. Worship is far different than praise.
- We have seen Hebrew word for <u>praise: HALAL</u> = celebrating, proclaiming and even boasting of the goodness of our God.
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Clear all creatures in heaven <u>praising God so far</u>, even though word "praise" does not appear here in Greek.

This word (*aineo* [Greek] Praise, Praising) found <u>only ONCE</u> <u>in Revelation</u> "Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "<u>Praise</u> our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" (19:5)

Aineo means literally to praise, to laud, but with the sense of "telling the story" of God. Carries same meaning as Hebrew word for praise. <u>Tell the story of God</u>! And do it loudly, proclaiming and celebrating Him.

- (BTW, many different words in Hebrew translated "praise." All mean the same, except carry different ideas of <u>HOW praise given</u> – loudly, with hands held high, sung, played on instruments, etc.)
- Now in verse 14, something different. <u>All fall down and WORSHIP</u>. Greek = <u>PROSKUNEO</u>, an interesting word.
- One of its roots = word for "dog" (kuon). Idea is that a dog will kiss or lick its master's hand to show submission, to essentially "bow down" to the master.



- Literally means to crouch to, to prostrate oneself in reverence, homeage, and adoration. Very different from proclamation, celebration of praise.
- In Hebrew, same meaning is seen in word shachah = to prostrate (reflexively in homage to royalty or God): bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.
- Whether in Hebrew OT, or Greek NT, words for PRAISE and WORSHIP carry similar meanings, and <u>imply</u> <u>different actions</u>.

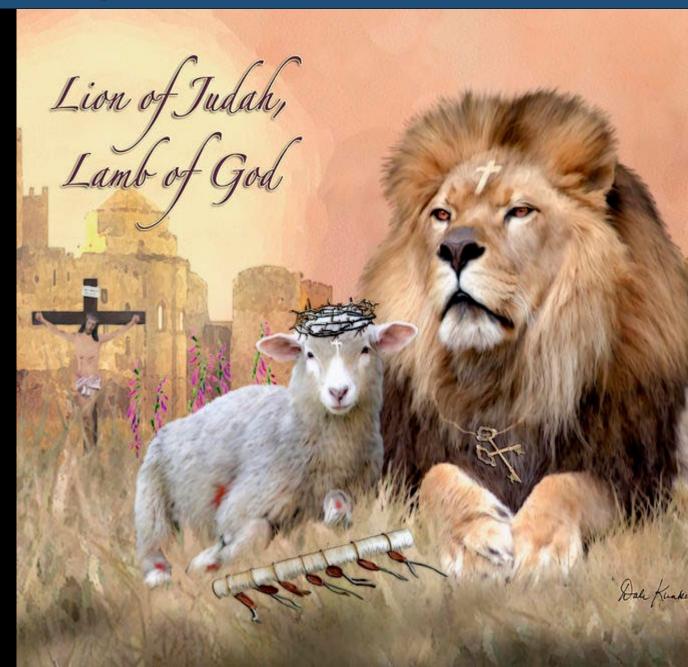
- The action of PRAISE involves telling the story of God's goodness and might, in very active, visual ways.
- The action of WORSHIP is being bowed down before and beneath Him, knowing Him as *Melech HaOlam* – King of the Universe. MY King, and <u>only One worthy of glory</u>.
- Many will praise but never get to worship.
- We are to do both. All heaven does. Praise should lead to worship.
- And here in the Throne Room of El Shaddai it does.

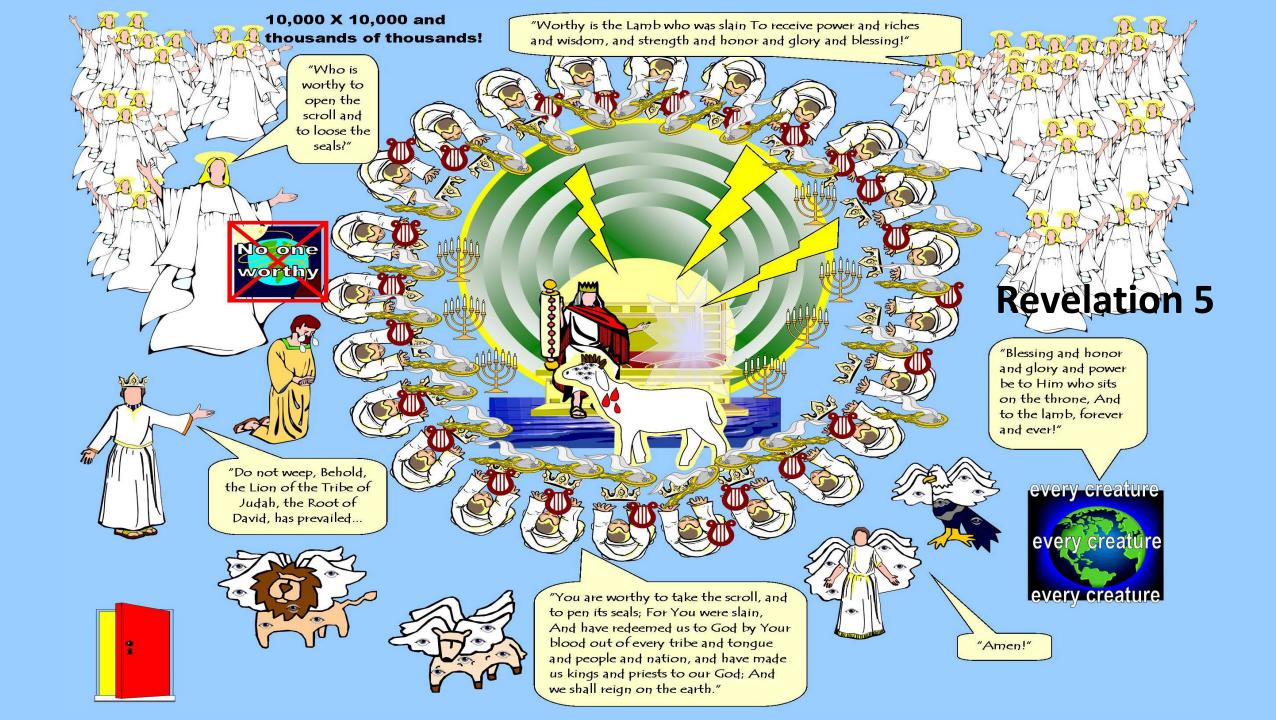


- Chapters 4 + 5 firmly establish <u>authority/worthiness</u> of One who sits on the throne, and the Lamb.
- Sets tone for what is coming. As future unfolds, we will not forget sovereignty/authority of the One on the Throne and the Lamb to finish their plan of redemption for the whole earth.

• Elohim is in control. Not man.

- Shows Messiah's worthiness/authority to:
 - ✓ open the scroll
 - ✓ commence judgment
 - provide final redemption and restoration







The scroll is now in the hands of the only One worthy to open it.

Judgment begins next...

> And the scene changes dramatically.

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha May the LORD bless you and keep you

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha vihunneka May the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem Iekha shalom.