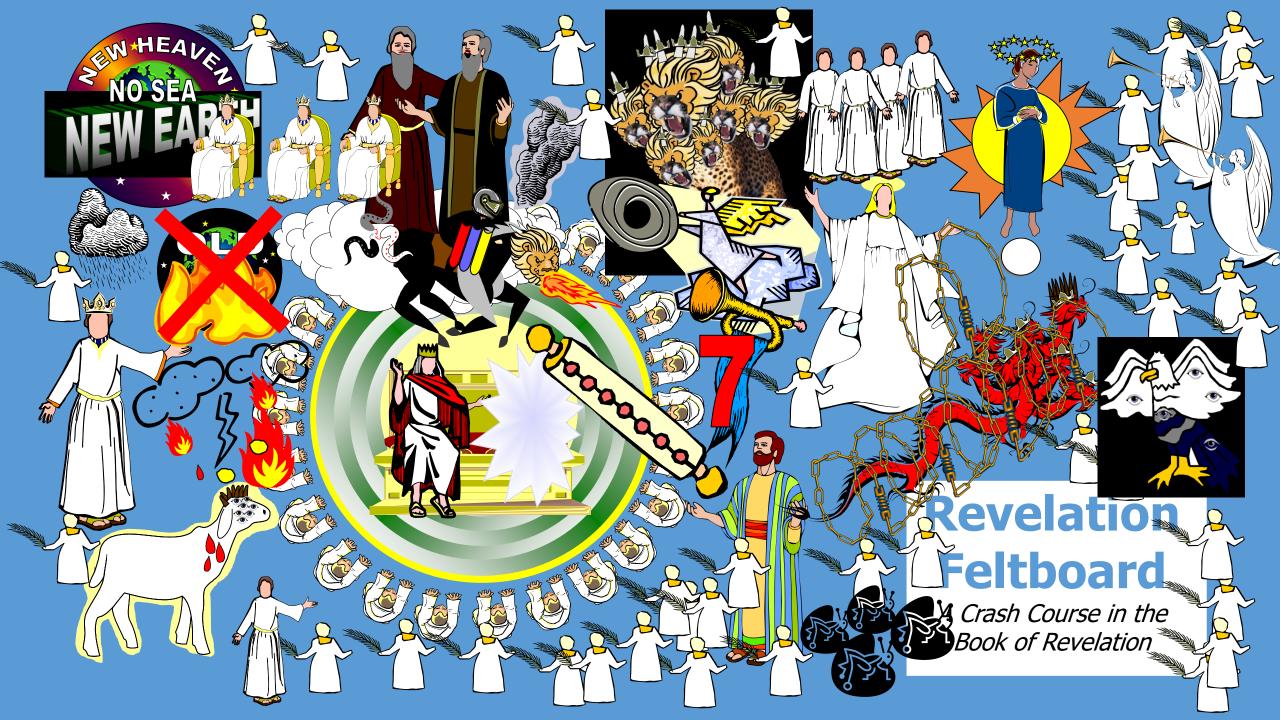


# Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto, l'olam va'ed

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





<sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

<sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals;

For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings [a kingdom] and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

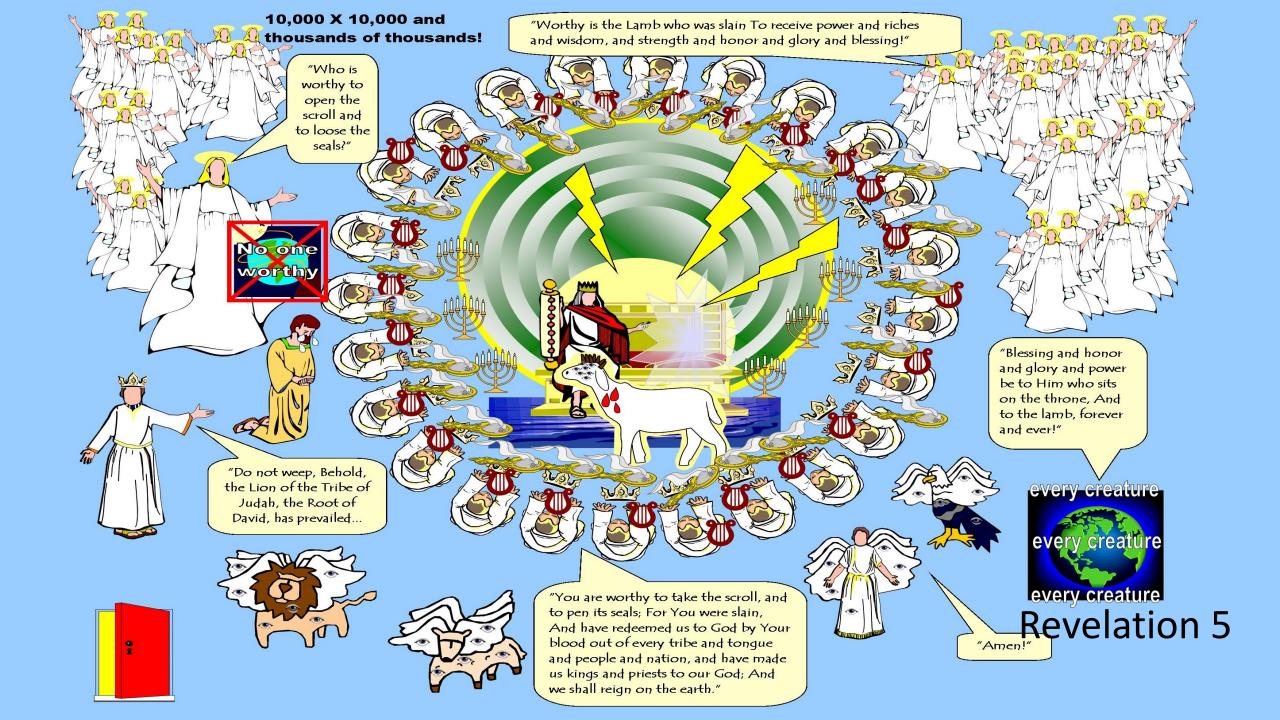
<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice:

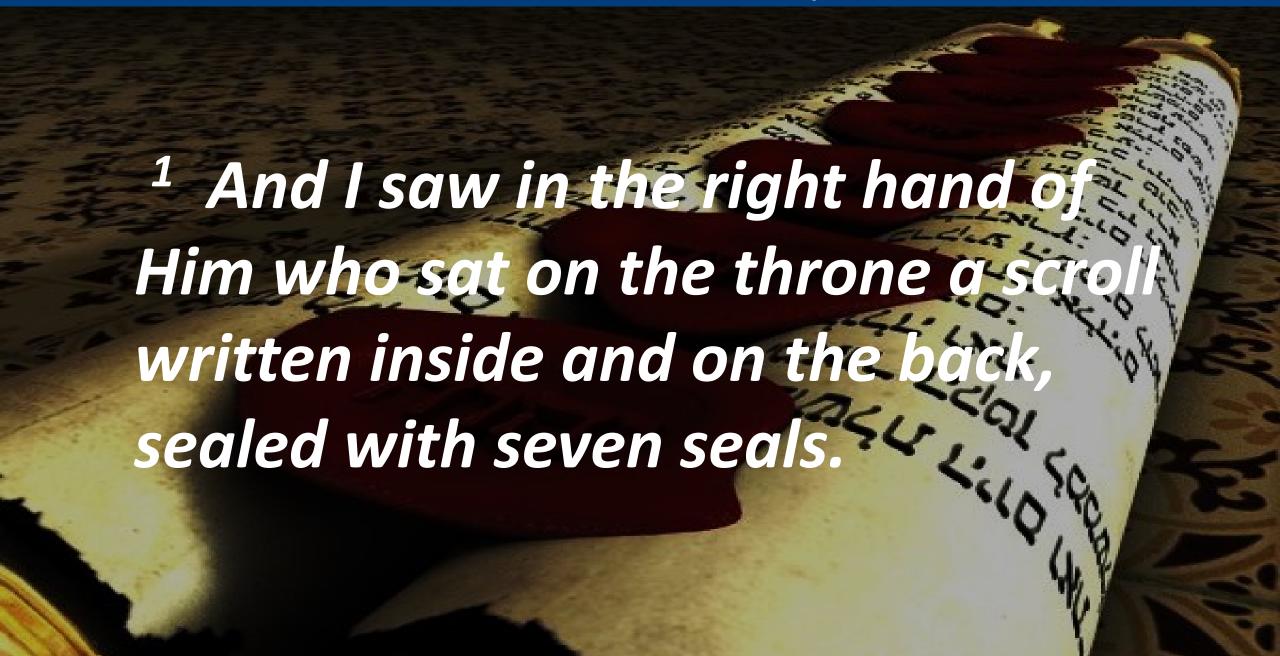
"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

<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, I heard saying:

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

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





- "scroll" vs books (2nd century AD) (Revelation single 15' foot scroll)
- "written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals" not normal to be written on both sides.
- Implied a title deed, will, or other legal document (Hebrew marriage contract, etc.). Contents one side, terms backside (who could open, to whom it applied)
- Hebrews required at least 3 witnesses, seals (could be more) Roman law required 7 seals. 7-sealed scroll recognized as title deed to property.

WHAT IS THIS SCROLL? Quite simply....we don't know! Not told.

- Speculation, most think title deed to earth (given first to Adam, lost to enemy, redeemed by Yeshua)
- Jeremiah 32, buys land as a sign they will return, transaction marked with sealed document.
- Some say ketubah, Hebrew marriage contract
- Maybe God's "legal document" from beginning. 7
   = "perfectly complete" perhaps speaking of entire plan/judgment of mankind.

- Critical document to future of earth, and man.
- Legal, required authorized person to open
- If title deed, required **kinsman of Adam** (Boaz, kinsman-redeemer) Romans 5, Jesus is kinsman to Adam, the "second man"
- What is IN the scroll? What do we know is on/in the scroll?

JUDGMENT.

- All judgments contained in this book are contained in this scroll. As far as we understand, contains only judgment, (perfectly complete, 7X3). 3 sets of 7 judgments each...
- 7 Seal judgments, 7<sup>th</sup> seal opens and contains the...
- 7 Trumpet judgments, 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet blows/contains....
- 7 <u>Bowl</u> ("vial") judgments...7<sup>th</sup> bowl judgment: "Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "<u>It is done!</u>" (16:17)

- only thing we know: on this scroll is <u>a perfectly</u> complete set of judgments for unrepentant man.
- May be something else, (title deed to earth, or ketubah [wedding contract], or something else), but whatever it is, it contains only judgment.
- Not likely a wedding contract would contain judgment.
- Not told! Speculation only as good as man's wisdom. (Pathetic at best!)

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- "A STRONG angel..." perhaps archangel or one of more power and authority than others? A hierarchy to the hosts of heaven.
- Angel asks "who is worthy?" in loud voice
- Looked in 3 places for someone worthy

   in heaven, on the earth, under the
   earth. [only places a man could be
   found either dead or alive,
   Sheol/Hades]



• NO one found worthy. (Gr. Oudeis – "nobody")

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- Mankind unworthy <u>NONE</u> worthy. Only One....
- "Behold" = pay attention, take note! There IS ONE worthy...
- "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" Jesus not mentioned often by His Name in this book, but by His many titles. Recognized by prophetic titles.
- We always know when it is Yeshua, and not some imposter by these titles. (Important!)



 "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" from Genesis 49:9-10 – Jacob's blessing to sons: "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people." YESHUA!!

- Only place this title found, but understood Messiah from tribe of Judah. (Judah = tribe of kings.)
- "Root of David" another Messianic title. Only place used is here (Rev 5:5), but called "root of Jesse" other places (David's father)
- "And in that day there shall be a <u>Root of Jesse</u>, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." (Isaiah 11:9-11)

- Again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse;
   And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In
   Him the Gentiles shall hope." (also quoted in
   Romans 15:12)
- Jesus direct descendant of David, His "root." David first and best King of Israel. <u>Davidic Covenant</u> (2 Samuel 7). *Messiah had to be descendant of David*.
- Messiah (the Anointed One) = HaMashiach (Hebrew), Christos (Greek), Christ

- 24 different titles in just first 3 chapters.
- Those about His current role, revealed to Church (letters to Churches), for "Church Age." From here on, see only His clearly "Jewish" (Hebrew) titles
- Indication <u>Church not here</u> during Tribulation?
- God's focus now on "people of the book" "apple of His eye" Hebrew race. Jews take center stage during "time of Jacob's trouble."
- His covenants still in effect with His people

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- John looking for a lion, sees a Lamb.
- <u>Sacrificial Lamb</u> came at 1st coming (atoning sacrifice), <u>Lion of Judah</u> (King of Kings) comes next!
- "Lamb as though it had been slain..."
   NO QUESTION WHO THIS IS!
- "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was <u>led as a lamb to the slaughter</u>, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)

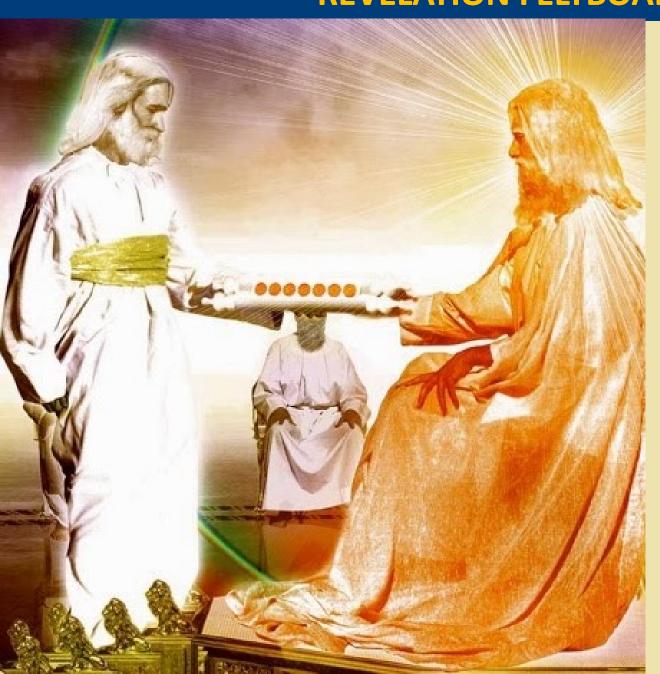
- "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! <u>The Lamb of God</u> who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)
- "...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." (1 Peter 1:18-20)

- "seven horns" —symbol of power complete and perfect power as King of Kings, Lord of Lords, I AM
- "seven eyes" all seeing, omniscient
- "seven Spirits" Isaiah 11:2? Or perfectly complete Holy Spirit given to the Son. ALL of the Father (YHVH) rests on the Son, and IS the Son.
- Jewish sages = 4 letters of Name ("tetragramaton")
  used to form phrase hayah hoveh yi'yeh, "He was,
  He is, He will be." (We know who this is!)

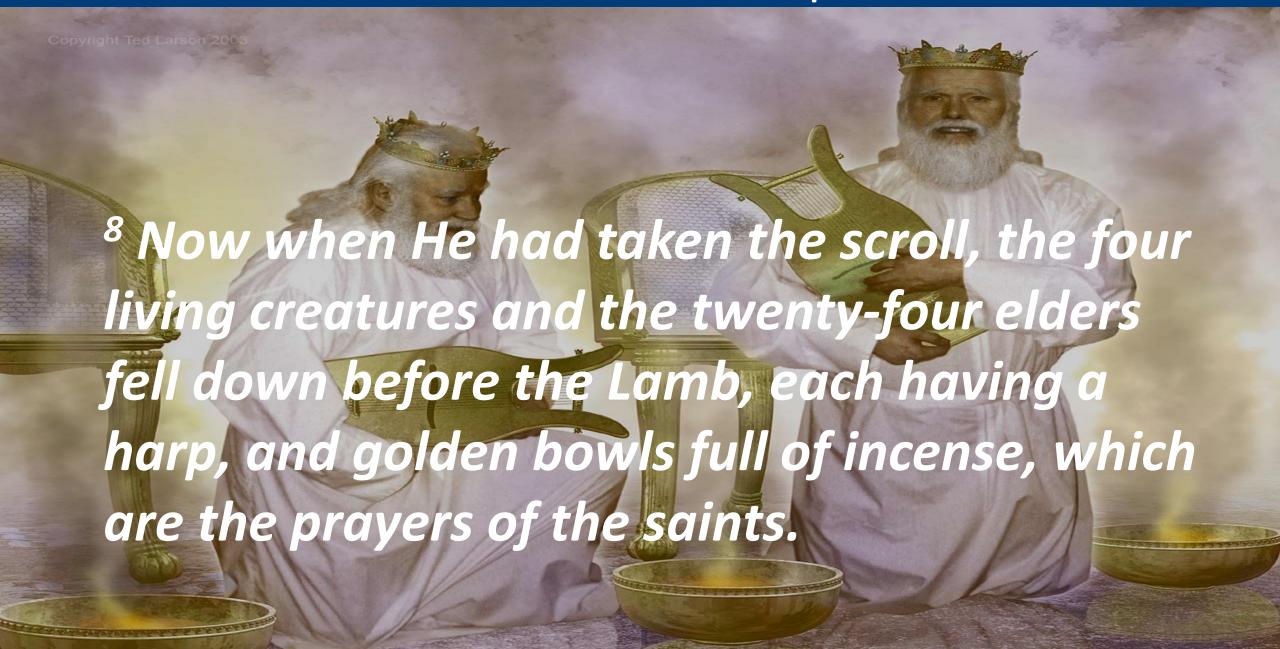


- The Lamb only one worthy to take/open scroll —Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root (offshoot) of David
- "from the right hand" -right hand =
   "hand of fellowship," hand of favor. Left = hand of "disfavor" or judgment.
- All members of Godhead present: Almighty Father (YHVH), the Lamb (Son) and Spirit of Most High upon the Son. <u>All</u> occupy the throne together.





- Lamb takes the scroll from hand of Almighty on the throne.
- From now on = the
   "throne of God and of the Lamb."
- Occupy heaven's throne together. Jesus indeed worthy.
   He IS God.

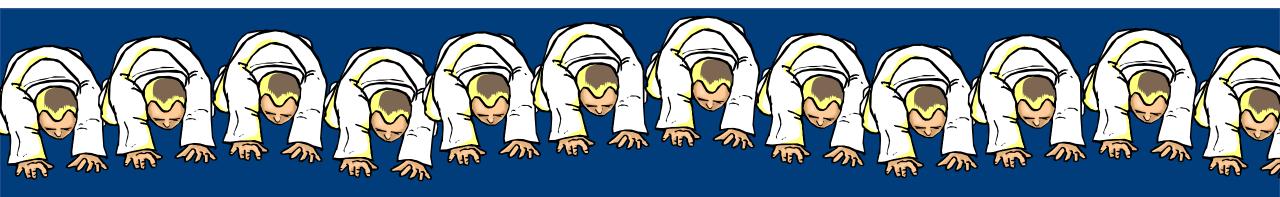


- 4 living creatures + 24 elders represent all creation.
   All creation "falls down" before the Throne.
- Literally, "fall down" not bow. "Who can stand ...?" (Remember incident in garden with guards and Yeshua?!!)

# • WHO CAN STAND? NO ONE!

• ...He casts out His hail like morsels; Who can stand 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) Will see this literally, next chapter.
- But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. (Malachi 3:2)



- "Harps" instruments of praise
- "Golden bowls of incense" = "prayers of the saints." - remember, Bible interprets itself!!!
- Will see these bowls/incense again later (chapter 8).

God to accomplish His plan.

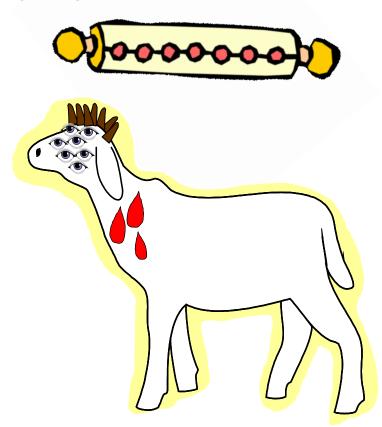
- Prayer in His Name and His will is partnering with
- Ever prayed the Lord's Prayer.... "Thy will be done...?" your prayers are included in these bowls.

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- Finally, ONE worthy takes the scroll, rejoicing now
- "new song" common term in Psalms, new song
   = new work of God.
- Ch. 4 <u>song of creation</u>, *now* **song of redemption**. New work of redemption celebrated.
- Note this song for mankind, not angels. They are not redeemed. (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. Blood a required payment.
- "have redeemed us..." literally purchased back
- English, "it is finished" –

  Greek = tetelestai = PAID IN FULL!
- <u>Because of this</u>, He is worthy to open the scroll.



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

- "kings and priests" Gr. for "kings" same as for "kingdom." Either "kingdom and priests" or "kingdom of priests." Both correct, but NOT "kings."
- 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 a kingdom, 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 priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."
   (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 angels!
- 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 were these chapters in the throne room of heaven, Revelation 4 and 5. He said he "looked into the 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 honour, And glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth 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 things that **WE** give Him. Is there anything we find powerful, rich, wise, honorable, full of glory and blessing? Then it should all be given to Him. None of these things is for us — these are not things for us to hunger for, only to give to Him.

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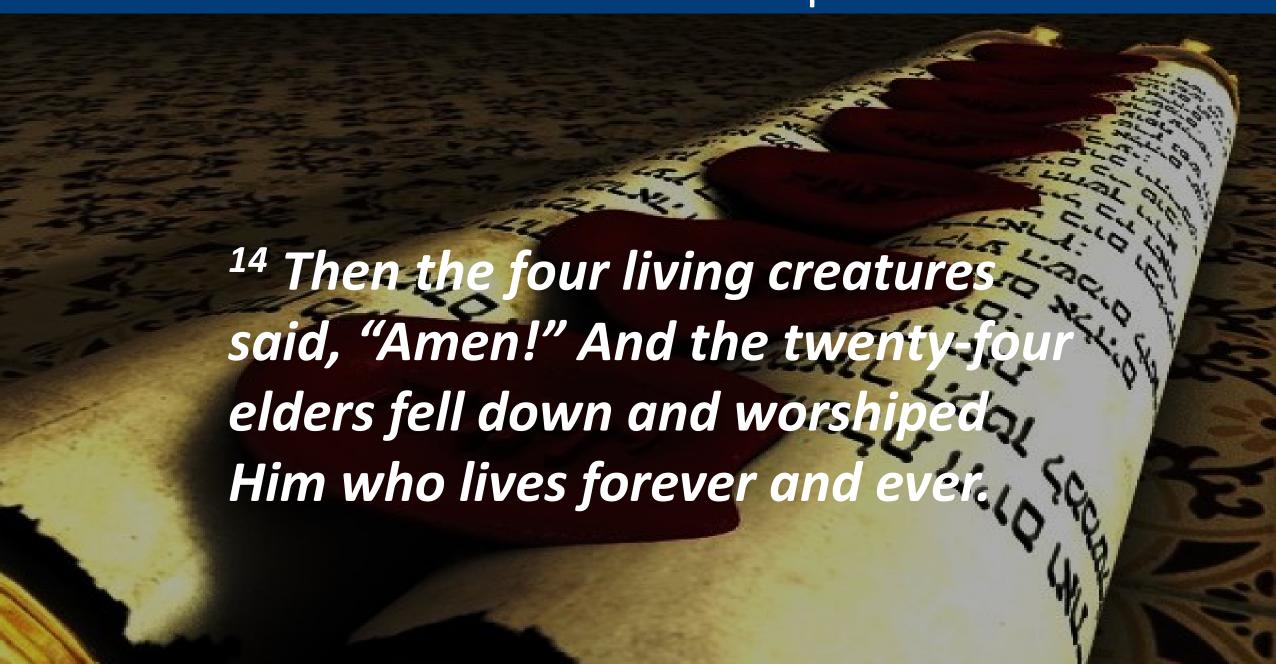
- "every creature..." Everywhere! No creature (created thing) anywhere not included. ALL PRAISING!
- Same 3 places listed: <u>In heaven, on earth, under earth</u>. Everything ever created, <u>dead or alive</u> will praise Him... (ref to those in sea...dead?)
- "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 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 was intended to do – to praise Elohim!
- PRAISE = Hebrew halal, to shine; hence to make a show; to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; to celebrate; commend, glory, give [light], praise, renowned, shine. (do we do this???)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of praise in the throne room.
- PRAISING GOD: <u>UNDERSTANDING AND REFLECTING</u>
   ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.... And acknowledging them all...

# Does your praise include these things??

Ref	English	Greek	Meaning
4:9-11	glory	doxa	deem of excellent reputation, <u>reveal</u> , show, praise, extol, give what is due
	honor	time	value, esteem, preciousness, highest degree
	thanks	eucharistia	gratitude, grateful language
	power	dunamis	miraculous, inherent power and might

Ref	English	Greek	Meaning
5:12	power	dunamis	see above
	riches	ploutos	wealth, abundance, fullness
	wisdom	sophia	wisdom
	strength	ischus	force, ability, might, strength
	honor	time	see above
	glory	doxa	see above
5:13	blessing	eulogia	commendation, adoration, speaking well
	honor	time	see above
	glory	doxa	see above
	power	kratos	dominion, greatness, power



- "said" = continuous action. Not done! This praise continues into eternity.
- **Final AMEN** Chapters 4 and 5 <u>increasing crescendo</u> of <u>praise</u>, more and more, louder and louder.
- "Overture" of the "movie" of this revelation.
- Shows Elohim'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...

# 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 lekha shalom.

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.