

## Vision of the glory of God and of the Lamb—Sovereignty of God

### Revelation 4:1-11

- 4:1—door is open—transition from chapter 3.
- “Come”—rapture connotations (v. 1)
- Throne of God described in terms of precious gems (v. 3)
- “24” Tribes + Disciples—symbolic of all believers. (v. 4)
- Crowns—righteousness; victory (v. 4)
- Thunder—symbolism of Mt. Sinai; 7 torches—Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2 ff.)
- Sea of glass (crystal)—God’s glory is able to shine through.
- 4 Living Creatures—Isaiah 6:2-3; Holy, Holy, Holy—formula for worship.
- Invitation to true, genuine worship.

### Revelation 5:1-14

- Right Hand of God—a Scroll—Lamb’s Book of Life—Lamb’s legacy for his people (Rev. 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 21:27). Only usually written on the front (horizontal fibers)—sealed with thread, hot wax and signet rings).
- Seals reserved the contents of the document for the rightful recipient. Is this the scroll in Ezek. 2:9-10?
- The seal is too strong for humanity to break—only the Lamb of God possesses such power—only the Messianic King can break the seal.
- Lion of the tribe of Judah—Genesis 49:9-10—The lion is the triumphant champion—applied to the Davidic Messiah—the Root of David comes from the lineage of the house of David (Isaiah 11:1) anointed by the Spirit (11:2) and appointed to rule all the nations with peace (11:3-10).
- Christ the Lion is also the Lamb—not the warrior—but Christ’s sacrificial death atones for humanity’s sins. Jesus conquered not by force, but by death.
- Lamb—Paschal lamb—Passover Lamb—Jesus’ victory is the New Exodus.
- Horns—appear on literal Passover lambs—horns were a sign of power.
- Power is not human—but from the seven spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2 ff.)
- 7 eyes—watch over God’s purposes and his people. (Zech. 3:9, 4:1-11)  
Seven eyes—Seven lamps—the presence of God.
- Creatures began to worship—harp—to sing the praises, worship; bowls –to offer incense. Psalms 113-118—calling the nation; choosing his people.
- Blood of the new covenant—the gift of salvation
- Worship—thousands and thousands—innumerable—singing praises to the Lamb of God.

The Seals hold the judgments of God—only One is able to break the seal—the Son of Man, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Lamb of God—Jesus Christ.

**John 14:6—Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

