

THE REVELATION
OF JESUS CHRIST
HEAVEN

Lesson 4 | Chapters 4 & 5

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Apocalypse

It means that this is an uncovering, or unveiling, revelation

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SCRIPTURE | NLT

Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal.

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SCRIPTURE | NLT

In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

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SCRIPTURE | NLT

Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David’s throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song with these words:

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SCRIPTURE | NLT

“You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth.”

Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus:

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SCRIPTURE | NLT

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

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What's The Status?

Jesus has just revealed the state of the Earth & the Church then John says...

“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit,

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What Did John See?

- A **throne** stood in heaven, with one **seated** on the throne.
- And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian
- Around the **throne** was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.
- Around the **throne** were twenty-four **thrones**
- **Seated** on the **thrones** were twenty-four elders
- **Clothed in white garments**
- **Golden crowns on their heads**

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THRONE



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From EPHESIANS 1 | NASB

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

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EPHESIANS 1 | NASB

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

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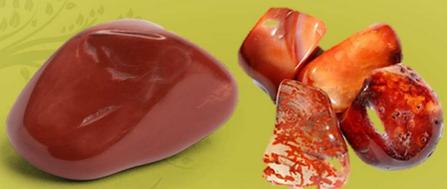
EPHESIANS 1 | NASB

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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JASPER & CARNELIAN



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AN EMERALD RAINBOW



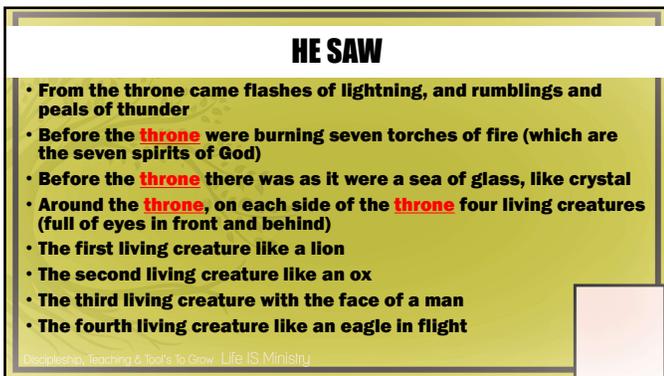
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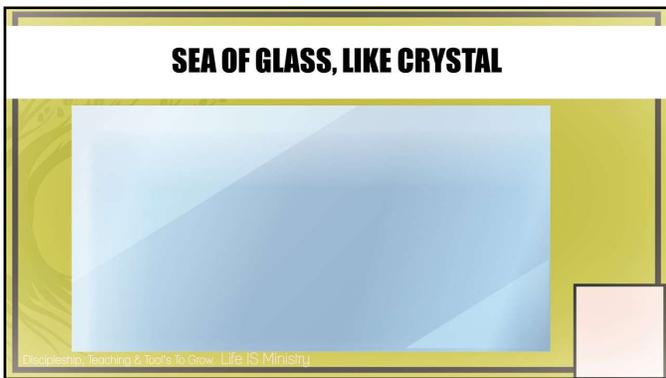
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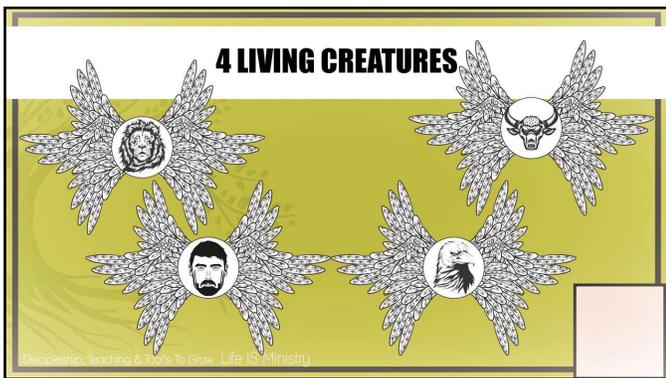
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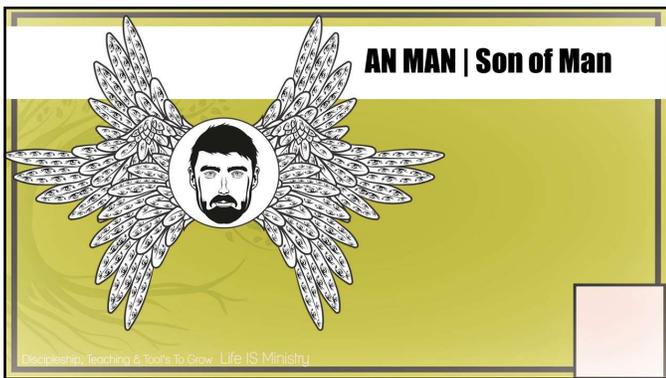
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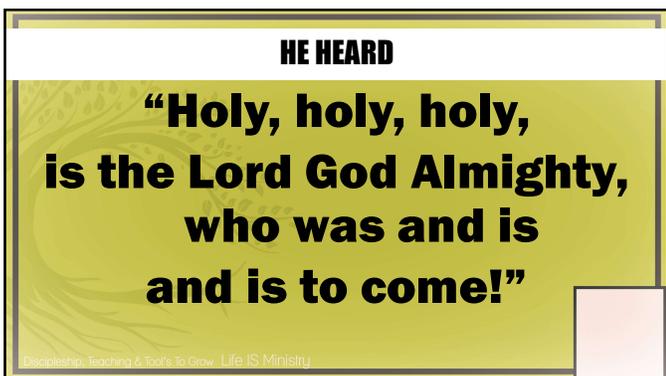
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EVERY SINGLE TIME

- And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever
- The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.
- They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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Saying...

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created

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Next Scene.... HE SAW

- Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
- “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”
- And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,
- I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

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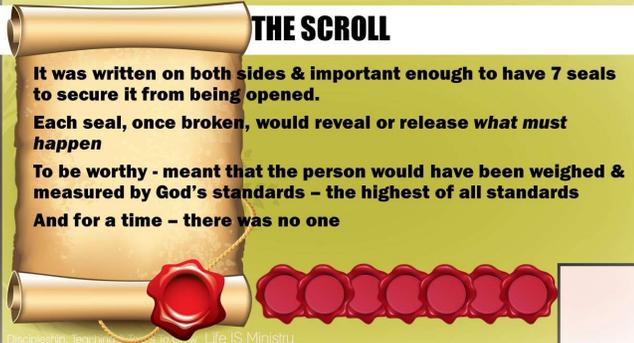
THE SCROLL

It was written on both sides & important enough to have 7 seals to secure it from being opened.

Each seal, once broken, would reveal or release *what must happen*

To be worthy - meant that the person would have been weighed & measured by God's standards - the highest of all standards

And for a time - there was no one

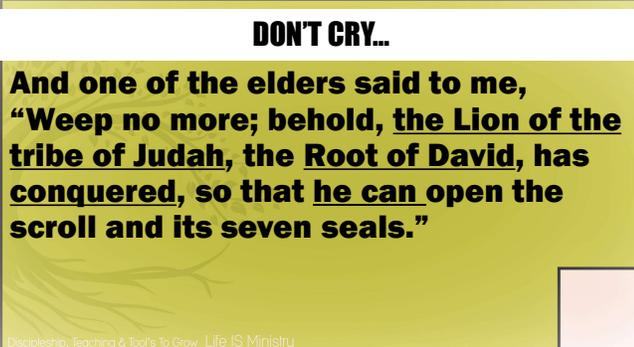


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DON'T CRY...

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

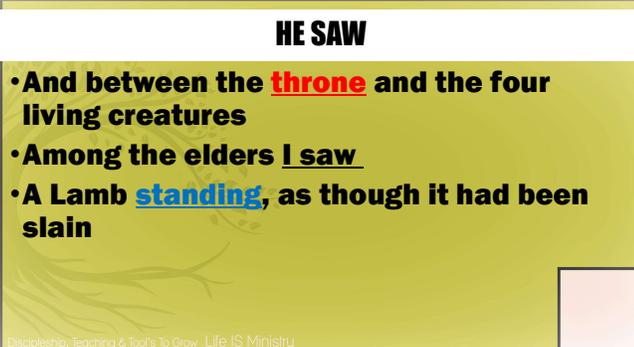


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HE SAW

- And between the **throne** and the four living creatures
- Among the elders **I saw**
- A Lamb **standing**, as though it had been slain



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JACOB SHEEP



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WITH...

- **With seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**
- **He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.**

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THEN,

- **And when he had taken the scroll**
- **The four living creatures, and the twenty-four elders**
- **Fell down before the Lamb**
- **Each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**
- **And they sang a new song, saying,**

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REVELATION 7

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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REVELATION 14

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

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What was the New Song?

"Worthy are you
to > **take the scroll**
and to > **open its seals,**
for you > **were slain,**
and by > **your blood**
you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and
people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

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HE SEES & HE HEARS

- Then I **looked**, and I **heard**
- Around the **throne** and the living creatures and the elders
- The voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- saying with a loud voice,

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THE ANGELS WERE SAYING...

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to ► **receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

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THEN HE HEARD...

- And I **heard every** creature in heaven
- And on earth
- And under the earth
- And in the sea,
- And all that is in them, saying,

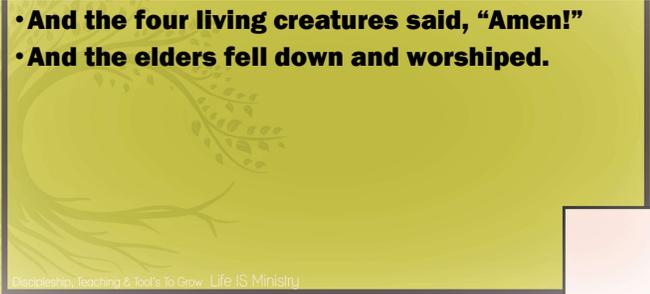
“To him who **sits on the **throne** and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

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Amen

- **And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"**
- **And the elders fell down and worshiped.**



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THE REVELATION SONG



**REVELATION
SONG**

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