

Book of
Revelation
A VISION OF VICTORY

The Throne and Lamb

Revelation 4:1-11, 5:1-14

Revelation 1:1-3

¹ The **revelation** from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ **Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**





Revelation wasn't written to satisfy our
curiosity about the future.

**It was written to strengthen our
faithfulness in the present.**



A DEFINITION

Apocalyptic literature **uses vivid symbols and images to reveal God's perspective on present realities and inspire faithful endurance.**



Gate outside the gymnasium in Ephesus



Statue of Caesar from temple to Caesar in Pergamum



Flavian Temple in Ephesus



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Revelation 4:1

¹ After this I looked, and there before me was **a door standing open in heaven**. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”



Revelation 4:2-6

² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was **a throne in heaven** with **someone sitting on it**. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled **the throne**. ⁴ Surrounding **the throne** were **twenty-four other thrones**, and seated on them were **twenty-four elders**. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From **the throne** came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of **the throne**, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits^[a] of God. ⁶ Also in front of **the throne** there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

[a] That is, the sevenfold Spirit



Revelation 4:6-8

In the centre, around **the throne**, were **four living creatures**, and they were **covered with eyes**, in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second was like an **ox**, the third had a face like a **man**, the fourth was like a **flying eagle**. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had **six wings** and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“**Holy, holy, holy**
is the Lord God Almighty,’ ^[b]
who was, and is, and is to come.”

[b] **Isaiah 6:3**



Revelation 4:9-11

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on **the throne** and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders **fall down before him who sits on the throne** and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They **lay their crowns** before **the throne** and say:

¹¹ “You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”





Isaiah 6:1-5 (Isaiah's Commission)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, **seated on a throne**; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with **six wings**: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty**;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and **my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.**”

Revelation 5:1-4

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne **a scroll with writing on both sides** and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who **was worthy** to open the scroll or look inside.





Synagogue in Sardis (Moses seat and Torah closet)

Revelation 5:5-6

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “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.”



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⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “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.”

⁶ Then I saw **a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne**, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits^[a] of God sent out into all the earth.

[a] That is, the sevenfold Spirit





Exodus 12:7-14 (The Passover)

⁷ ...they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast...

¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and **I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.** ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.



John 1:29

²⁹ The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, **the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”

Revelation 5:7-8

⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.



Revelation 5:9-10

⁹ And **they sang a new song**, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and
nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve
our God,
and they will reign^[b] on the earth.”

[b] Some manuscripts *they reign*



Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked and heard **the voice of many angels**, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard **every creature in heaven and on earth** and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.





I've been to the throne room
...and the Emperor isn't on it.

*Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne,
encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. (Revelation 5:6)*