The Lamb upon the Throne A reflective study of Revelation 5

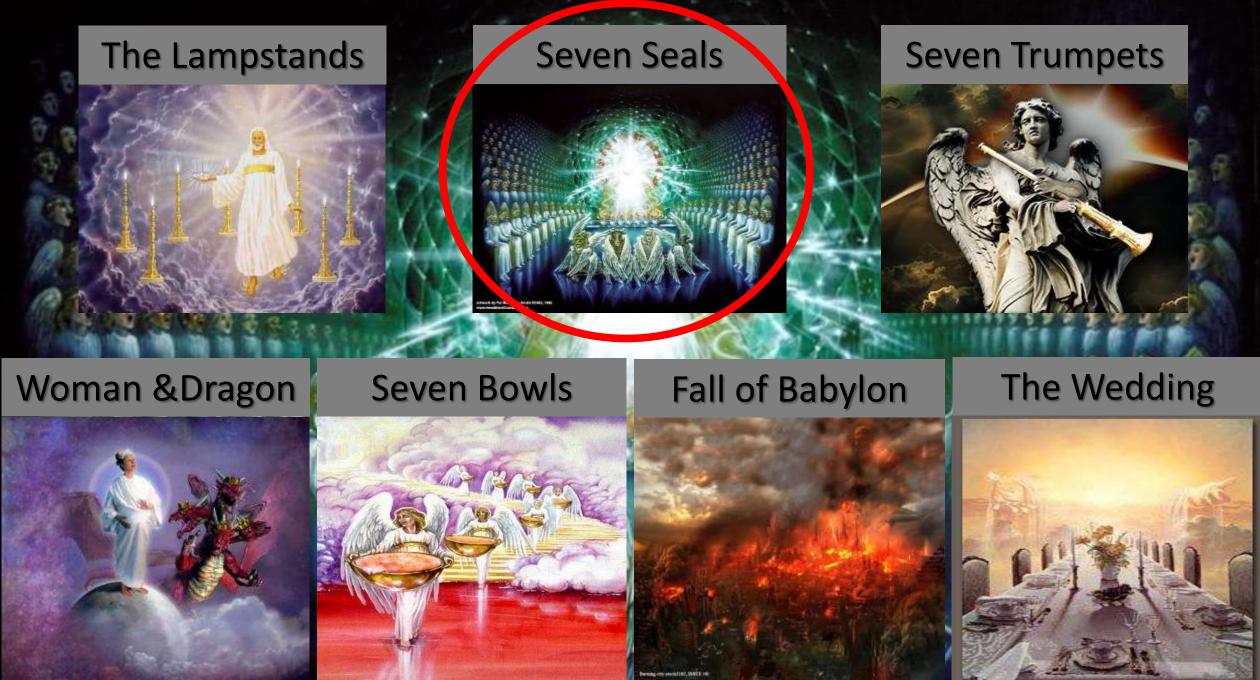
Why Revelation?

To comfort the Church

to correct it's perspective

in its struggle against evil

Stirs longing for His return (22:17)
Remind He is always among us (1:12-20)



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The Lamb upon the Thron Rev 5 | The Scroll

1 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. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

The Scroll
The Shared Throne

The Lamb upon the Throne Rev 5 | The Scroll: God's Unfolding Plan

3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Importance of Scroll:

- In God's hands
- Written inside + out
- 7 seals
- No-one worthy
- John's reaction

5 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." A: Worth of the Lamb
Lion of Judah: Power
Line of David: Rank

6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

- •Line of David: Rank
- •Amidst Throne: Place
- •Horns: Perfect Strength
- •Eyes: Perfect Wisdom

7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

- •Line of David: Rank
- •Amidst Throne: Place
- •Horns: Perfect Strength
- •Eyes: Perfect Wisdom
- •Takes the Scroll: Worth

8 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.

- •Line of David: Rank
- •Amidst Throne: Place
- •Horns: Perfect Strength
- •Eyes: Perfect Wisdom
- Takes the Scroll: Worth

9 And they sang a new song, saying, "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,

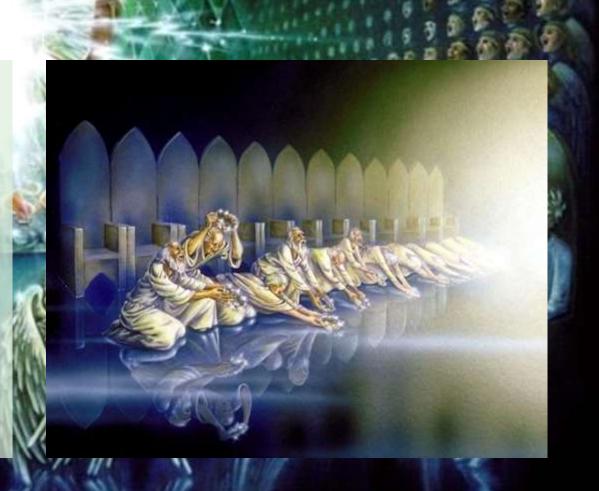
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- •Slain: Ransom Sacrifice

10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

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- Takes the Scroll: Worth
- •Slain: Sacrifice yet Stands

The Lamb upon the Throne 1 | The Worth of the Lamb

Lion of Judah: Power Line of David: Rank Amidst Throne: Place • Horns: Perfect Strength **Eyes: Perfect Wisdom** • Takes the Scroll: Worth Slain: Sacrifice yet stands! lacksquare

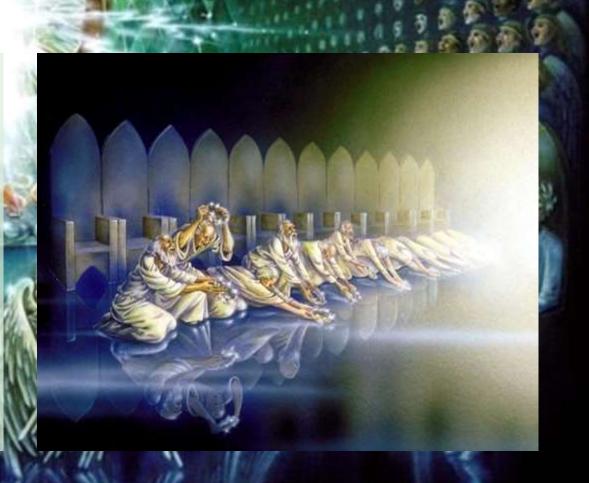


The Lamb upon the Throne **2 | The Weakness of the Lamb**

A lamb that is slain (v6, 9, 12)
Ransomed by his blood (v9)

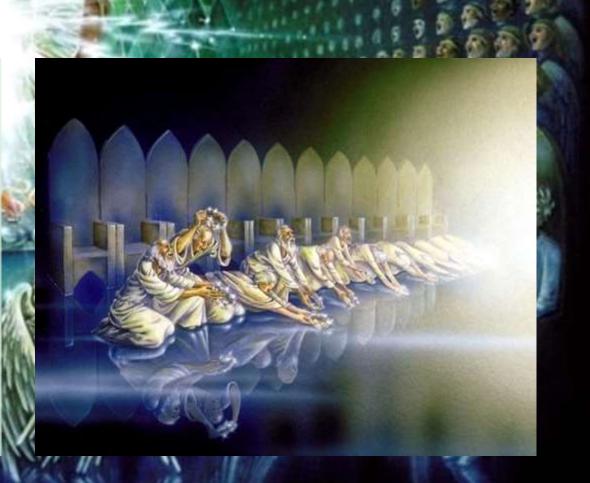
Refer:

Exodus 12:1-7 "pass over"
Isaiah 53:3-7 "lead to slaughter"
John 1:29 "Look! Lamb of God!"
John 10:18 "I lay down my life"



The Lamb upon the Throne 3 | The Way of the Lamb

A lamb that is slain (v6, 9, 12)
<u>Refer</u>:
2 Cor 12:7-10 "boast in weak"
Phil 2:5-10 "humbled himself"
John 1:29 "Look! Lamb of God!"
John 10:18 "I lay down my life"



The Lamb upon the Thron 3 | The Way of the Lamb

Philippians 2:5-9

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God has highly exalted him...

The Lamb upon the Thron 3 | The Way of the Lamb

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." *Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Lamb upon the Thron Rev 5 | The Worship of the Lamb

11 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,

12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"

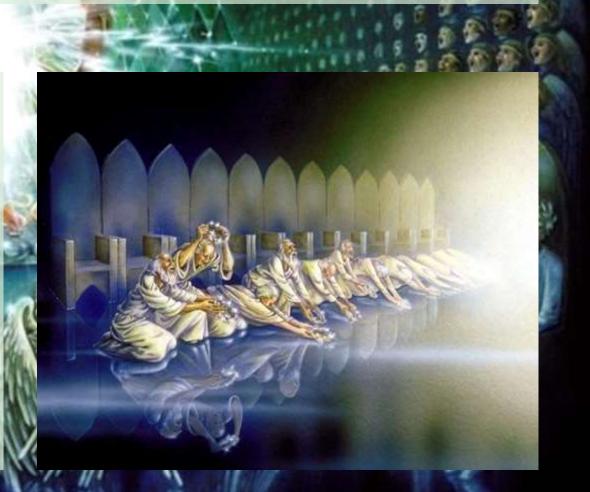
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13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!"

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

The Lamb upon the Throne T4 | The Worship of the Lamb

The Lamb becomes the Object of Worship "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" (v12)



The Lamb upon the Throne Rev 5 | A Godly Perspective of Life

1. There is a Champion!

- Weep no more!
- 2. The Lamb of God:
- His Worth
- His Weakness
- His Way
- His Worship