



The final vengeance of God 
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Tonight:

Revelation 4 & 5


The Throne, the Book, & the Lamb



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The Covenant Structure: *five parts*

1. **Preamble:** Christ's lordship over the church
2. **Historical Prologue:** the individual church's record
3. **Ethical Stipulations:** obligations and warnings
4. **Sanctions:** curses and blessings
5. **Succession Arrangements:** promised future continuity of the covenant relationship

A close-up of a blue door with a golden handle. The door is set against a bright blue sky with fluffy white clouds. The lighting is soft and ethereal, suggesting a heavenly or divine setting.

After these things I looked,
and behold, a door standing open
in heaven, and the first voice which
I had heard, like the sound of
a trumpet speaking with me, said,
“Come up here, and I will show
you what must take place
after these things.”

Revelation 4:1



The Throne

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and **One sitting on the throne**. ³ And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a **rainbow** around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Compare with throne scene of Ezekiel (1:26-28)

1 Timothy 6:15, 16

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and **dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see**. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

The Throne Scene



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4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders** sitting, clothed in white garments, and **golden crowns** on their heads.



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⁵ Out from the throne come flashes of **lightning** and sounds and peals of **thunder**. And there were **seven lamps** of fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**; ⁶ and before the throne there was something like a **sea of glass**, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, **four living creatures** full of eyes in front and behind.

- 7 branched **lamp in temple**, seven spirits
- **Laver of washing**, “sea”
1 Kings 7:23-26

Four Living Creatures

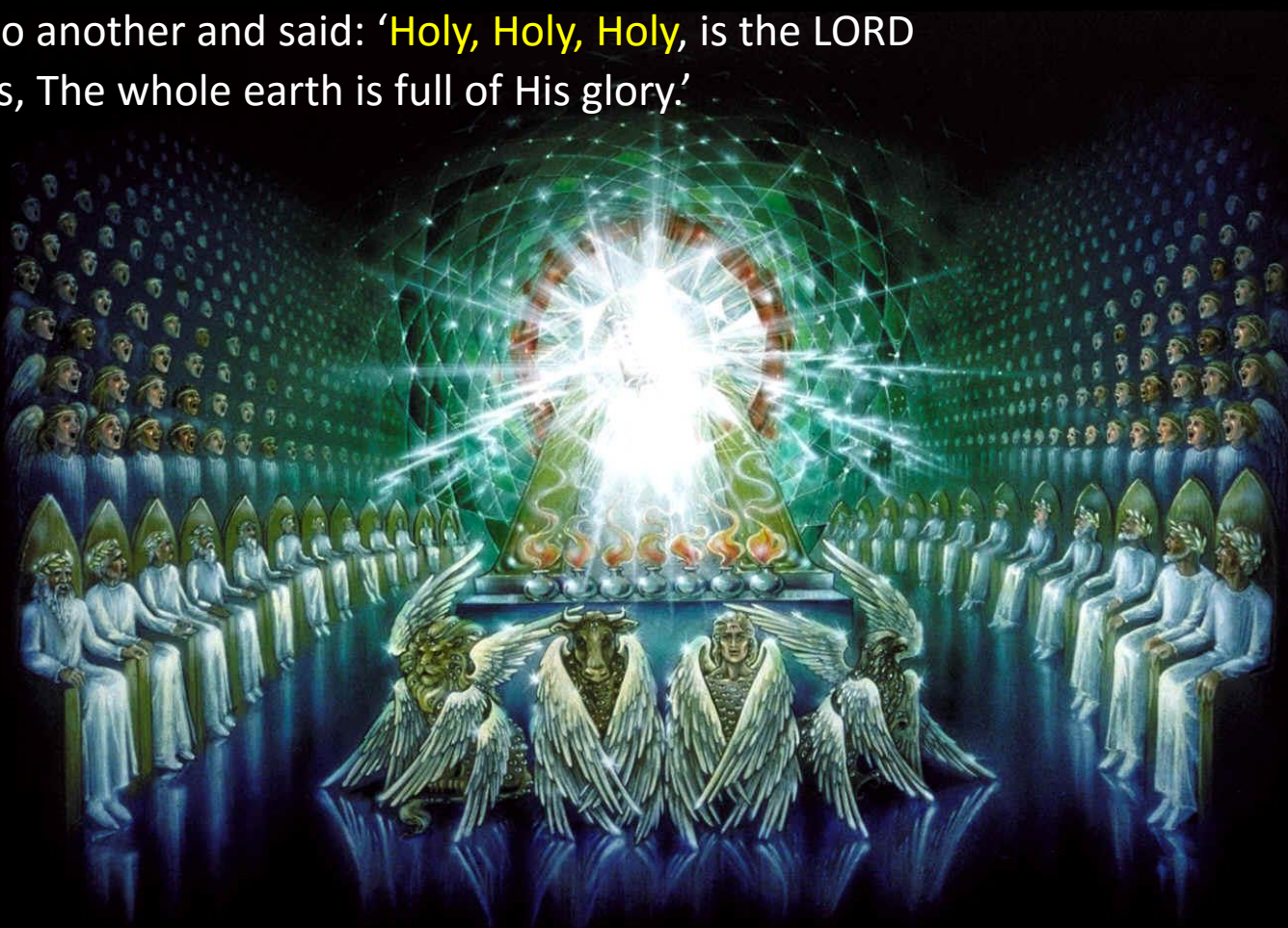
- 2x in Ezekiel
- 14x in Revelation

The Throne Scene



■ Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the **LORD sitting on a Throne**, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the Temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having **six wings**; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: '**Holy, Holy, Holy**, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.'



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⁸ And the four living creatures, each one of them having **six wings**, are full of **eyes** around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

“**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”



Psalms 18:10

He rode upon a cherub and flew; and He sped upon the wings of the wind.

Psalms 99:1

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!

Psalms 104:3

He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind.

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9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the **twenty-four elders** will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will **cast their crowns** before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Responsive Worship

- Collectively/Individually
- Submission
- Acknowledgement



The Throne Scene





The Sealed Book

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a **book** written inside and on the back, sealed up with **seven seals**.

“the most simple member of the Asiatic churches knew that a biblion made fast with seven seals was a **testament**”

Theodor Zahn

Ezekiel 2:3-10;

Exodus 32:15



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The Sealed Book

² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?”

³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.



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The Sealed Book

⁴ Then I began to **weep** greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;
⁵ and one of the elders said to me, “**Stop weeping**; behold, the **Lion** that is from the **tribe of Judah**, the **Root of David**, has **overcome** so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

“Higher natures see that human grief is often needless, springing from insufficient knowledge.” Swete

- **Judah:** Genesis 49:9-10, Hebrews 7:14
- **David:** Isaiah 11:1, 10



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The Lamb

⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a **Lamb** standing, as if **slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

⁷ And He came and **took the book** out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

- **Horns:** power, Ps 75:10
- **Eyes:** 2 Chronicles 16:9

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."



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The Lamb

⁸ When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of **incense**, which are the **prayers** of the saints.

Incense/prayers: Psalm 141:2; Luke 1:10



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⁹ And they sang a **new song**, saying,
“Worthy are You to take the book
and to break its seals; for You were
slain, and **purchased** for God with
Your blood men from every tribe and
tongue and people and nation.

¹⁰ “You have made them to be a
kingdom and priests to our God;
and they will **reign upon the earth.**”

New Song: Psalms 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1;
144:9; 149:1; Isa. 42:10



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¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “**Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”



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Worship of the Lamb

¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be **blessing** and **honor** and **glory** and **dominion** forever and ever.”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.



The Book & the **5**Lamb



Sealed with Seven Seals



First Seal: 6:1-2

Second Seal: 6:3-4

Third Seal: 6:5-6

Fourth Seal: 6:7-8

Fifth Seal: 6:9-11

Sixth Seal: 6:12-17

An Interlude: 7:1-18 *Sealing of the Saints*

Seventh Seal: Chapters 8-11 *Seven Angels Sound Seven Trumpets*

...but in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he is about to **sound**, then the **mystery** of God is **finished**, as He preached to His servants the prophets. (10:7)



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