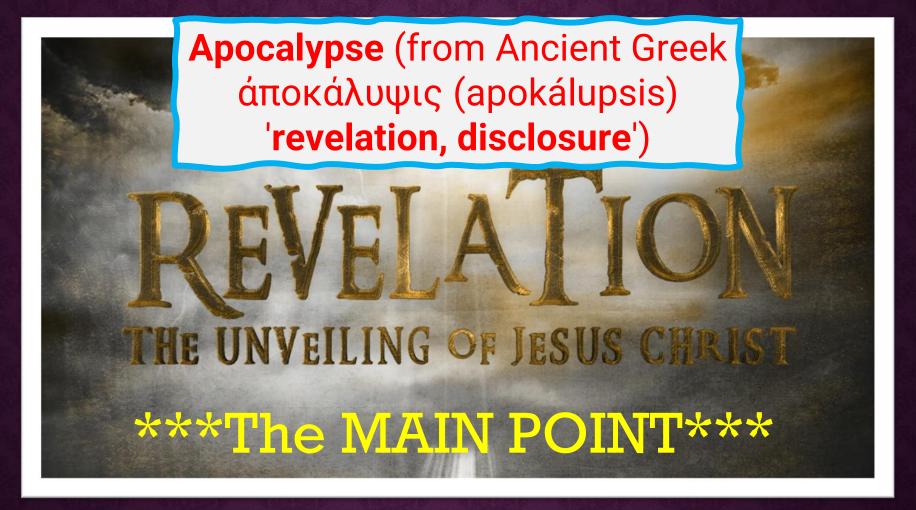
- COMINGSOON -



Uncovering the Book of Revelation

Class Two –Part 2 and 3 (Ch. 2-5)



"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must [a] shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,"

(Boy 1.1 NKW)

(Rev. 1:1 NKJV)

HOMEWORK FROM CLASS TWO:

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"CLASP": Calling, Letters, And the Scroll has the Plan

Re-read and meditate on Chapter One -Who is Jesus?

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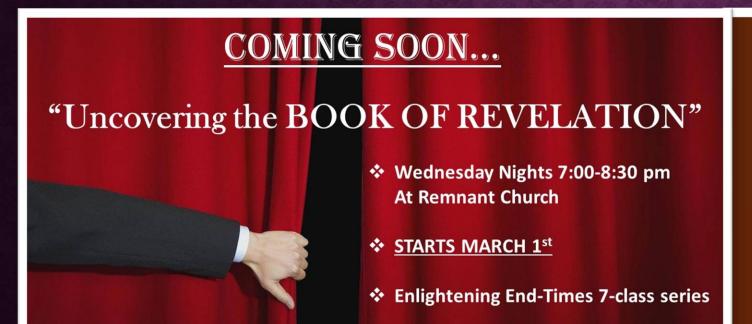
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- Class 7 4/12 Chapters 19-22

How to get the **MOST**

out of this class??

- Attend every session
- Attend in person
- Bring your Bible and notebook
- Pay close attention
- Download the notes from app
- Do the homework

LET'S BE LIKE THE BEREANS...



Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



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You DO NOT want to miss this!

THE ONLY BOOK OF THE BIBLE THAT PROMISES A BLESSING FOR READING IT:

"BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS ALOUD THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND KEEP WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR." (REV.1:3 CSB)



REVIEW OUTLINE OF REVELATION

Part 1: John's Calling - Ch 1:

WHO HE IS, giving us many descriptions of His power and majesty

Part 2: 7 Letters to 7 Churches - Ch 2-3:

WHAT HE WANTS in the end-time church

Part 3: **Jesus takes the scroll** – Ch 4-5:

HIS HEAVENLY COMMISSION, His worthiness and resources

Part 4: Jesus' Battle Plan - Ch 6-19:

HOW HE'LL PREPARE the nations for His coming glory, and Ch 20-22; OUR ETERNAL INHERITANCE on earth with Him

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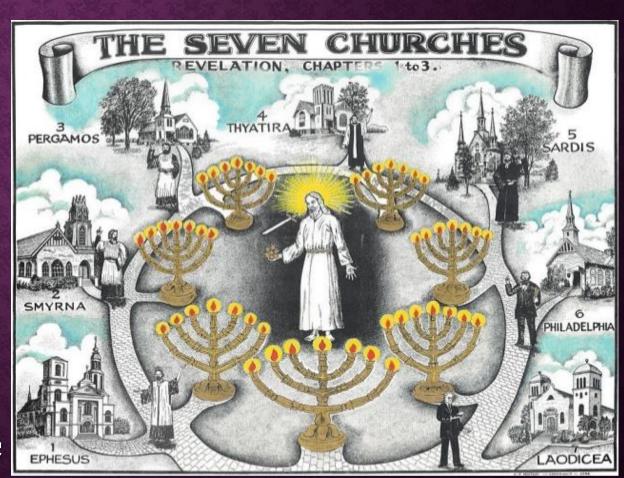
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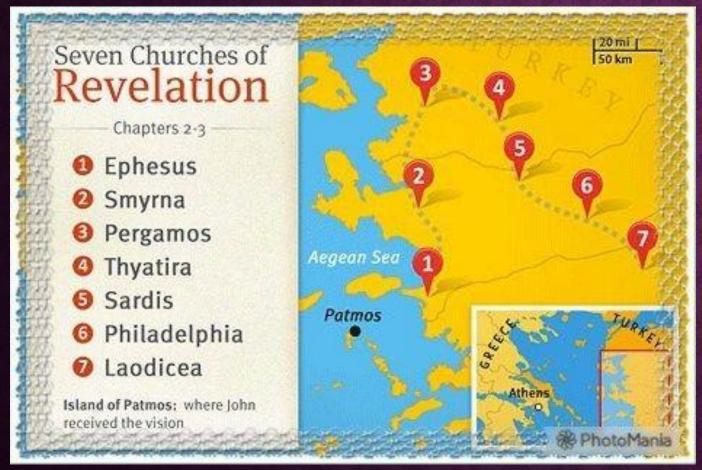
- 1. Reveals the Acts of the Spirit through end-time apostles and prophetic believers
- 2. Repeats many of the Acts of Exodus which were released through Moses' prayers
- 3. Reveals the **Praying Church** under Jesus' authority

WRITE TO THE "ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF..." EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADEPHIA, LAODICEA

- Greek word 'angelos'
- Refers to an angelic or human messenger
- Same word used when referring to John the Baptist in Mt.11:10 and Mk.1:2
- "Behold I send my "messenger" = angelos.
- So 'angel' of the church = ?apostolic leader? over each congregation



THE 7 LETTERS - WHY? AND WHY THESE 7?



The 7 prophetic letters instructs on how to partner with Him in preparation for His 2nd coming.

These letters show us the kind of church that Jesus is building, what His agenda is, and what He requires/desires of us.

These letters may be applied individually, corporately, historically and eschatalogically.

There were at least 100 churches in existence when John was writing – so why these 7?

Jesus, in His infinite wisdom knew that these particular 7 churches with their deeds and issues best exemplified the message He desired to convey to ALL the churches then, ALL the churches throughout the ages, and to each and every one of us personally.



THE REPORT CARDS OF THE 7 CHURCHES

- 1. Revelation (attribute) of Jesus: EXAMPLE: EPHESUS
 - These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
- 2. <u>Affirmation</u>: I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars, and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. (also commended re: Nicolaitans)
- 3. Rebuke: Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
- 4. Exhortation:

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works

- 5. Warning: or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-unless you repent.
- 6. Reward for overcomers: To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is the midst of the paradise of God.
- 7. Command:

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

7 LETTERS TO 7 CHURCHES

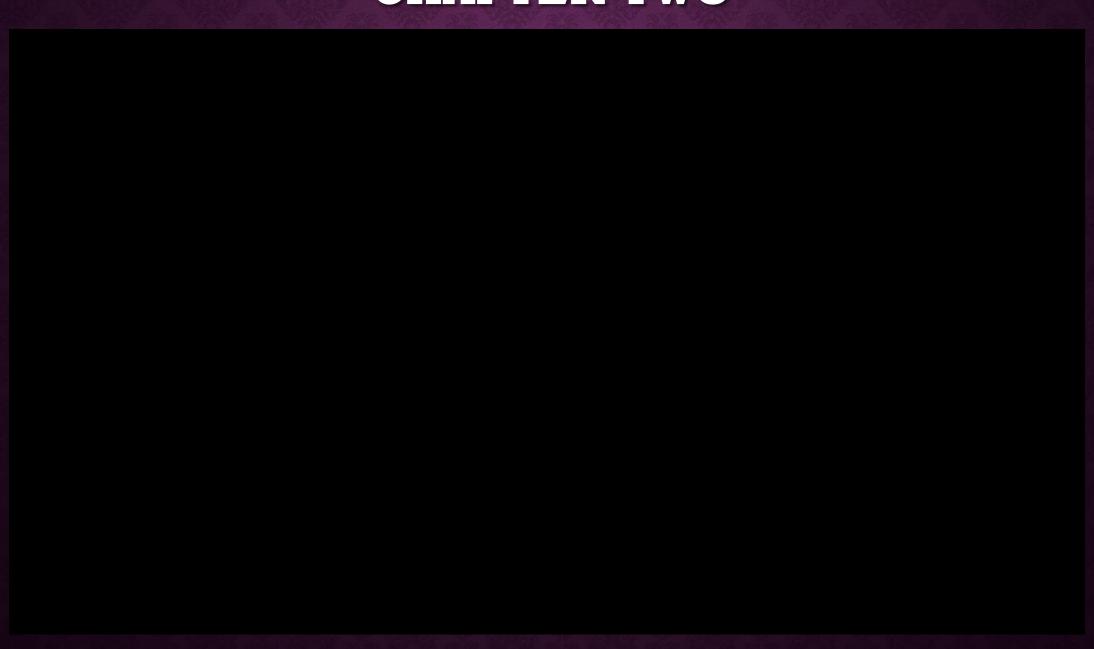
- All letters to the churches begin with a specific description/attribute of Jesus taken from chapter one
- All churches receive some sort of commendation <u>EXCEPT Laodicea</u>
- All receive a rebuke and are told to repent <u>EXCEPT Smyrna and Philadelphia</u>
- All are offered gracious **rewards** if they obey

REBUKE IS NOT REJECTION!!!

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent" (Rev.3:19 NIV)



CHAPTER TWO



The Seven Churches – Chapter 2

	Christ	Commendation	Rebuke	Exhortation	Alternative	Promise	Historical View
Ephesus (2:1-7)	Holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks in the midst of the seven candlesticks (1:20).	Works, labor, pat cannot bear thos are evil, judged the false apostles, hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans.	T LOVE	Remember, repent, do the first works.	I will come quickly and remove the candlestick out of his place (1:20)	Will eat of the Tree of Life.	The Church of the first century.
Smyrna (2:8-11)	First and the Last, Who was dead and is alive.	Works, tri poverty.	AITHFUL	Fear not, be faithful unto death.	_	Will receive the Crown of Life, Will not be hurt of the second death.	The persecuted church of the second and third centuries.
Pergamos (2:12-17)	Has the sharp sword with two edges (Heb. 4:12)	the faith. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans.		Repent	I will come quickly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.	Will eat of the hidden manna, and receive a white stone with a new name written within it.	The Church from about 312 (Constantine) to about 500 A.D.
Thyratira (2:18-29)	Eyes like flame of fire, feet like fine brass.	Works, charit IMMC faith, growth in works.	teach immorality and idolatry.	Repent, hold fast to that which you already have until I come.	Great tribulation, children will be killed.	Will give power over the nations, will receive the Morning Star.	The Church of the Dark Ages till the 16 th century.

CHAPTER THREE



The Seven Churches – Chapter 3

	Christ	Commendation	Rebuke	Exhortation	Alternative	Promise	Historical View
Sardis (3:1-6)	Has seven spirits and seven stars.	(reputation) of being alive	but are dead.	Be watchful, strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die. Remember how you have received and heard, hold fast, repent.	I will come on you as a thief.	Will be clothed in white raiment. Name will not be blotted out of the Book of Life. Jesus will confess his name before the Father.	The Church of the Renaissance and the Reformation.
Philadelphi a (3:7-13)	True has the key of David.	ERSEVERE word and not denied His Name. Has kept the word of His patience	_	Hold fast that which you have	That no man take thy crown.	Be kept from the hour of temptation. Be made a pillar in the temple of God in the New Jerusalem. Jesus' new name will be written on him.	The Church of the revival of the 19th century.
Laodicea (3:14-22	beginning (originating source) of the creation of God	UKEWARM	Lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. Wretched and miserable, and poor, and naked.	Buy from Jesus refined gold white clothes, and eye salve. Be zealous and repent.	I will spue you out of my mouth.	Fellowship with Christ – I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me.	The end-times lukewarm church.

Comments: All churches begin with a description of Jesus. All but the church of Laodicea receive some sort of commendation. All receive a rebuke of some kind and are told to repent except for Smyrna and Philadelphia. All are offered gracious options if they obey the exhortations.

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Revelation 2:7 AN URGENT EXHORTATION

UNFATHOMABLE ETERNAL REWARDS...

- To eat from the tree of life in the midst of Paradise (2:7)
- To receive the crown of life (2:10)
- To not be hurt by the second death (2:11)
- To eat hidden manna (2:17)
- To receive a white stone (2:17)
- To receive a new name written on the stone (2:17)
- To have power over the nations (2:26)
- To receive the morning star (2:28)
- To receive white garments (3:5)
- To receive a name that is not blotted out from the Book of Life (3:5)
- For Jesus to confess one's name before the Father and angels (3:5)
- For one's persecutors to worship before their feet (3:9)
- For one's persecutors to know that Jesus loves them(3:9)

- To be made a pillar in God's Temple (3:12)
- To have God's name, the New Jerusalem's name, and Jesus' new name written on them (3:12)
- To receive gold to make one rich (3:18)
- To receive white garments (3:18)
- To have anointed eyes to see more (3:18)
- To eat with Jesus (3:20)
- AND to sit on His throne (3:21)

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard...the things which God has prepared for those who love Him...

1 Cor 2:9

An OVERCOMER is one who matures in the specific area of faithfulness that Jesus emphasizes in his/her life:

• **Ephesus** – returning to first love





- Smyrna faithful in persecution –even unto death
- Pergamos and Thyatira resisting immorality and idolatry
- Sardis being watchful (prayer life) and to hold fast
- Philadelphia to persevere in mature obedience for the rest of their lives
- Laodicea resisting luke-warmness

OVERCOMES ...

REVELATION 2:26

HIS PROPOSITION... Awesome evangelism verse!!

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20

(OR IS IT??)

This verse follows the "as many as I love I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent" verse (Rev. 3:19 CSB).

The context was the Laodicean Church – so lukewarm (and wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked) that He is going to spew them out.

So could this mean that Jesus, instead of being in the midst of this church (like he was in the midst of the lampstands in chapter one), is now on the OUTSIDE of them, urging them, even as individuals to let Him come back into their church (???)

wow....

CHAPTER FOUR



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." 2. At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (Rev.4:1-2)

THE BEAUTY REALM OF GOD

- 3. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

 4. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones, I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- 6. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. (NKJV)

CHAPTER 4:2-7 – THE BEAUTY REALM OF GOD



The Beauty of:

God's Person(4:3)

jasper, sardius, emerald: how he looks, feels and acts

God's Partners (4:4)

the church enthroned, robed and crowned

God's Power (4:5a)

manifestations in lightenings, thunderings, voices

God's Presence (4:5b-7)

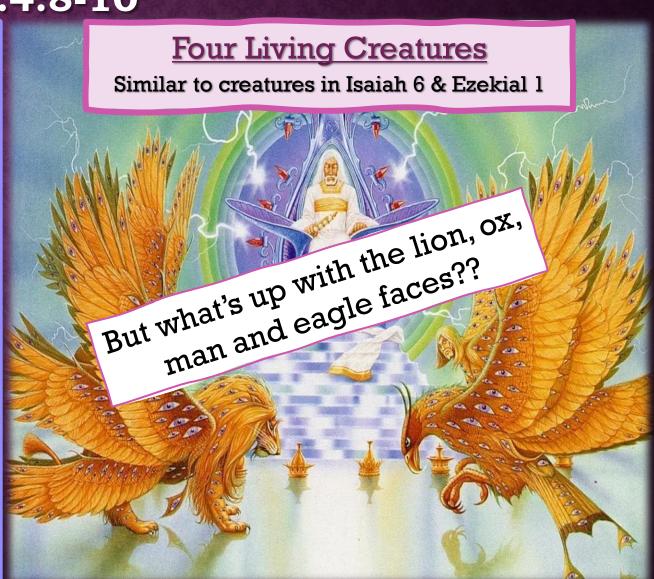
Fire on lamps, seraphim, and the sea (15:2)

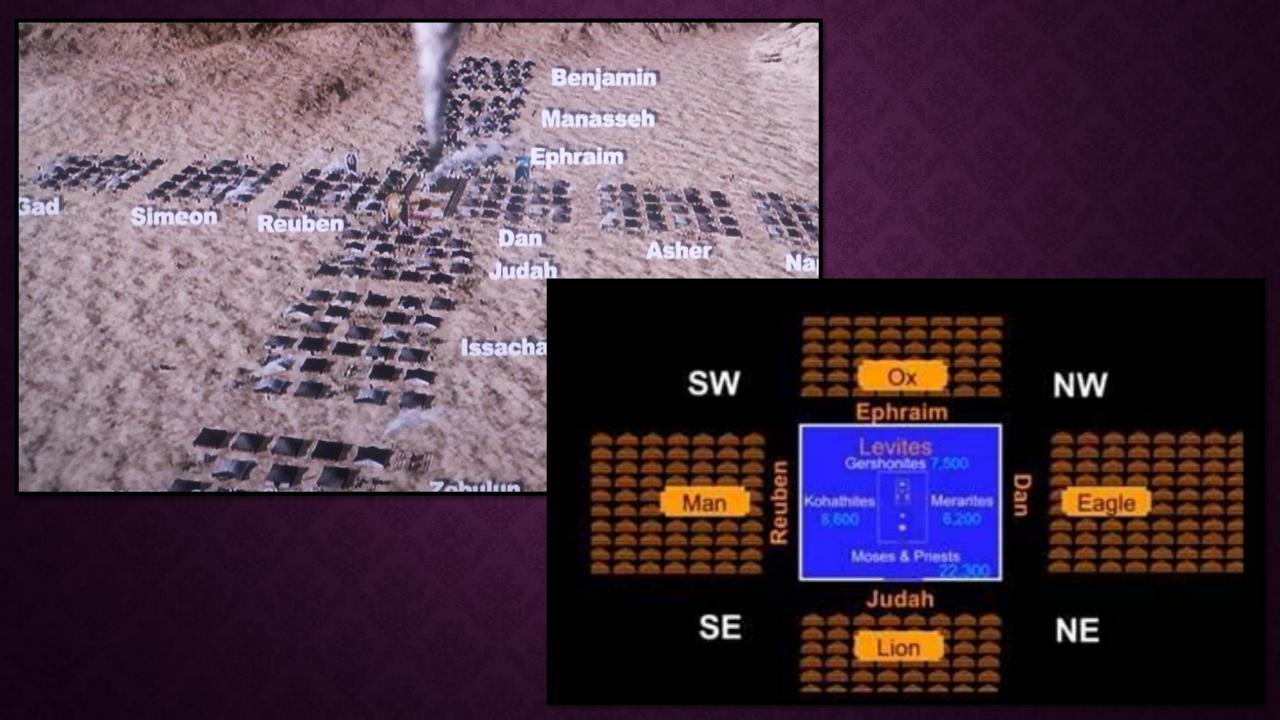




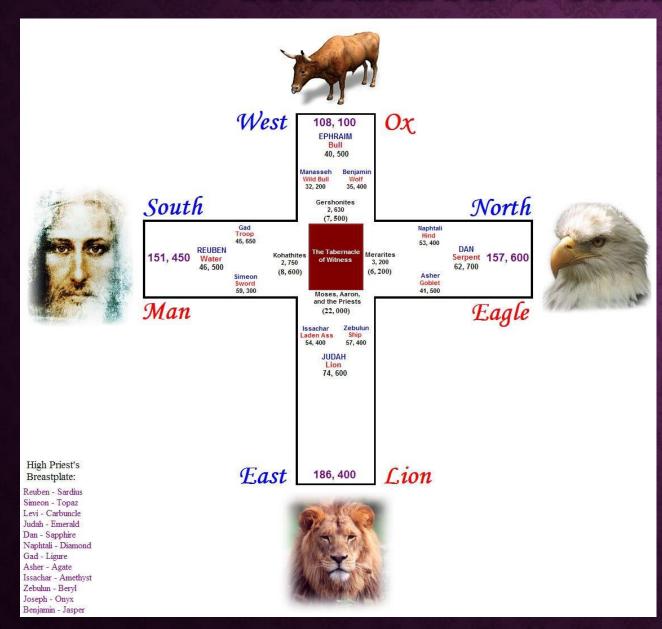
GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS OF HEAVEN'S GLORY REV.4:8-10

- They boast (with loving delight) in God
- Their foundational hymn (Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty...) forever magnifies God's holiness.
- NOTE: there are 14 hymns in the book of Revelation
- To be holy means 'to be totally separated'
- God is separated from everything sinful, i.e. He is pure
- He is separated from everything created (or common)
- Thus, He is transcendent or infinitely superior to all that exists





ISRAELITE'S CAMP AND ENSIGNS



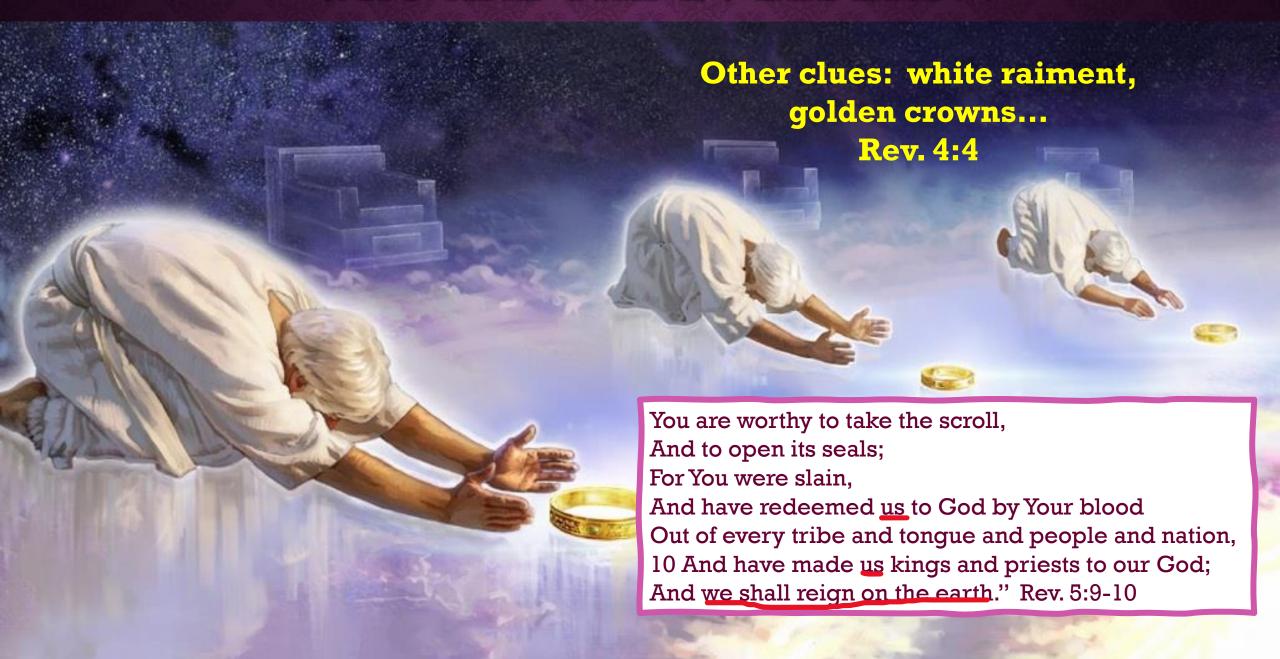
The ox (Ephraim) represents Jesus' submission to God and service to man. Jesus came to minister according to His Father's will and He alone was strong enough to bear the weight of man's sin.

The eagle (Dan) represents swift judgment. In His first coming, Jesus took the judgment for man's sin and in His second coming Jesus will come quickly to judge the living and the dead.

The man (Reuben) represents Jesus' humanity. Jesus took on flesh and lived a human life on earth.

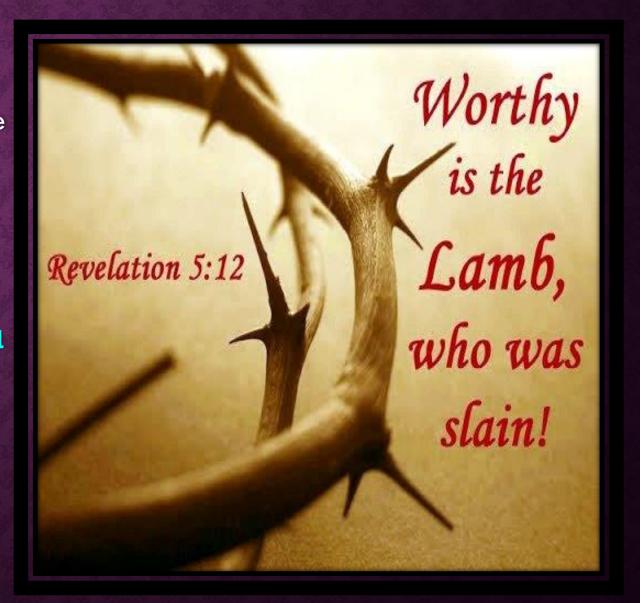
The lion (Judah) represents Jesus as King. Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and, in His second coming, He will rule as King of kings over all the earth.

WHO ARE THE 24 ELDERS??



CHAPTER 5 – JESUS IS WORTHY

- 8. And being found in appearance as a man, **He**humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- 9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
- 10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
- 11. and that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil.2:8-10)



CHAPTER 5 – JESUS IS WORTHY

THEN I JOHN BEGAN TO WEEP GREATLY BECAUSE



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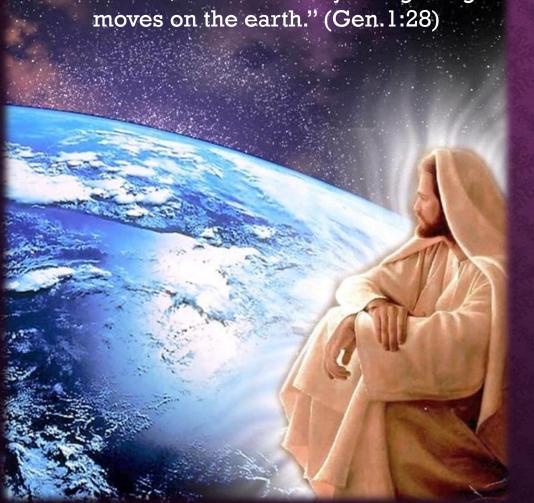


Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered... He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth (5:6a, 6c NLT).

This chapter gives us insight into the Father's plan to exalt Jesus as a human king over all the earth. The Father promised to exalt Jesus because of His faithfulness in His humanity (Phil.2:8-10)

WHO HAS DOMINION OVER THE EARTH?

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that



The heavens are the LORD's, but the earth he has given to the human race. (Ps.115:16)

- God gave dominion (authority) of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race as a eternal stewardship.
- By sinning, Adam forfeited his authority to Satan (Gen.3; Lk.4:5-6)
- Jesus, as the last Adam, won back to the rights to dominion over the earth.
- His humanity and sinlessness qualifies Him for what happens in Chapter 5.

Authority over all creation

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ed (Hebrews 4:15)

Important to remember: •Temptage

We're talking about authority, not about

control. God NEVER loses control of anything - He is always SOVEREIGN, Caused all mankir

pportunity to be omniscient and omnipresent (Romans 5:12, 15)

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Obedience to God leads to life (John 10:10)

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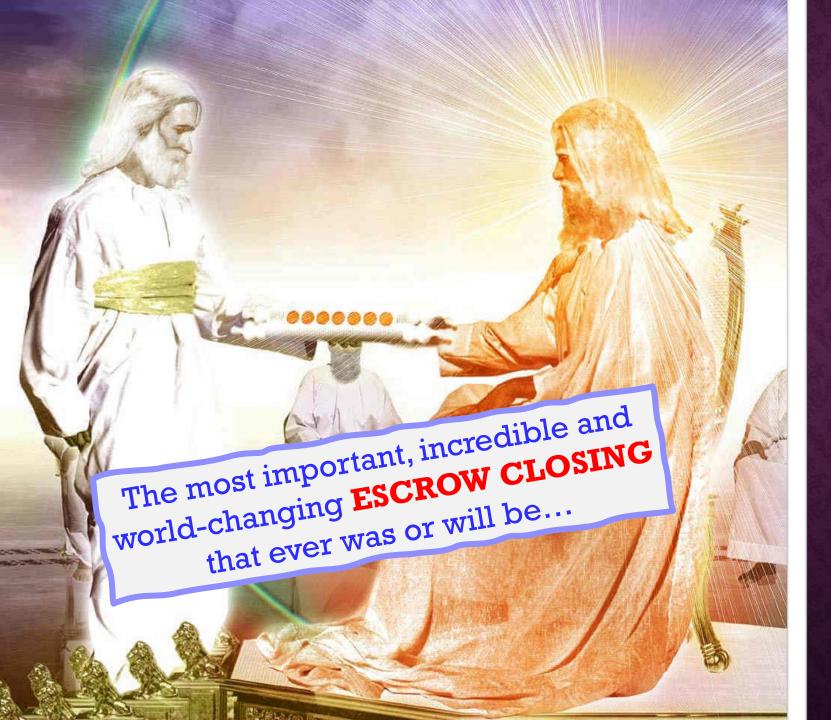
ANCIENT TITLE DEED

- In Jeremiah 32:6-16 we read about Jeremiah's title deed for a piece of property.
- Why was the signed/sealed/witnessed title deed stored along with a 2nd open document??
- So what is a 'double-deed' or opisthrograph?
- A very similar deed—written on both sides, tied with seven cords, each cord sealed with its own bulla—at Wadi Daliyeh near Jericho.
- John is shown a scroll written on both sides and sealed with 7 seals – A TITLE DEED.

Ancient Qualifications to open the scroll (title deed):

- Be a close relative
- · Be willing and able
- Paid the price (be the Redeemer)

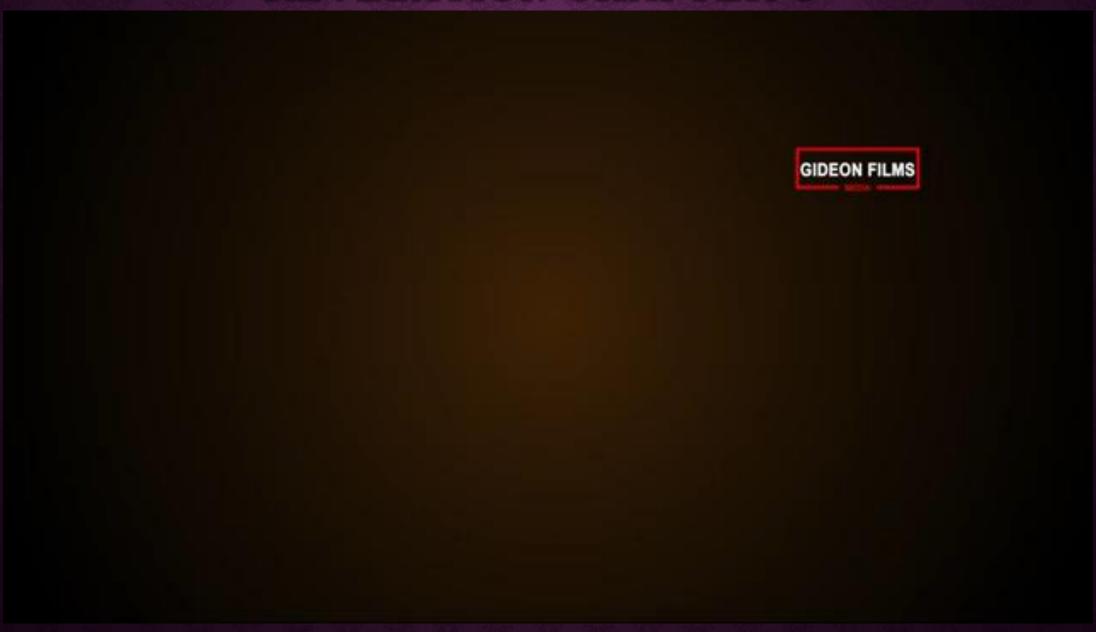




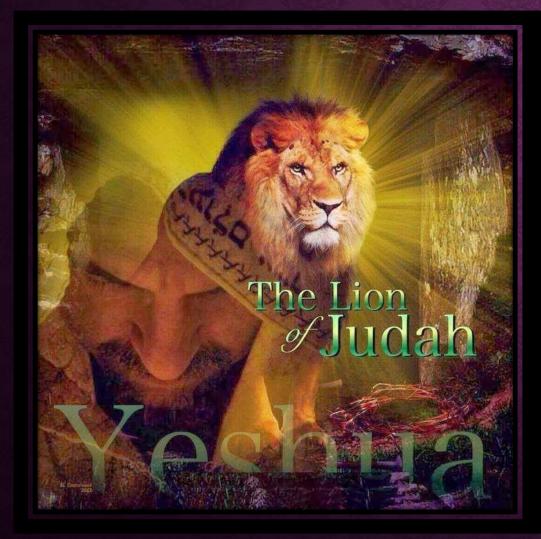
JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL

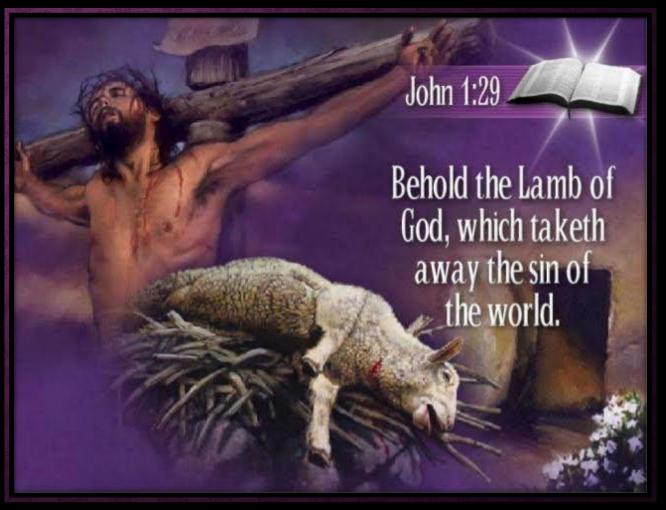
- As Jesus is commissioned, He takes the scroll from the Father's hand
- The TITLE DEED of the earth and ACTION PLAN (Rev. 6-19)
- This is necessary to prepare the church as a mature Bride who partners with Jesus
- The Father gives the title deed (scroll) of the earth to Jesus as a human King, the only Man found worthy (deserving and capable)
- To "open the Seals" means to release the judgments in the Book of Revelation

REVELATION CHAPTER 5



The fierceness and fearlessness of a Lion (vs.5) & The tenderness and humility of a Lamb (vs.6)



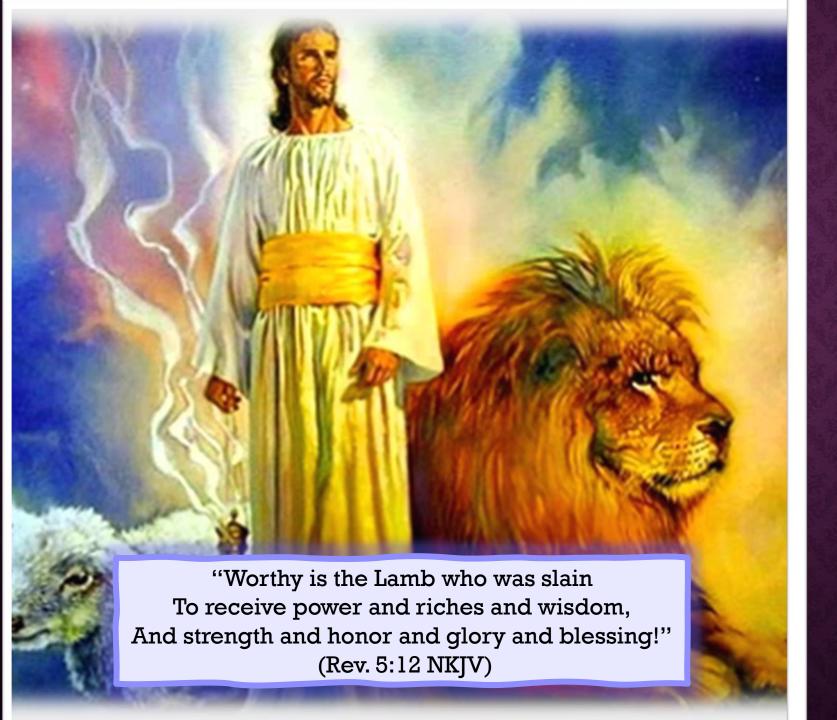


AFTER JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL-A NEW SONG - REV. 5:8-10

- Jesus is worth it (Phil.3:8)
- Jesus is *capable*
- Jesus deserves it
- Jesus was slain as a human
- Jesus lived dependent on the anointing of the Spirit
- Jesus' *humility* is beyond our understanding



"You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood -out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev.5:8-10 NKJV)



SEVEN SPHERES OF LEADERSHIP (5:11-12)

- **POWER** Political
- **RICHES** –Financial
- **WISDOM** –Intellectual
- **STRENGTH** Emotional
- GLORY –Spiritual
- **HONOR** Relational
- **BLESSING** Social

SO WHERE IS THIS ULTIMATELY HEADED??

A. The Father's promise to Jesus: to make Him preeminent in all things.

(Definition of preeminent: extremely distinguished, outstanding, superior to all others)

Then comes the end [millennial kingdom], when He [Jesus] puts an end to all rule [hostile, evil authoritic made subject to Him [Jesus], then the Soundard God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:24, 28)

B. Jesus earn absolutely de

Now I saw a new help and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God." (Rev.21:1-3)

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