

# REVELATION Chapters 4 - 6

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**1** After this I looked, and behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard like a trumpet talking with me / John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, who lived longer than the other disciples, as representative of the Love of His life – His church hears a voice;

which said, Come up here, and I will show you what must be hereafter / being a visual learner... in my bible... throughout this book of the Revelation... verses detailing activities in heaven are highlighted in blue; those activities on earth in green.

**2** And immediately I was in the spirit: and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne / notice the word: *one*... is in italics, always indicating added by the KJV translators to help us understand better the syntax – the throne was occupied.

**3** And He who was sitting looked like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance: and a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance / the look: transparent, costly, colorful.

**4** And around the throne *were* twenty-four seats: and upon the seats I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and on their heads crowns of gold / representing ALL the redeemed.

**5** And from the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God / previously mentioned in chapter 1, seven, the number indicating: whole and complete; the prophet Isaiah, who *saw the Lord high and lifted up*... speaks of *the Spirit of the Lord; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord*... and could have mentioned 10,000 other traits belonging to the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, and Comforter -- **Isaiah 11**

**6** And before the throne, a sea of glass like crystal / symbol of the cleansing word abiding forever:

and in the midst of the throne, and around the throne,

four beings / in Greek: *zoon*, creatures, beings; whoever these 4 created beings are, they stand in closest proximity to God's throne; listening to Him, echoing Him... **full of eyes before and behind.**

**7** And the first being *was* like a lion, and the second being like a calf, and the third being had a face as a man, and the fourth being *was* like a flying eagle.

**8** And the four beings each had six wings, and full of eyes around and within / they each can move any and every direction; they can detect any and every action:

and day and night they do **not** cease, saying, Holy, holy, holy, the LORD God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come.

**9** And when those beings give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

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**10** The four and twenty elders / the redeemed of all ages,

fall down before **Him** who sits on the throne, and worship **Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**11** You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power:

for You created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.

Notice: 12 times in this chapter John writes about the magnificent throne... obviously, the center of attention in all creation; yet, the majesty of our great Father is so profoundly underscored, as we learn the One who occupies that chair... is satisfied simply to be recorded 1 time in the 2<sup>nd</sup> person = he; and 3 times in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person = him... our loving Father in heaven...who is pleased to receive praise and thanksgiving even from some of the strangest creatures.

## Chapter 5

**1** And I saw in the right hand of **Him** who sits on the throne, a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

**2** And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book... / a very detailed book; a TITLE DEED sealed, a property that had become worthless -- **Jeremiah 38** parallels this event; property that is to be reclaimed. Jesus said, *My kingdom is not of this world...* but get ready to shout: Hallelujah! Here with a window opened in heaven, we discover things are changing,

Who is worthy to open the book, and to loosen the seals of it?

**3** And no *one* in heaven, nor in earth, nor under the earth, was able to open the book, nor to look into it.

**4** And I wept greatly, because no *one* was found worthy to open and to read the book, nor to look into it.

**5** And one of the elders said to me, **Weep not:** behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah** / FIRST we learn He is a LION, to His enemies,

the Root of David has overcome to open the book, and to loosen the seven seals of it.

**6** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne (with of the four beings), and in the midst of the elders, **a Lamb** stood as if slain / and SECOND, we learn He is a LAMB, who substituted for His people; He knows our weakness; He took our every flaw,

having seven horns and seven eyes / so He has all the power He needs; and all the insight to know what needs to be done,

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which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**7** And He came and took the book / the TITLE DEED to the whole earth,

from the right hand of **Him** who sat on the throne.

**8** And when He had taken the book, the four beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before **the Lamb**, having each one a harp, and golden vial full of incense, which are the prayers of saints / and from our vantage point, can't you see the excitement rising?

**9** And they sang a new song, saying, **You are worthy to take the book, and open its seals: for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood those of us from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation** / so no racial bigots will be singing this new song;

**10** And made us to our God... a royal priesthood: and we will reign on the earth.

**11** And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and the beings and the elders: and the number of them was myriads of myriads and ten-thousand times ten-thousand / a lot! more people than we could ever meet in 10,000 years;

**12** Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

**13** And all creation which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, **be to Him** who **sits on the throne**, and **to the Lamb** forever and ever.

**14** And the four beings continued saying, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped **Him** who lives forever and ever.

## Chapter 6

**1** And I saw when **the Lamb opened one of the seals** / so the Lamb who substituted His life for us... He is personally unsealing to retake what belongs to Him -- some have wondered if this begins the last *shabua*, the final 7 years of the time of the Gentiles coming to an end, spoken of by prophet Daniel,

and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, **one of the four beings** / the one like a lion; got the attention of this son of thunder John... saying, Come and see.

**2** And I saw, and behold a **white** horse: and he that sat on it had a bow;

and a crown was given to him / suggesting a political leader of some place with no 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment... an imposter presenting himself as a man of peace... he has a bow but no arrows... he probably peddles a springtime agenda for all to play; Daniel says, *he throws truth to the ground* in the last days of Gentiles:

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and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

**3** And when **he** / the Lamb... had **opened** the **second** seal, I heard the second being / a young calf; playful, ready for sacrifice... say, Come and see.

**4** And there went out another horse that was **red**: and power was given to him that sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword / a large sword; indiscriminate, merciless killing... as in the days of Noah, when violence filled the earth; notice the 4 horsemen of Apocalypse move swiftly, speedily.

**5** And when **he** / the Lamb... had **opened** the **third** seal, I heard the third being / who had the face of a man... say, Come and see.

And I beheld, and lo a **black** horse; and he that sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand / prophet Amos speaks of those who party and drink wine in bowls and barrels... at the same time they falsify the balances and make small the container of wheat... while they increase the cost.

**6** And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beings say, A measure of wheat for a penny / for a denarion; a loaf of bread for a day's wage; John sees... stagnant wages and inflated prices,

and three measures of barley for a penny / also a day's wage, so decide which one you need;

and see you do **not** hurt the oil and the wine / but the greedy say: don't touch our oil or our wine.

**7** And when **he** / the Lamb... had **opened** the **fourth** seal, I heard the voice of the fourth being /...like an eagle flying say, Come and see.

**8** And I looked, and behold a **pale** horse: and he who sat on it was named **Death**; and **Hell** followed him.

And *military* power was given to them over a fourth of the earth / as the rebuilt roman government along with 10 political leaders... plus 1 powerful, greasy pimple of a politician on the world stage... continue their brutal policy... hard as iron smashing and ruining,

**to kill: with sword** / it's part of their policy,

and **with hunger** / though they deny it; also part of their policy,

and **with death** / yes, likewise their policy,

and **with the beasts of the earth** / as all the governments line up, united... in lock step agreement.

**9** And when **he** / the Lamb... had **opened** the **fifth** seal,

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I saw under the altar the souls of them who were slain **for the word of God**, and for the testimony which they held / that number being added to throughout the world, even today; Jesus the night He was betrayed said: *Remember, if they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you:*

**10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long**, O Lord, holy and true, will You **not** judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

**11** And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little while longer, until their fellowservants and their brethren, who were to be killed, be fulfilled.

**12** And I beheld when **he** / the Lamb... had **opened** the **sixth** seal,

and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as **blood**;

**13** And the stars of heaven fell to the earth / does this include Satan? **even as a fig tree drops its untimely figs, when it is shaken by a mighty wind** / in Greek: *seio*... where we get the word: seismic. When Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphal that day, we read: He shook the city. Haggai speaking for the Lord says: *Yet once again, I will shake the heavens and the earth...* a prelude to **the 6<sup>th</sup> great feast Day**... of His wrath which will come on all the earth... beginning: **Revelation 8**.

**14** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved from their places.

**15** And the *politicians* of the earth, and the great, and the rich / men and women, and the chief captains / brilliant 5-star generals, and the mighty, and every slave and free, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains / and probably in a few sewer pipes, too;

**16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us; and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and **from the wrath** of the **Lamb**:

**17** For **the great day of His wrath** is come; and who will be able to stand? Nobody!

But along with Paul, we need not be ignorant. Prior to this verse, **the 5<sup>th</sup> great Day of the Trumpets** has already sounded, and the dead **in Christ** will rise first... and we who are alive and remain... scattered throughout the earth... *will be caught up together with them...* forever to be with the Lord.

And Paul adds:

*For God has not appointed us to wrath...*

*but to obtain salvation... by our Lord Jesus Christ.*