

Ephesians Series

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The Gift of the Kingdom to the Son of Man

Ephesians 4:7–10; Psalm 2; Daniel 7:13–14



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:7, “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

Eph. 4:8, “Therefore He says: ‘*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.*’

Eph. 4:9, “(Now this expression, ‘*He ascended,*’ what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph. 4:10, “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

- 1. FIVE Messianic Psalms: Psalm 68:18; 110; Psalm 2 then Daniel 7 with Psalm 8; Psalm 89 with Psalm 132:11–14.**
- 2. The terms *Son of Man* and *Son of God*; *Son of David* and *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*.**
- 3. The Davidic Covenant as the foundation for understanding all of the above.**
- 4. The Melchizedekian priesthood and its fulfillment in Christ.**

Psa. 68:18,

**“You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even from the rebellious,
That the Lord God might dwell there.**

Psa. 68:19,

**“Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation! Selah” ~NKJV**

**Psa. 68:24, “They have seen Your procession, O God,
the procession of my God, my King, into the
sanctuary.”**

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- 1. Ascension, Psa. 68:18; Eph. 4:7–8**
- 2. Seated at the right hand of God, “on My Father’s throne”, Rev. 3:21, Psa. 110:1**
- 3. Asks for the kingdom, Psa. 2:8**
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Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

ἐπαίρω *epairō*

3 sing aor pass

indic to lift up

ὑπολαμβάνω *hupolambanō*

3 sing aor act indic to

suppose; to lift up; to reply

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.”

διέρχομαι, *dierchomai*, perfect active participle,

“to come or go through, to pass through, to travel through a place or location”

Heb. 7:26, “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;”

Eph. 1:20, “which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph. 1:21, “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Heb. 10:12, “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 10:13, “from that time waiting until His enemies are made His footstool.”

Psa. 110:1,

“The LORD said to my Lord,

‘Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ ”

My Lord אֲדֹנָי (*ʾădōnī*) vs אֲדֹנָי (*ʾădōnāy*)

(always used of God),

**except in Josh. 5:14; Judg. 6:13 to the
angel of the Lord**

In Psa. 110:5, *ʾădōnāy* is used which

further defines *ʾădōnī* in vs. 1 as Divine.

Psa. 110:4,

“The LORD has sworn and will not relent, ‘*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*’ ”

God promises:

- **a future Royal High Priest, Psa. 110:4a**
- **the future everlasting Royal High Priest, Psa. 110:4b**

The Future Messiah King sits until God the Father makes His enemies His footstool.

How this is done is described in Psa. 110:2, 3

Psa. 110:2, “The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!”

Psalm 110:3, “Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, from the womb of the dawn I have begotten you.”

During the Intervening Period:

1. We are seated with Him.

We, too, are awaiting the giving of the Kingdom. We are not in the Kingdom or to bring in the Kingdom. Amillennialism and post-millennialism are rejected.

2. Like Him, our role is related to our royal priesthood IN HIM. We are to carry out our priestly role: the great commission, evangelism, teaching, prayer, “one another” ministry to the Church.

Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,”

Vv 1–3 Kings of the earth plot rebellion against the Lord and His Messiah;

Vv 4–6 The response of God to their ridiculous plan;

Vv 7–9 Recounts the king's claims to the throne in spite of opposition; and

Vv 10–12 Application to those who read the psalm before the Messiah arrives, it is wise advice to those foolish nations.

Psa. 2:1,

**“Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?”**

**Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,**

**Against the LORD and against His Anointed [*Messiah*],
saying,**

**Psa. 2:3, “ ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.’ ”**

Davidic Covenant

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Sam. 7:12–16
Psa. 89
1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16
1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c
1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b
1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

Psa. 2:7, “I [Messiah talking] will declare the decree: The LORD [God the Father] has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

Psa. 2:8, “ ‘Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.’ ”

**Psa. 2:9, “ ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”**

**Psa. 110:2, “The LORD shall send the rod of Your
strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your
enemies!”**

Psa. 2:9, “ ‘You shall break (*ra‘a*) them with a rod of iron; You shall dash [*naphatz*] them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

Job 34:24, “He breaks (*ra‘a*) in pieces mighty men without inquiry, and sets others in their place.”

Jer. 51:20, “You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break [*naphatz*] the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;”

***The two verbs are each used of God’s actions, thus the Messiah = God.**

Dan. 7:9, “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;”

Ancient of Days = God the Father

Dan. 7:10, “A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Dan. 7:11, “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched until the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”

**Dan. 7:13, “I was watching in the night visions,
and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with
the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of
Days, and they brought Him near before Him.”**

**Psa. 8:4, “What is man that You are mindful of him,
and the Son of Man that You visit him?”**

**Psa. 8:5, “For You have made him a little lower than
the angels, and You have crowned him with glory
and honor.”**

John 3:13, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.”

“It marvels at the magnificent Creator who would pay attention to the humans He created. New Testament writers attach Christological significance to the psalm (1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:6–8). Identifying the son of man in Psa. 8:4 as a prophetic reference to Christ, the writers see a meaning within the psalm that goes beyond praise for the special role of humanity.”

~Josh Matthews, “The Messianic Son of Adam,” in the *Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecies*, 503.

Heb. 2:5, “For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

Heb. 2:6, “But one testified in a certain place, saying: ‘*What is man that You are mindful of him, or the Son of Man that You take care of him?*’

Heb. 2:7, “ ‘*You have made Him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.*’

Heb. 2:8, “ ‘*You have put all things in subjection under his feet.*’ For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.”

Psa. 2:6–8a.

“A portion of Psalm 8 was now quoted. While the psalm as a whole is often read as a general statement about the role of man in God’s Creation, it is clear in the light of Hebrews 2:5 and the application that follows in verses 8b–9 that the author of Hebrews read it primarily as messianic and eschatological. In doing so he stood well within the New Testament perspective on the Old Testament, a perspective directly traceable to Jesus Himself (cf. Luke 24:25–27, 44–45).”

~Zane Hodges, “Hebrews,” *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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Dan. 7:13, “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Dan. 7:14, “Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

Dan. 7:26, “ ‘But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

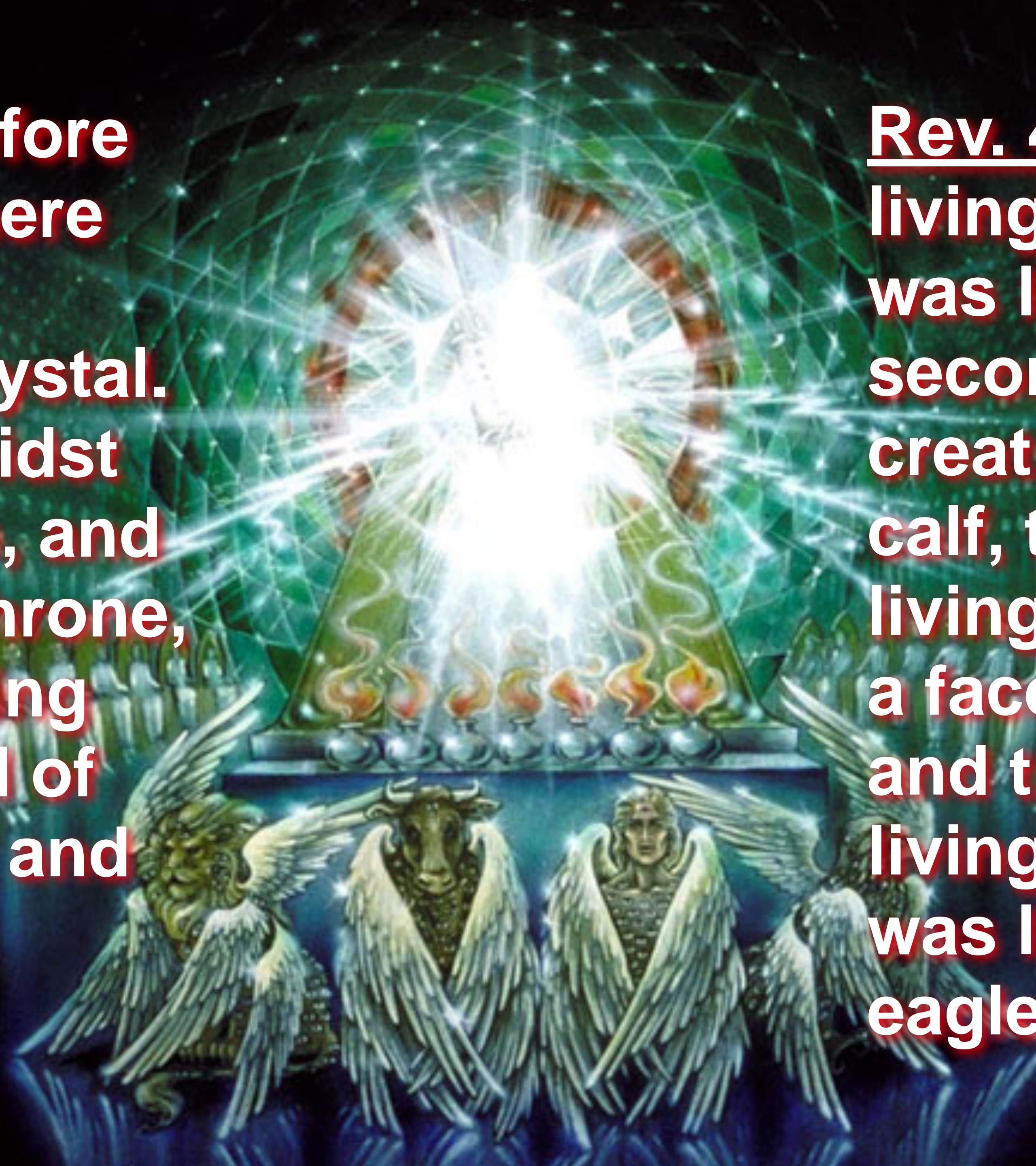
Dan. 7:27, “ ‘Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’ ”

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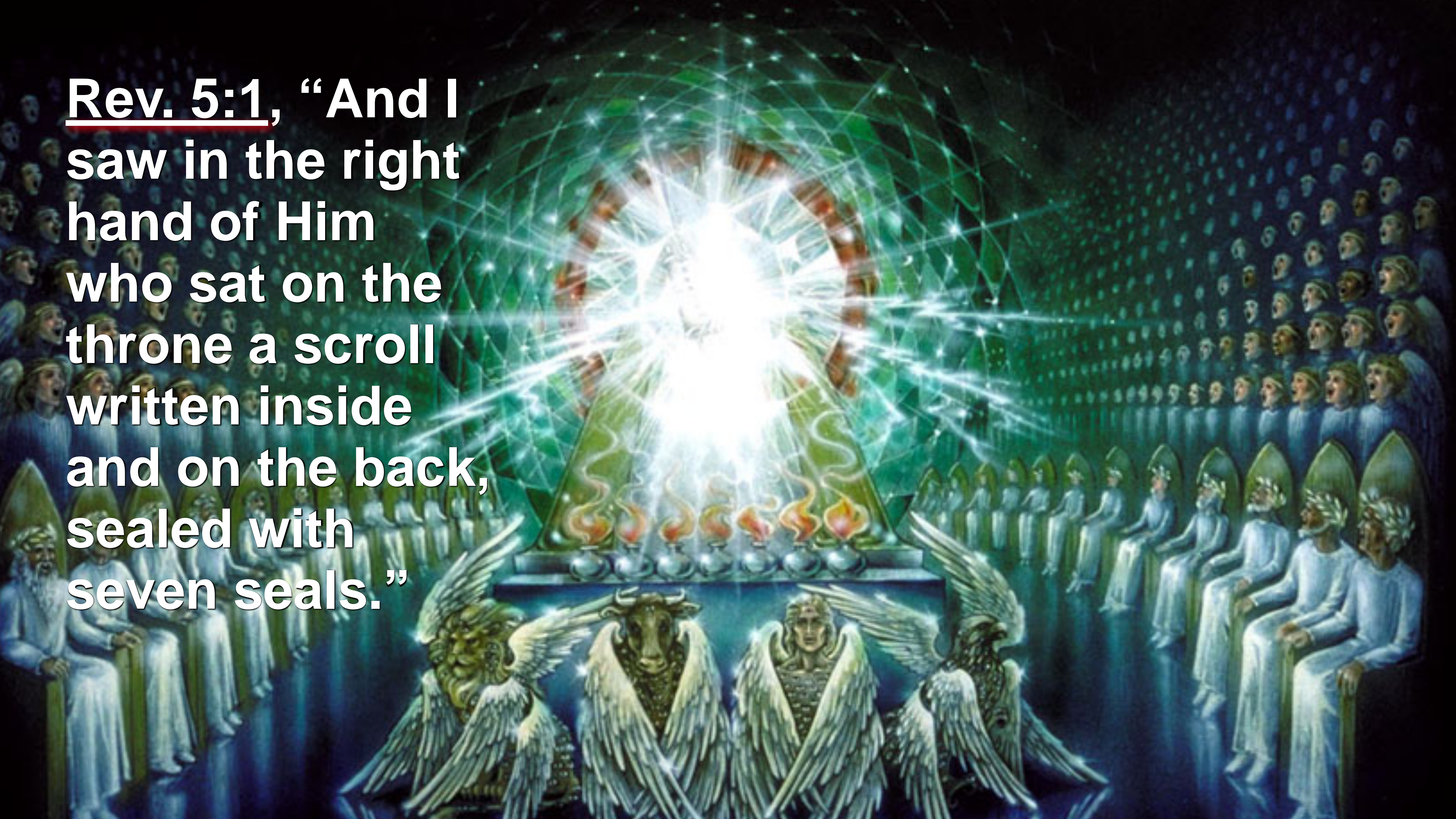
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Rev. 4:6, “Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.”

Rev. 4:7, “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.”

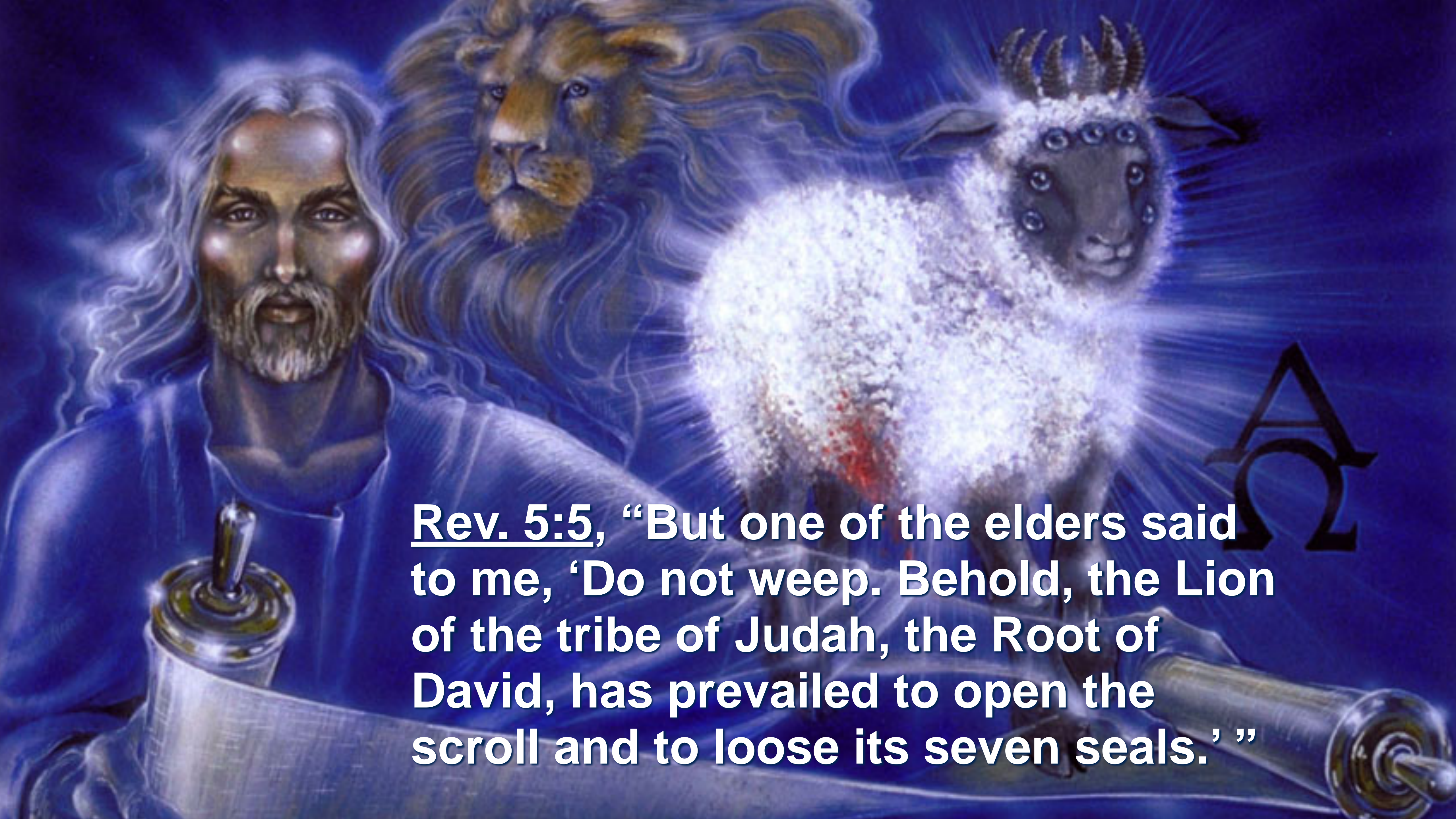


Rev. 5:1, “And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”

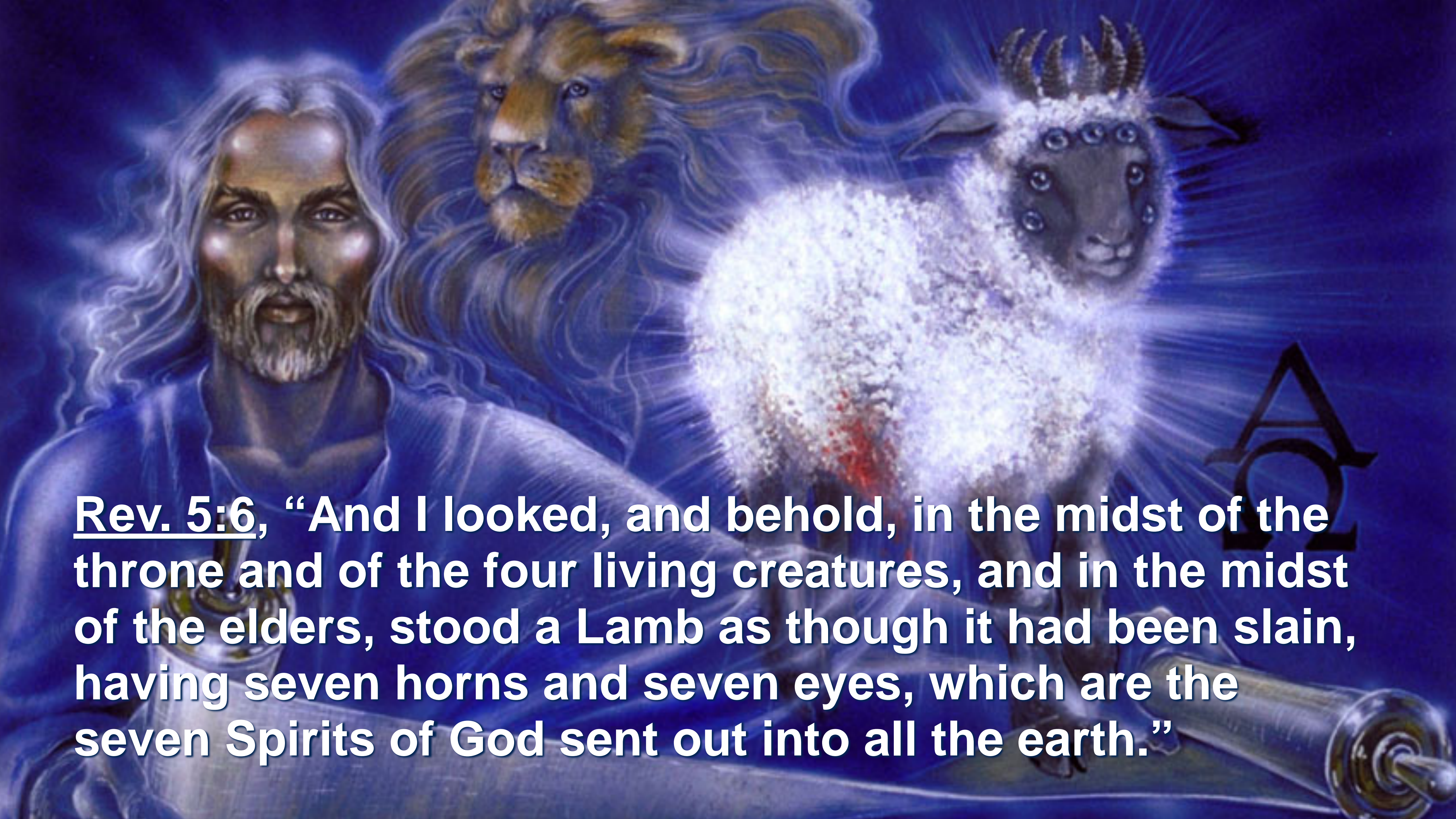


Rev. 5:2, “Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?’ ”





Rev. 5:5, “But one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.’ ”



Rev. 5:6, “And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”



Rev. 6:1, “Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’”

Rev. 6:2, “And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.” ~NKJV

Rev. 19:1, “After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

Rev. 19:2, “ ‘For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.’ ” ~NKJV

Rev. 19:3, “Again they said, ‘Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!’

Rev. 19:4, “And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, ‘Amen! Alleluia!’

Rev. 19:5, “Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’ ” ~NKJV



Rev. 19:11–13, “And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.”



Rev. 19:14–16, “And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” ~NKJV