



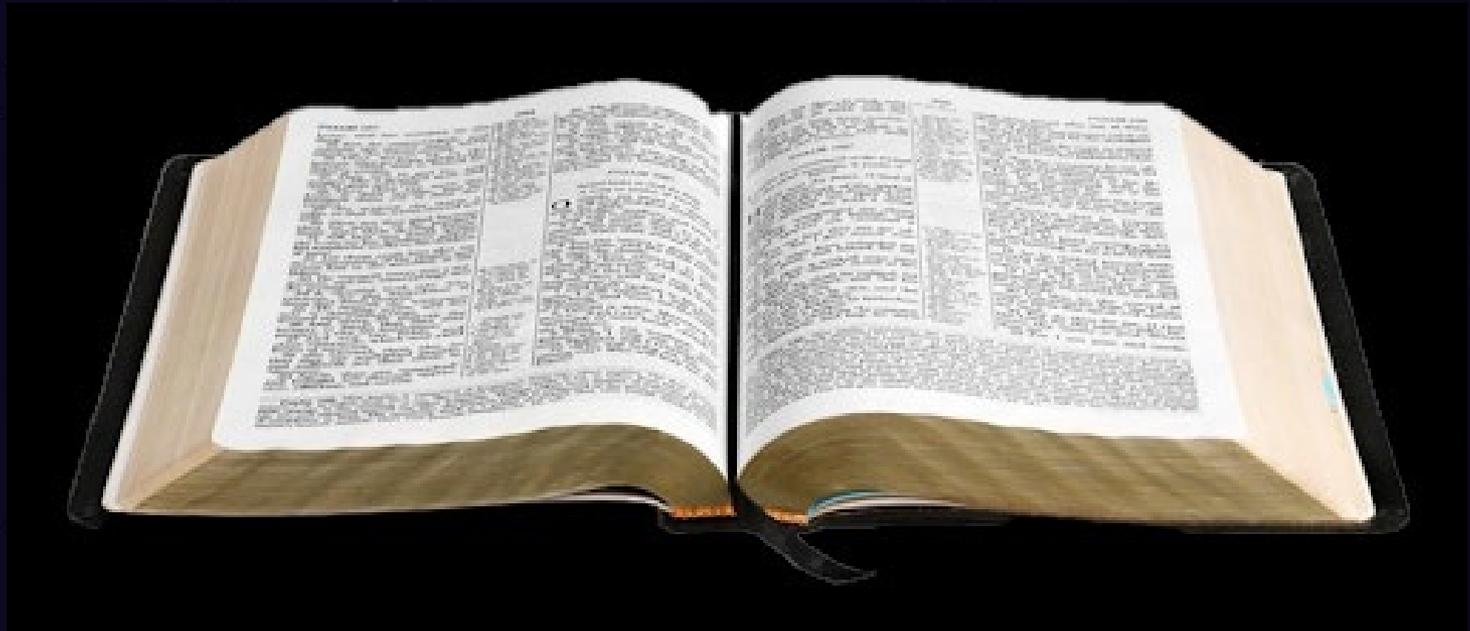
W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —
REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

Revelation 4: 6b-7 (NASB)

and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.



Turn to: Ezekiel 1: 4-9

Ezekiel 1: 4-9 (NASB)

As I looked, behold, a high wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing intermittently and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like gleaming metal in the midst of the fire.

Ezekiel 1: 4-9 (NASB)

And within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form. Each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they sparkled like polished bronze.

Ezekiel 1: 4-9 (NASB)

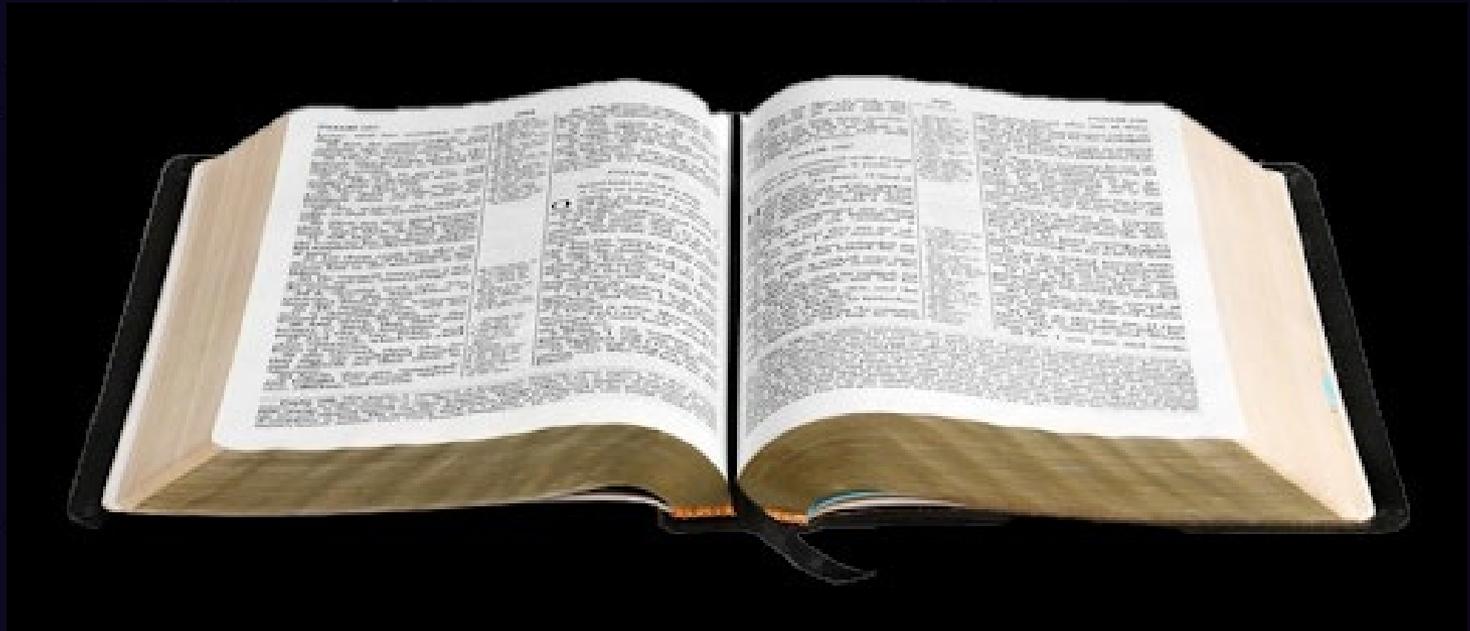
Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward.

Ezekiel 1: 10-11 (NASB)

As for the form of their faces, each had a human face; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.

Ezekiel 1: 10-11 (NASB)

Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies.



Turn to: Isaiah 6: 1-3

Isaiah 6: 1-3 (NASB)

*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 were standing above
Him, each having six wings: with
two each covered his face, and
with two each covered his feet, and
with two each flew.*

Isaiah 6: 1-3 (NASB)

*And one called out to another and
said,*

*"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of
armies.*

The whole earth is full of His glory."

Flags of the Tribes of Israel

According to rabbinical tradition, the flag of Judah bore the figure of a lion, that of Reuben the likeness of a man or of a man's head, that of Ephraim the figure of an ox, and that of Dan the figure of an eagle; so that the four living creatures united in the cherubic forms described by Ezekiel were represented upon these four flags.



West

Ox

108,100

EPHRAIM

Bull
40,500

Manasseh Benjamin
Wild Bull Wolf
32,200 35,400

Gershonites
2,630
(7,500)

North

South

151,450

REUBEN
Water
46,500

Gad
Troop
45,650

Kohathites
2,750
(8,600)

Simeon
Sword
59,300

The Tabernacle
of Witness

Moses, Aaron,
and the Priests
(22,000)

Merarites
3,200
(6,200)

Naphtali
Hind
53,400

DAN
Serpent
62,700

Asher
Goblet
41,500

Man

Eagle

Issachar Zebulun
Laden Ass Ship
54,400 57,400

JUDAH
Lion
74,600

East

Lion

186,400



High Priest's
Breastplate:

- Reuben - Sardius
- Simeon - Topaz
- Levi - Carbuncle
- Judah - Emerald
- Dan - Sapphire
- Naphtali - Diamond
- Gad - Ligure
- Asher - Agate
- Issachar - Amethyst
- Zebulun - Beryl
- Joseph - Onyx
- Benjamin - Jasper

Interesting Look at the Gospels

- The first beast like a lion, the king of the beasts – Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews.
- The second beast like a calf – Mark presents Christ as a servant of man.

Interesting Look at the Gospels

- The third beast like a man – Luke presents Christ as the Son of man.
- The fourth beast like a flying eagle, the most majestic of the birds – John presents Christ as the Son of God exalted above all.

Book of Kells (the Gospels 800 AD)



Revelation 4: 8 (NASB)

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."

Question?

Why are they covered with eyes?

These are all seeing, spiritual beings full of knowledge.

I believe it is difficult for John to describe what he is seeing. These creatures will be the most beautiful creatures we have ever seen.

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Question?

What are these four living creatures doing?

Revelation 4: 9-10 (NASB)

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

Revelation 4: 11 (NASB)

"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."

As we end this chapter we find the throne room is full of excitement, worship and casting of crowns before the throne of God.

Now a scroll is brought out and there is silence. This is just like a courtroom and the court is now in session.

Revelation 5: 1 (NASB)

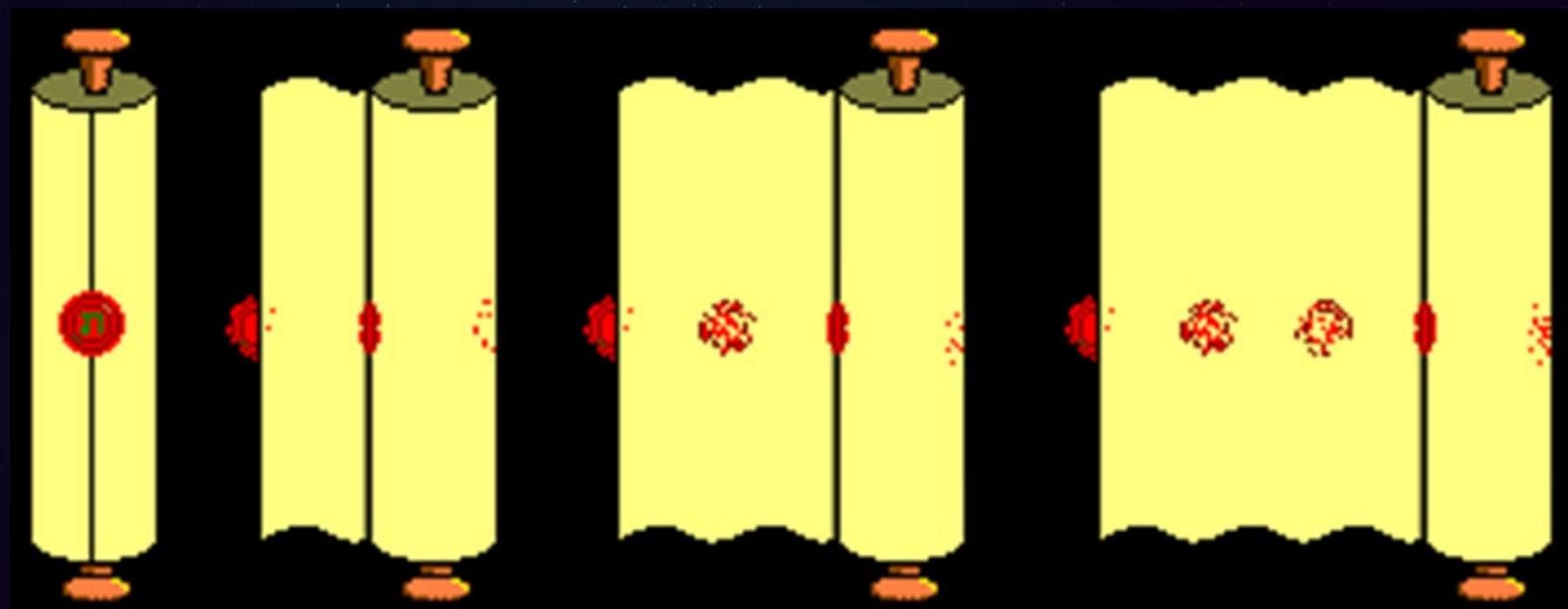
I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

sealed with seven seals

What document during early Greek history was sealed with seven seals?

A legal document such as a "last will and testament".

Greek history shows us that the seals were arranged in such a way that each time one was broken, the roll of paper could be opened a little more. In essence, the scroll would be "unrolled" as the seals were being broken one by one.



Revelation 5: 2 (NASB)

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

Question?

What does "strong angel" mean to you?

Strong angel is translated from the Greek word

ischyron

ἰσχυρὸν

strong

Question?

How can you tell someone has
great strength?

This could be Michael or Gabriel.

Revelation 5: 2 (NASB)

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

Question?

Is great strength needed to break
the seals?

Revelation 5: 3 (NASB)

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

Question?

*no one in heaven or on the earth
or under the earth was able to
open the scroll or to look into it*

What does this mean?

Question?

No one in all creation in all time (in heaven, or on earth, alive or dead) met the requirements to look at or read the scroll. In other words nobody was worthy to open the scroll.

Revelation 5: 4 (NASB)

Then I began to weep greatly
because no one was found worthy
to open the scroll or to look into it.

Question?

Why was John weeping?

How sad it is that out of all God's creation there was nobody who was worthy to come forward to open the scroll. The Greek describes a violent crying by John.

John knew he was unworthy.

Revelation 5: 5 (NASB)

*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 be able to open the scroll and its
seven seals."*

Question?

Who are the elders?

They represent the old testament saints, the dead in Christ and the church who has been raptured out of the earth.

Question?

Who is the elder describing as worthy of opening the scroll and the seven seals?

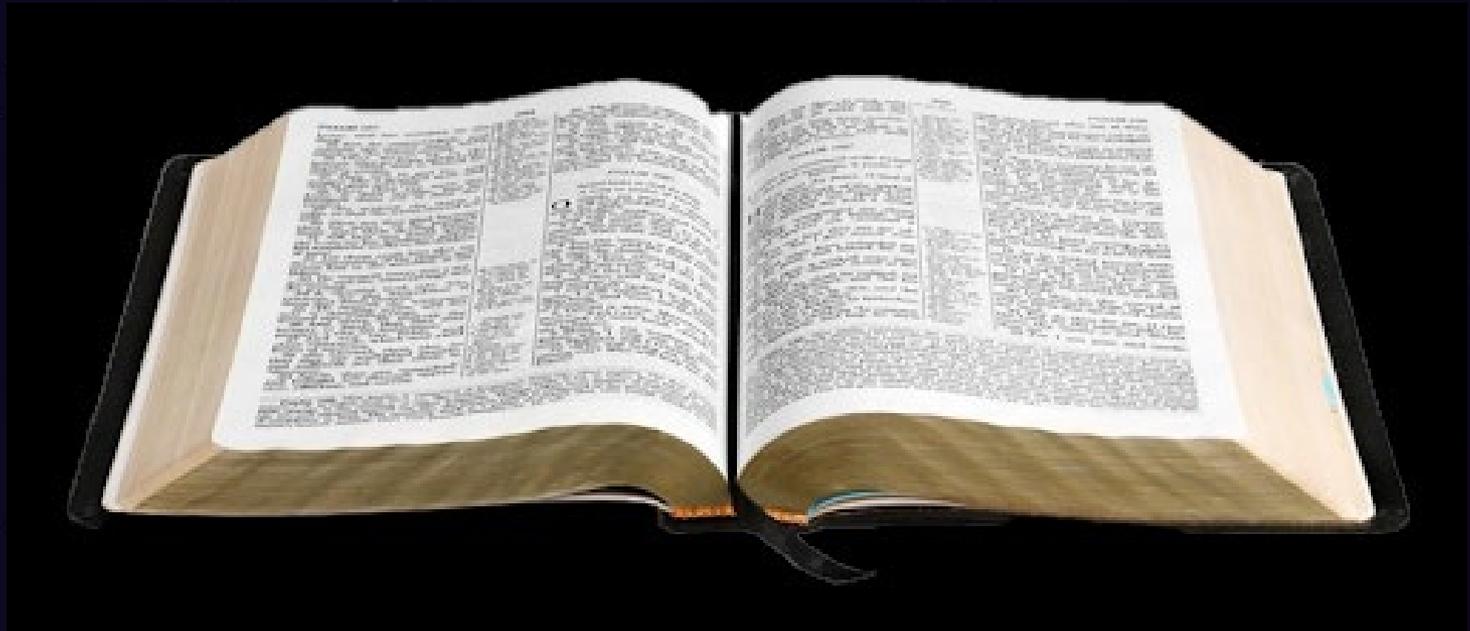
This is also our message today. Don't weep about what is going on in the world today, the answer is Jesus!

Revelation 5: 6 (NASB)

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

Question?

What does a horn represent?



Turn to: Daniel 7: 24

Daniel 7: 24 (NASB)

As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will humble three kings.

Question?

In prophecy a horn represents a king, or someone with authority and power.

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the elders a Lamb standing, as if
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and seven eyes, which are the
seven spirits of God sent out into
all the earth.

Question?

What do eyes represent?

All seeing (wisdom)

Question?

What is the seven spirits of God?

The Holy Spirit.

Question?

Put it all together

The Lamb sees all and has all wisdom, kingship, authority and power as well as control of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 5: 7 (NASB)

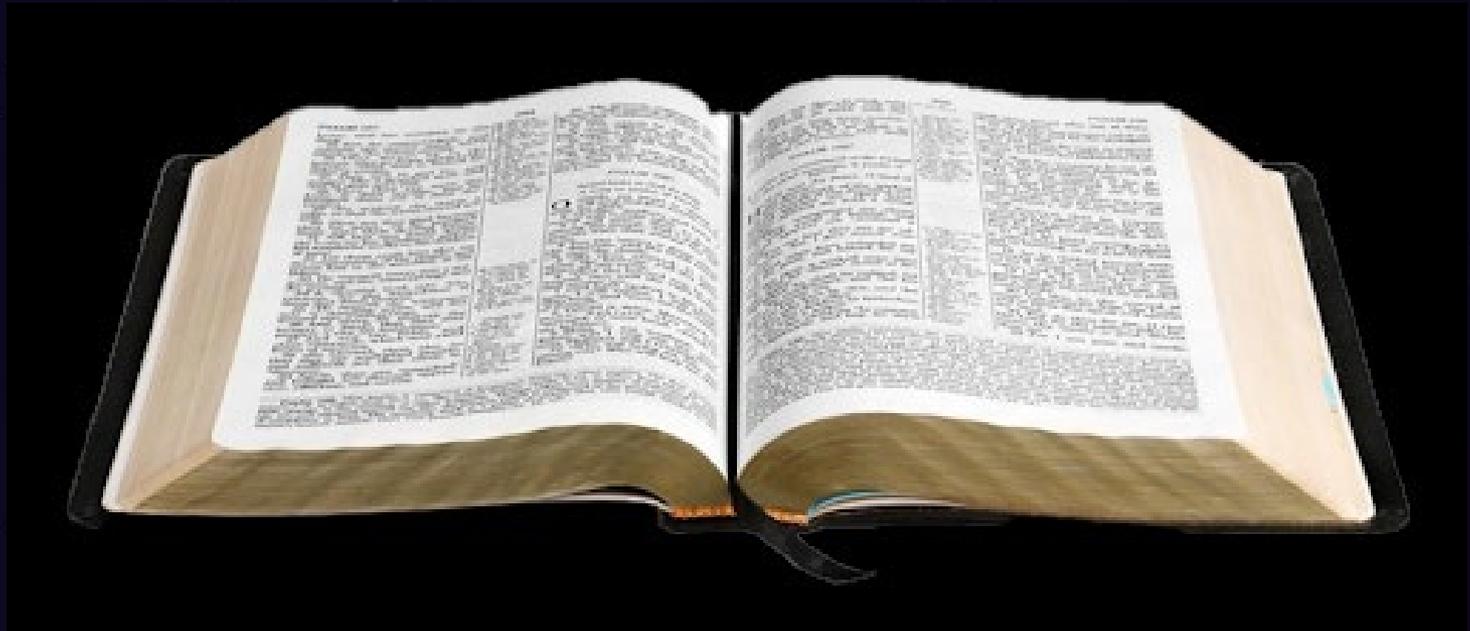
*And He came and took the scroll
out of the right hand of Him who
sat on the throne.*

John sees God the Father on the throne, Jesus the Son taking the scroll from the Father's hand accompanied by the Holy Spirit!

Revelation 5: 8 (NASB)

When He had taken the scroll, 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.

Heaven is going to be full of music
and full of fragrance. Our prayers
are stored by God!



Turn to: Psalm 141: 2

Psalm 141: 2 (NASB)

*May my prayer be counted as
incense before You;
The raising of my hands as the
evening offering.*

Let's All Fill up God's incense bowl!!!

Revelation 5: 9 (NASB)

And they sang a new song, saying,

*"Worthy are You to take the scroll
and to break its seals; for You were
slaughtered, and You purchased
people for God with Your blood
from every tribe, language, people,
and nation.*

Question?

Who was purchased for God?

Us!!!

Question?

What were we purchased with?

The Blood of Christ!!!

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and nation.*

Revelation 5: 10 (NASB)

You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth."

Question?

Who is them?

Christians

Revelation 5: 10 (NASB)

*You have made them into a
kingdom and priests to our God,
and they will reign upon the earth."*

Question?

What is a Kingdom?

An empire or nation ruled by a
king

Revelation 5: 10 (NASB)

You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth."

Question?

What is a priest?

Someone appointed by God

Revelation 5: 10 (NASB)

You have made them into a
kingdom and priests to our God,
and they will reign upon the earth."

Revelation 5: 11 (NASB)

Then I looked, and I heard the
voices 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,

Question?

How many are myriads of myriads,
and thousands of thousands?

Revelation 5: 11 (NASB)

Then I looked, and I heard the
voices 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,

Revelation 5: 12 (NASB)

saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

Question?

Can you imagine what the voice of myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands crying out in a loud voice will sound like?

Question?

What are all those voices saying?

Revelation 5: 13 (NASB)

And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever."

*I heard every created thing which is in
heaven, or on the earth, or under the
earth, or on the sea, and all the things
in them*

What does this mean to you?

*I heard every created thing which is in
heaven, or on the earth, or under the
earth, or on the sea, and all the things
in them*

All God's creation will cry out to
God and His Son- praise, and
honor and glory and power for
ever and ever!

Revelation 5: 14 (NASB)

And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Question?

What does Amen mean?

Question?

It is a statement of approval or agreement and means:

"certainly," "it is so," or "so it be"

Revelation 6: 1 (NASB)

Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder,
"Come!"

Revelation 6: 2 (NASB)

I looked, and behold, a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

In the Greek this is a command or an order given in a demanding statement to the rider on the white horse. This was not a request for John to look and see, this was a direct order releasing the first horse.

Revelation 6: 2 (NASB)

I looked, and behold, a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Who do you think the rider of this horse is? Hint: his crown is not a diadem.

This is the Anti-Christ being released on the earth. This is the beginning of the 7 year tribulation described in Daniel Chapter 7.

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Question?

Do you know the significance of a rider having a bow but no arrows?

The antichrist will come promising peace and prosperity and will sign a 7-year peace treaty between Israel and Palestine.

The Anti-Christ will unite the world in peace and fool the world into believing he can heal the world's troubles and the confusion created by the rapture of the Church. He will bring peace to the middle east, for a short period.

Question

How can a person conquer without using deadly force, when this has been the exclusive method of choice for conquerors throughout history?

The Antichrist will be a great diplomat who will use diplomacy to peacefully bring a willing world into an era of global government.

Revelation 13:7 tells us that "he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation."

Revelation 6: 3 (NASB)

When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!"

Revelation 6: 3 (NASB)

The second living creature just unleashed the second horseman!

Revelation 6: 4 (NASB)

And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that people would kill one another; and a large sword was given to him.

Question?

What does the color red represent?

Red is symbolic of violent bloodshed.

Revelation 6: 4 (NASB)

And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that people would kill one another; and a large sword was given to him.

Question?

What does "take peace from the earth" mean to you?

From the earth suggests that this rider's influence will be felt worldwide. After a time of peace the climate of the earth will become one of warfare and unrest.

Question?

What does "*people would kill one another*" mean to you?"

This indicates violence and savagery. The world will be at war full of lawlessness and death will be brutal.

Revelation 6: 5 (NASB)

When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" I looked, and behold, a black horse, and the one who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

Revelation 6: 5 (NASB)

The third living creature just
unleashed the third horseman!

Question?

What does black represent?

Hint: What color is typically worn at a funeral to indicate mourning?

Black typically represents woe
and mourning

Question?

Something of great value is typically weighed out on a scale.

What is this telling us?

There is something that is going to become of great value and will be portioned out in small portions.

Revelation 6: 6 (NASB)

And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

Question?

What does "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages" mean to you?

There will be a great famine and inflation. Food will be scarce and extremely expensive.

Revelation 6: 6 (NASB)

And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

Question?

What does the command "*do not damage the oil and the wine!*" mean?

Oil and wine typically represents the luxuries of life. These items will be possessed by those of great wealth. This indicates that there will be a handful of those with great wealth who will not be suffering while a large number of people will be starving to death in the streets.

Revelation 6: 7 (NASB)

When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come!"

Revelation 6: 7 (NASB)

The fourth living creature just
unleashed the fourth horseman!

Revelation 6: 8 (NASB)

I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and the one who sat on it had the name Death, and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, and famine, and plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.

Question?

What does ashen or pale represent?

Death - one of the most striking effects of death is the body becomes ashen or pale in color.

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Authority was given to them

The word them is important.
Does them mean one or more
than one?

Them is likely referring to the first
four horseman unleashed on the
earth.

over a fourth of the earth, to kill

How many people are a fourth of
the earth?

Current world population is 7.4
billion people.

over a fourth of the earth, to kill

If a rough guess of 25% are raptured that would leave 5.5 Billion people. If $\frac{1}{4}$ of these are killed that would equate to 1.4 billion deaths in the world.

4 Million worldwide deaths from COVID is a drop in the bucket compared to 1.4 billion.

over a fourth of the earth, to kill

How are these horsemen going to
kill all these people?

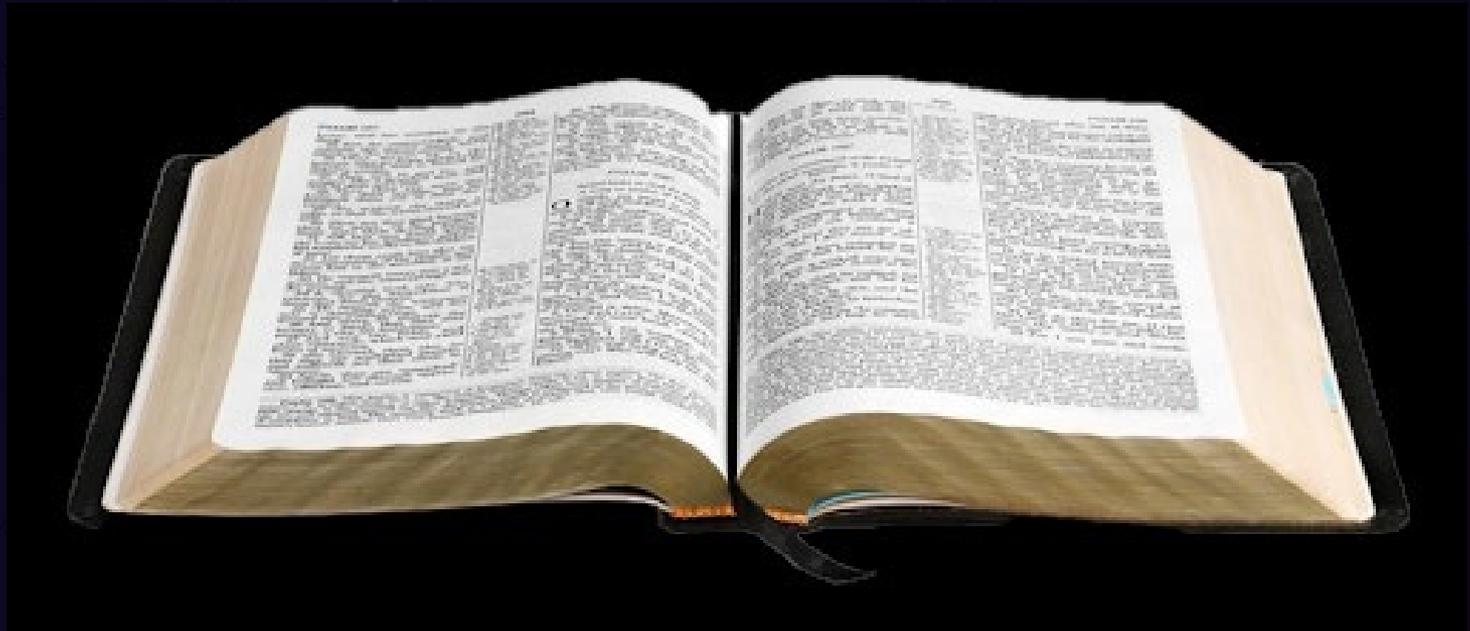
by sword, famine and plague, and
by the wild beasts of the earth.

over a fourth of the earth, to kill

We will read in the next verse that many of those killed were murdered because of their faith.

4 Horsemen unleashed up to this point

1. White Horse-Deception
2. Red Horse-War
3. Black Horse-Disease and Sickness
4. Ashen Horse-Killing & Persecution



Turn to: Matthew 24: 3-10

Matthew 24: 3-10 (NKJV)

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 24: 3-10 (NKJV)

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

(White Horse-Deception)

Matthew 24: 3-10 (NKJV)

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

(Red Horse-War)

Matthew 24: 3-10 (NKJV)

And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

(Black Horse-Disease and
Sickness)

Matthew 24: 3-10 (NKJV)

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

(Ashen Horse-Killing & Persecution)