

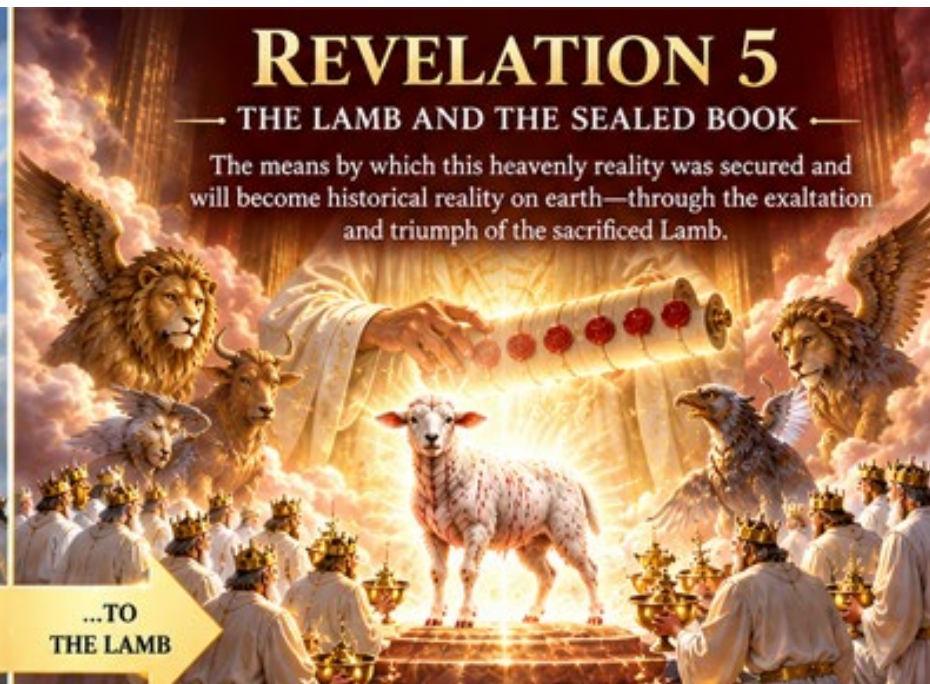


REVELATION 4

THE THRONE OF GOD

The heavenly sovereignty of God, shared by representatives of the elect, in a vision of eternal worship.

FROM THE
THRONE ...



REVELATION 5

THE LAMB AND THE SEALED BOOK

The means by which this heavenly reality was secured and will become historical reality on earth—through the exaltation and triumph of the sacrificed Lamb.

...TO
THE LAMB



FOCUS: The throne of God.



REPRESENTATIVES: Twenty-four elders in white, with golden crowns.



GOD'S SPIRIT: Seven lamps of fire before the throne (the seven Spirits of God).



SETTING: A sea of glass before the throne.



CREATURES: Four living creatures (beasts) around the throne.



WORSHIP: Continuous praise of God's eternal nature (holy, holy, holy).



THEME: God's cosmic authority and eternal sovereignty.



FOCUS: A sealed book in the hand of the one on the throne.



THE LAMB: A Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered—already slain and victorious.



AUTHORITY: The Lamb alone is worthy to open the sealed book.



EXPANDED WORSHIP: All creation worships both the one on the throne and the Lamb (Rev. 5:13–14).



REDEMPTION: The Lamb's sacrificial work secures the fulfillment of God's purposes.



OUTCOME: Reveals how the heavenly reality will become historical reality on earth.



THEME: Christ's redemptive triumph and the means of God's eschatological plan.

CHAPTER 4 ESTABLISHES GOD'S AUTHORITY

The vision of God's throne and eternal worship.

CHAPTER 5 REVEALS THE MEANS

The Lamb's redemptive work that secures and will fulfill God's purposes.