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# Threading the Pearls of the Book of Revelation

An Expository Study

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REVELATION 5:8 — 5:14

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When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying: "*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.*

[REV 5:8-9]



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**8 And when he had opened the book, the four living creatures, and the four and twenty ancients fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints:**

**He had taken\* [the scroll]**

\* NOTE— ‘Opened’ [απερυσσεται] in Latin Vulgate and Douay Rheims (1899) translations;  
NEH 8:5-6, Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and *when he opened it, all the people stood up*. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

**Four living creatures... fell down**

1PET 3:21-22, Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, *angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him*.

**Twenty-four elders fell down**

ISA 24:23, For the Lord of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And *before His elders*, gloriously;  
MARK 5:22, behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he *fell at His feet*.

**Harps**

1KING 10:12, the king made steps of the almuq wood for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, also *harps and stringed instruments for singers*. There never again came such almuq wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

**Golden bowls**

In the coming kingdom as in —  
ZECH 14:20, In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like *the bowls before the altar*;  
As instructed for the tabernacle in —  
EXO 25:29, You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and *its bowls for pouring*. You shall make them of pure gold.

**Incense**

LUKE 1:10-11, And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup>Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of *the altar of incense*;  
HEB 9:2-5, a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; <sup>3</sup>and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called *the Holiest of All*, <sup>4</sup>*which had the golden censer* [θυμιατήριον] and the ark of the covenant...

**Prayers of the saints**

EPH 6:18, praying always with *all prayer and supplication in the Spirit*, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;  
MATH 6:7-8, And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>"Therefore do not be like them. For *your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him*;  
PRO 15:29, The Lord is far from the wicked, But *He hears the prayer of the righteous*.

## CONSIDER THIS —

**Why do the elders have harps?** —1KING 10:12 ...*harps and stringed instruments for singers*...

1CHR 23:4-5, twenty-four thousand [of the Levites] were to look after the work of the house of the Lord, as officers and judges, <sup>5</sup>gatekeepers, and *a praise team, made for giving praise*;  
1CHR 23:28-32, their duty was to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the Lord; <sup>30</sup>to stand every morning to *thank and praise the Lord*, and likewise at evening.



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**9 And they sung a new canticle, saying: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; because thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, in thy blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.**

**They sang**

PSM 30:4, *Sing praise to the Lord, You saints of His,* And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name;

PSM 66:4-5, All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; *They shall sing praises to Your name.*" Selah <sup>5</sup>Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.

**A new song**

PSM 98:1-6, *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!* For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory...

COL 3:16-17, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another *in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.* <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**You are worthy**

HEB 3:1-6, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. <sup>3</sup>For *this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses*, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

**Worthy to take the scroll**

ROM 10:10-11, if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, *we shall be saved by His life.* <sup>11</sup>And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

**Worthy... to open [the scroll's] seals**

HEB 9:11-12, Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup>Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, *having obtained eternal redemption.*

**You were slain**

DAN 9:26, after the sixty-two weeks *Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.*

**You purchased\***

\* NOTE— 'Redeemed' in many other translations;

GAL 4:4-5, when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>*to redeem those who were under the law*, that we might receive the adoption as sons;

RUTH 4:3-4, he [Boaz] said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>"And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. *If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it*, and I am next after you.' " And he said, "I will redeem it."

**Purchased men for God**

1PET 1:18-19, you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>*but with the precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot;

ROM 5:10-11, when we were enemies *we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son*, much more, having been

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**We are sealed with the Holy Spirit until when?**

EPH 1:13-14, In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

reconciled, we shall be saved by His life...;

COL 1:21-22, you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now *He has reconciled* <sup>22</sup>*in the body of His flesh through death*, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight;

EPH 1:13-14, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until *the redemption of the purchased possession*, to the praise of His glory.

**With your blood**

HEB 9:22-26 [WEB], According to the law, nearly everything is cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. <sup>23</sup>It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these...

<sup>26</sup>But now once at the end of the ages, he has been revealed to put away sin *by the sacrifice of himself*;

COL 1:19-20, it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, <sup>20</sup>and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having *made peace through the blood of His cross*.

**Persons from every tribe**

HEB 7:4-13, ...<sup>11</sup>if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup>For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. <sup>13</sup>For He [Jesus] of whom these things are spoken *belongs to another tribe* [φυλῆς], from which no man has officiated at the altar.

**Persons from every... language**

ACTS 2:4, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began to speak with other tongues* [γλώσσαις], as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Persons from every... people**

MATH 13:15, the hearts of this people [λαοῦ] have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and *turn, So that I should heal them*.

**Persons from every... nation**

GEN 10:4-5, The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. <sup>5</sup>From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, *into their nations*;

JOHN 11:49-52, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, <sup>50</sup>"nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation [ἔθνους], <sup>52</sup>and not for that nation only, but also that *He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad*.





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**10 And hast made us to our God a kingdom and priests, and we shall reign on the earth.**

**You have made them\***

\* NOTE— ‘Us’ in many other translations;

ROM 8:19-23, the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God... <sup>23</sup>we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even *we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

**Kingdom and priests**

EXO 19:6, you shall be to Me *a kingdom of priests* and a holy nation;

JOHN 18:36-37, Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. *If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight*, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.";

REV 1:5-6, from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup>and *has made us kings and priests to His God and Father*, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**They\* will reign on the earth**

\* NOTE— ‘We’ in many other translations;

DAN 7:18, *the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom*, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever;

DAN 7:25-27, ...<sup>27</sup>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';

LUKE 22:28-30, you are those who have continued with Me [Jesus] in My trials. <sup>29</sup>"And *I bestow upon you a kingdom*, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, <sup>30</sup>"that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel;

HEB 12:28-29, since *we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken*, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. <sup>29</sup>For our God is a consuming fire.

## CONSIDER THIS —

**Who are the redeemed? Where did they come from? What is their destiny?**

REV 5:9-10, they sang a new song, saying: "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*. <sup>10</sup>And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."



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**11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the living creatures, and the ancients; and the number of them was thousands of thousands,**

**I... heard**

MATH 21:9, Then *the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out*, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

**Voice of many angels**

LUKE 2:9-14, behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup>Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup>"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel *a multitude of the heavenly host praising God* and saying: <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

**[Angels] encircled the throne**

HEB 12:21-22, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, *to an innumerable company of angels*;  
ACTS 7:48-49, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: <sup>49</sup>*Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the Lord, Or what is the place of My rest?*

**[Angels] encircled... the living creatures**

PSM 82:1, *God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.*

**[Angels] encircled... the elders**

PSM 5:11-12, let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. <sup>12</sup>For You, O Lord, will *bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

**Numbering [the angels]**

NEH 9:6, You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. *The host of heaven worships You;*  
PSM 33:6, By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And *all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

**Thousands upon thousands**

PSM 68:17, The chariots of God are twenty thousand, *Even thousands of thousands*; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place;  
JER 33:22, '*As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me [the Lord]*'.

## CONSIDER THIS —

Would we be prepared to preach the gospel using only the Old Testament?  
Study idea: Isaiah, it's a great resource for presenting Jesus as the Messiah.



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**12 Saying with a loud voice: The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and benediction.**

**In a loud voice they were saying**

MATH 21:15-16, when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and *the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"*...

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain**

ACTS 8:26-35, ...<sup>32</sup>The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "*He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*"

<sup>33</sup>In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"

<sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

**Receive power**

MARK 5:25-34, ...<sup>30</sup>And Jesus, immediately knowing *in Himself that power [δύναμιν] had gone out of Him*, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?";

ROM 1:16, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is *the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*, for the Jew first and also for the Greek;

2PET 1:16, we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you *the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**Receive... wealth**

2COR 8:9, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich [πλούσιος], yet for your sakes He became poor, that you *through His poverty might become rich*;

EPH 3:7-8, I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. <sup>8</sup>To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles *the unsearchable riches of Christ*.

**Receive... wisdom**

LUKE 11:31, The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom [σοφίαν] of Solomon; and *indeed a greater than Solomon is here*;

1COR 1:24-26, to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, *Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God*.

<sup>25</sup>Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

**Receive... strength**

MATH 3:11, I [John] indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but *He who is coming after me is mightier [ισχυρότερός] than I*, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire;

PSM 80:17, Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the *son of man whom You made strong for Yourself*.

## CONSIDER THIS —

**What are true riches?**

1TIM 6:17-19, Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, <sup>19</sup>storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold *on eternal life*.

**Receive... honor**

JOHN 4:44, Jesus Himself testified that *a prophet has no honor* [τιμὴν] *in his own country*;

2PET 1:17-18, *He received from God the Father honor and glory* when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup>And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

**Receive... glory**

LUKE 9:29-32, ... <sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, *they saw His glory* [δόξαν] and the two men who stood with Him;

JOHN 12:23-24, Jesus answered them, saying, "*The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.*" <sup>24</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

**Receive... praise**

GAL 3:13-14, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), <sup>14</sup>that *the blessing* [εὐλογία] *of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus*, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith;

1PET 1:7-8, the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found *to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ*, <sup>8</sup>whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.







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**13 And every creature, 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 all saying: To him that sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb, benediction, and honour, and glory, and power, for ever and ever.**

**Every creature**

GEN 2:19, Out of the ground *the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air*, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name;

HEB 4:13, *there is no creature hidden from His sight*, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account;

PSM 150:6, Let *everything that has breath praise the Lord*. Praise the Lord!

**In heaven**

PSM 69:34, *Let heaven and earth praise Him*, The seas and everything that moves in them;

PSM 148:1-3, Praise the Lord! *Praise the Lord from the heavens*; Praise Him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

**On the earth**

GEN 9:9-16, ...<sup>15</sup>"I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>"The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting *covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth*";

JER 33:8-9, ...<sup>9</sup>"Then *it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth*, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it'.

**Under the earth**

MATH 27:50-54, Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. <sup>51</sup>Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, <sup>52</sup>and *the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised*; <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many...

**On the sea**

PSM 148:4-7, Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And *you waters above the heavens*! <sup>5</sup>*Let them praise the name of the Lord*, For He commanded and they were created...

**All that is in them, saying**

PSM 47:1-2, Oh, clap your hands, *all you peoples*! *Shout to God with the voice of triumph*! <sup>2</sup>For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.

**Him who sits on the throne**

MATH 5:34-35, I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by *heaven, for it is God's throne*; <sup>35</sup>nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King; PSM 150:1, Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; *Praise Him in His mighty firmament*!

## CONSIDER THIS —

**Did you know that Revelation is filled with praise and worship of the Lord?**

REV 4:11, You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created;

REV 7:11-12, All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

**Lamb**

REV 6:1-2, 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." <sup>2</sup>And I looked, and behold, a white horse;

REV 6:15-16, the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup>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!*

REV 7:13-14, one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and *made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

**Praise**

PSM 138:2, I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have *magnified Your word above all Your name.*

**Honor**

HEB 2:9, we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death *crowned with glory and honor*, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

**Glory**

HEB 13:20-21, may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, <sup>21</sup>make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, *to whom be glory forever and ever.* Amen.

**Power**

PSM 147:5, *Great is our Lord, and mighty in power*; His understanding is infinite.

**For ever and ever!**

PSM 22:26-27, The poor shall eat and be satisfied; *Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever!*  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.





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**14 And the four living creatures said: Amen. And the four and twenty ancients fell down on their faces, and adored him that liveth for ever and ever.**

**Four living creatures**

ISA 37:16, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, *the One who dwells between the cherubim*, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

**Said, "Amen"**

ROM 11:33-36, Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! <sup>34</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" <sup>35</sup>"Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" <sup>36</sup>For *of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

**Elders**

EPH 2:4-6, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and *raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

**Fell down**

MATH 28:8-10, they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. <sup>9</sup>And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So *they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him...*

JOHN 18:4-6, Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. <sup>6</sup>Now when He said to them, "I am He," *they drew back and fell [ἔπεσαν] to the ground.*

**Worshipped**

MATH 14:24-33, the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary... <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>Then *those who were in the boat came and worshiped [προσεκύνησαν] Him*, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God";

MATH 8:2-3, behold, a leper came and *worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."* <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

**Him who lives forever and ever\***

\* NOTE— This phrase does not appear in several versions including Darby, American Standard 1917, Latin Vulgate, and German Elberfelder;

MIC 4:7, I [the Lord] will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So *the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever;*

DAN 12:7, I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and *swore by Him who lives forever*, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

## CONSIDER THIS —

ISA 45:22-24, "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup>I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That *to Me every knee shall bow*, Every tongue shall take an oath. <sup>24</sup>He shall say, 'Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him.



## GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 5:8-9, when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying: "*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.*"

- ⊕ **1. How did the 'Lamb' who was slain become *worthy* to take the scroll and open it?**

REV 5:9, And they sang a new song, saying: "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.

- ⊕ **2a. What is the meaning of 'redeem'?**
- ⊕ **2b. How did the 'Lamb' pay the price in order to redeem them *to God*?**

COL 1:21-22, you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup>in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

- ⊕ **2c. Who was redeemed *to God*?**

EPH 1:13-14, In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- ⊕ **3a. If the seven-sealed scroll is a purchase deed, what did the 'Lamb' purchase/redeem?**

(see also REV 5:1 & JER 32:11-14, ...<sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both this *purchase deed which is sealed* and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days.")

- ⊕ **3b. According to EPH 1:13, we 'were sealed with the Holy Spirit' *until* what event takes place?**

JOHN 8:31-36, ...<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.*" <sup>35</sup>"And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup>"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- ⊕ **4a. When were those who are redeemed originally parted from God?**

(see also GEN 3:6-24)

- ⊕ **4b. To whom were they originally sold?**

(see also ROM 6:5-18 & GAL 4:1-8)

NEXT SESSION —