



Vision 2 – Part 1: The Throne and The Lamb

Rev 4 – 5

The Heavenly Throne Room

Rev 4:1-11 – The heavenly throne room

1. Heb 8:1-5 – Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”
2. Heb 9:22-24 – Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. 23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Rev 4:1

1. Door standing open in heaven
 - a. Is 6:1 – In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.
 - b. Ez 1:26 – And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.
 - c. Dan 7:9 – As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.
2. The first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet.

Rev 1:10 – I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet
3. Come up here. Note that this relates directly (as in 1:10) to being in the Spirit.
 - a. Ex 24:12 – The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”
 - b. 2 Cor 12:1-4 – I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.



Rev 4:2 – Throne stood in heaven

1. Heb 8:5-6 – They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.
2. Ex 25:40 – And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

Rev 4:4 – Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders

1. Rev 3:21 – The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
2. 2 Tim 2:12 – if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us
3. Matt 19:28 – Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
4. Luke 22:28-30 – You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
5. Eph 2:4-6 – But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
6. Phil 3:20 – But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ
7. The new Jerusalem in chapter 21 has 12 gates that have the names of the 12 tribes of Israel and 12 foundations that have the name of the 12 apostles (Rev 21:12-14).

Rev 4:5

1. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder.
Ex 19:16 – On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.
2. Before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God
 - a. Rev 1:4 – John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne
 - b. Ex 25:31-40 – You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of hammered work: its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. 32 And there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; 33 three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 34 And on the lampstand itself there shall be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers, 35 and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand. 36 Their calyxes



and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it a single piece of hammered work of pure gold. 37 You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. 38 Its tongs and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made, with all these utensils, out of a talent of pure gold. 40 And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

- c. Zech 4:1-6 – And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. 3 And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” 4 And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” 6 Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”

Rev 4:6

1. Sea of glass

- a. 1 Ki 7:23-26 – Then he made the sea of cast metal. It was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. 24 Under its brim were gourds, for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. The gourds were in two rows, cast with it when it was cast. 25 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. The sea was set on them, and all their rear parts were inward. 26 Its thickness was a handbreadth, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held two thousand baths.
- b. Ex 24:9-10 – Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.
- c. Ez 1:22 – Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads.
- d. Ez 1:26 – And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.

2. Four living creatures

- a. Ez 1:5-10 – And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, 6 but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf’s foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: 9 their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle.
- b. Ez 10:20-21 – These were the living creatures that I saw underneath the God of Israel by the Chebar canal; and I knew that they were cherubim. 21 Each had four faces, and each four wings, and underneath their wings the likeness of human hands.
- c. Ex 25:17-22 – You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. 18 And you shall make two cherubim



of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. 20 The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. 21 And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. 22 There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

Rev 4:8 – Proclaim three attributes of God

1. Holy, holy, holy – his holiness

Is 6:1-3 – In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

2. Lord God Almighty – his omnipotence

3. Who was and is and is to come – his eternity. Both Rev 4:9 and 4:10 have the phrase “who lives forever and ever.”

- a. Dan 4:34a – At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever
- b. Dan 6:26 – I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.
- c. Dan 12:7 – And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.

Rev 4:10 – The twenty-four elders fall down before him. The 24 elders do this throughout Revelation (Rev 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4).

Rev 4:11 – For you created all things. God is praised because he is the creator.

1. Ps 148:1-6 – Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! 3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. 6 And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
2. John 1:1-3 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
3. Col 1:15-18 – He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the



body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

4. Heb 1:3 – Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

Worthy is the Lamb

Chapter 4 describes God and his throne in heaven, and Chapter 5 shows the Lamb of God. The Lamb carries out God’s decrees because he is worthy and is able to break the seals.

Chapter 4	Chapter 5
Him who sits on the throne (vs 2, 9)	Him who sat on the throne (vs 1, 7, 13)
Four living creatures (vs 6)	Four living creatures (vs 6, 8, 11, 14)
Twenty-four elders (vs 4)	Twenty-four elders (vs 6, 8, 14)
Fall...and worship (vs 10, 11)	Fell down and worshiped (vs 8, 14)
Worthy (vs 11)	Worthy (vs 9, 12)
You created all things (vs 11)	Every creature (vs 13)

Rev 5:1

1. Scroll written within and on the back.
 - a. Ez 2:8-10 – “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.
 - b. Ex 32:15 – Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written.
2. Sealed with seven seals
 - a. Jer 32:10-11 – I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy.
 - b. 1 Cor 9:2 – If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
 - c. John 3:33 – Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true
 - d. Dan 12:4 – But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.
 - e. Is 29:11 – And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”
 - f. Matt 27:66 – So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.



- g. Dan 6:17 – And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.
 - 3. The scroll contains the totality of God’s plan through Christ.
 - a. Dan 12:1-4 – “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
 - b. Eph 1:7-12 – In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
 - c. Eph 3:7-13 – Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.
 - d. 1 Pet 1:10-12 – Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Rev 5:2 – Worthy (Rev 4:11; 5:9, 12), relates to qualification to perform a task

Rev 5:4 – No one was found worthy to open the scroll

- 1. 1 Cor 15:21-22 – For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 2. 1 Cor 15:45-49 – Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the



man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Rev 5:5

1. The Lion of the tribe of Judah
 - a. Gen 49:9-10 – Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
 - b. Heb 7:14 – For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.
2. The root of David
 - a. Is 11:1 – There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
 - b. Is 11:10 – In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.
 - c. Jer 23:5-6 – Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
 - d. Matt 22:41-45 – Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44 "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? 45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"
 - e. Rom 1:1-3 – Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

Rev 5:6

1. I saw a Lamb
 - a. Ex 12:1-13 – The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its



head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

- b. Is 53:7 – He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
 - c. John 1:29 – The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - d. 1 Pet 1:18-19 – knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
2. And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing (Luke 19:12; Heb 2:8-9; Phil 2:6-11; Ps 2; Ps 110; Dan 7:9-14)
 3. As though it had been slain
John 20:27 – Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”
 4. Seven horns (Dt 33:17; Ps 92:10; Dan 7:8; Matt 28:18; John 17:2)
 - a. Ps 75:4-5 – I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horn; 5 do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.’
 - b. Ps 75:10 – All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.
 - c. Ps 89:17 – For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.
 - d. Luke 1:68-69 – Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
 - e. The Lamb’s seven horns show his supreme worthiness to receive the praises that greet his appearance (Rev 5:9, 12, 13), but they primarily portray his supreme power. They are the visual equivalent of the title *Almighty*, ascribed to the Lord God (Rev 1:8; 4:8). (Johnson, 2001)
 5. Seven eyes – reference to the Holy Spirit
 - a. 2 Chr 16:9 – For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.
 - b. Zech 4:10 – For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. “These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.”
 6. Sent out into all the earth (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8)

Rev 5:8

1. Each had a harp (2 Chr 29:25; Ps 33:2; 71:22; 92:3; 147:7; 149:3; 150: 3; Rev 14:2; 15:2)
2. Golden bowls full of incense
 - a. Ex 25:29 – And you shall make its plates and dishes for incense, and its flagons and bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold.



- b. 2 Chr 4:19-22 – So Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God: the golden altar, the tables for the bread of the Presence, 20 the lampstands and their lamps of pure gold to burn before the inner sanctuary, as prescribed; 21 the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs, of purest gold; 22 the snuffers, basins, dishes for incense, and fire pans, of pure gold, and the sockets of the temple, for the inner doors to the Most Holy Place and for the doors of the nave of the temple were of gold.
3. Which are the prayers of the saints
 - a. Ps 141:1-2 – O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! 2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
 - b. Rev 8:3-4 – And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

Rev 5:9

1. And they sang a new song – the Greek for *new* indicates a new type or kind of song
 - a. Is 42:10 – Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.
 - b. Ps 96:1-3 – Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
2. From every tribe and language and people and nation (Rev 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15; Dan 3:4)
 - a. John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - b. John 12:32 – And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.
 - c. 1 John 2:2 – He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
 - d. Here very definitely the Mediator's present rule or dominion over the universe is described as being a reward for His suffering and death. Both the particular and universal aspects of the atonement are beautifully combined. The Lamb did not purchase the salvation of every single individual. No, He paid the price for His elect, that is, for men out of every tribe and tongue, etc. Yet, on the other hand, there is nothing narrow or national about this redemption. It is world-wide in its scope and embraces every group; ethnic (tribe), linguistic (tongue), political (people), and social (nation). (Hendriksen, 1967)
3. Just as a new song was sung after the exodus (Ex 15) this ultimate exodus has a new song.

Rev 5:10

1. Kingdom and priests (Rev 1:6; 20:6; Ex 19:6; Is 61:6; 1 Pet 2:9)
2. And they shall reign on the earth (Rev 2:26; 3:21)

Rev 5:11 – Numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand

1. Dan 7:9-10 – As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before



him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

2. Heb 12:22 – But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering

Rev 5:12 – To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. Note the sevenfold tribute from those in heaven.

Rev 5:13 – Note the fourfold tribute from the creatures on the earth.

Chapters 4 and 5 teach one main lesson. Unless we clearly grasp this point, we shall never see the glorious unity of the Apocalypse. We shall lose ourselves in allegorization. That one main lesson may be expressed in the words of the Psalmist: “Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits above the cherubim; let the earth be moved.” The assurance of this truth should impart comfort to believers in the midst of fiery trials. That is why this vision of the universe governed by the throne precedes the symbolic description of the trial through which the Church must pass, chapter 6. This is a very beautiful arrangement. (Hendriksen, 1967)

Thus, the entire universe is governed by the throne, that is, by God through the Lamb. When the Lamb ascended to heaven, He sat down at the right hand of God, “far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and he (God, the Father) put all things in subjection under his (Christ’s) feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all” (Eph 1:22, 23). All things ultimately must glorify God: His will is carried out in the universe. The throne rules. The Lamb reigns. As a result, believers need not fear in times of tribulation, persecution, and anguish. (Hendriksen, 1967)

This is my Father’s world,
O let me ne’re forget
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died
shall be satisfied
And earth and heav’n be one.

“This Is My Father’s World”, Maltbie D. Babcock