

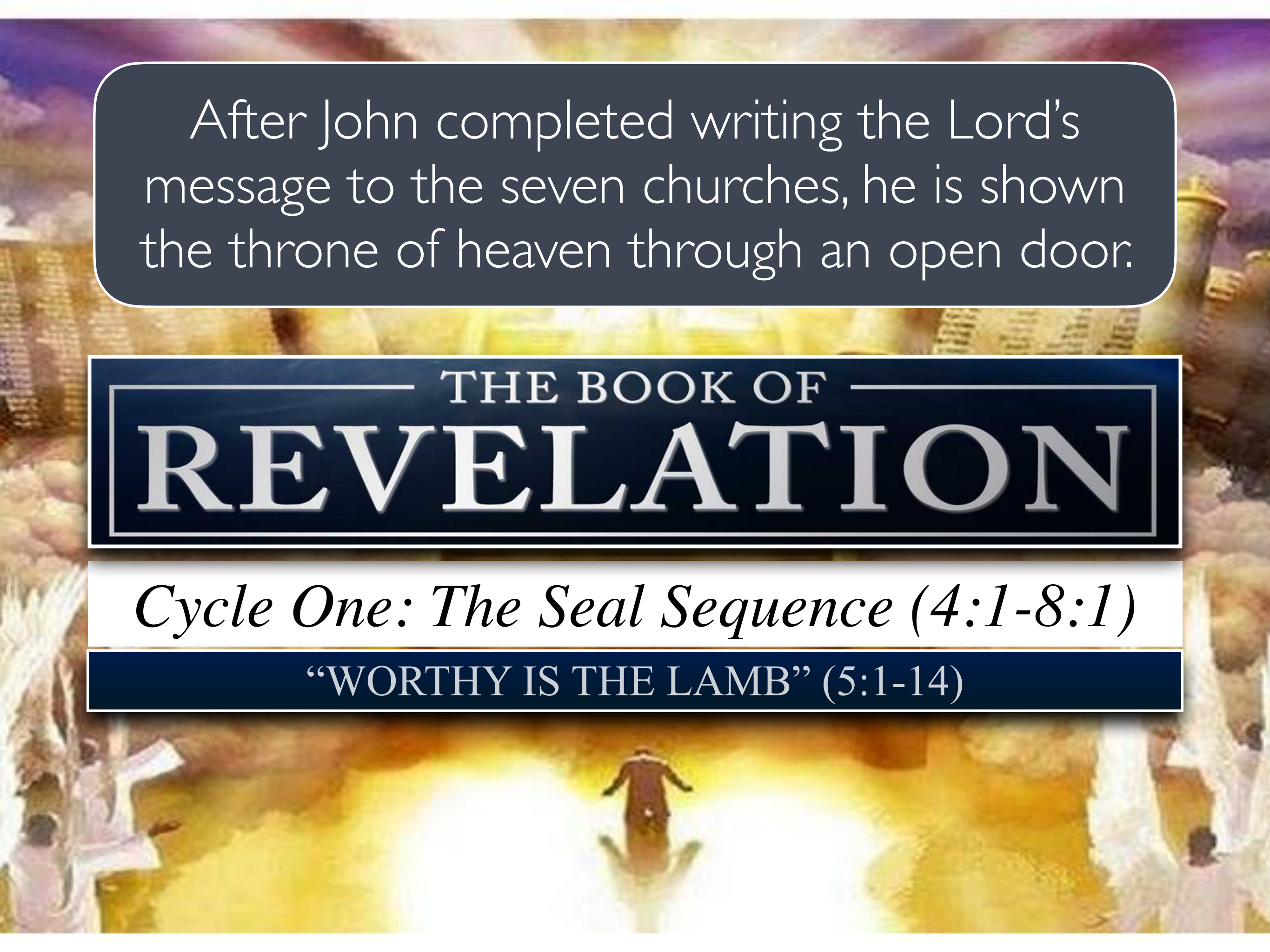
³ Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near. —
Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

A man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a simple brown robe, is shown in a desert landscape. He is sitting on the ground, leaning over a large, unrolled scroll. He holds a quill pen in his right hand, writing on the scroll. The scroll has some text written on it, including the word 'XANAC' and 'TONT'. The background shows a rocky, hilly desert under a clear sky.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Cycle One: The Seal Sequence (4:1-8:1)

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” (5:1-14)



After John completed writing the Lord's message to the seven churches, he is shown the throne of heaven through an open door.

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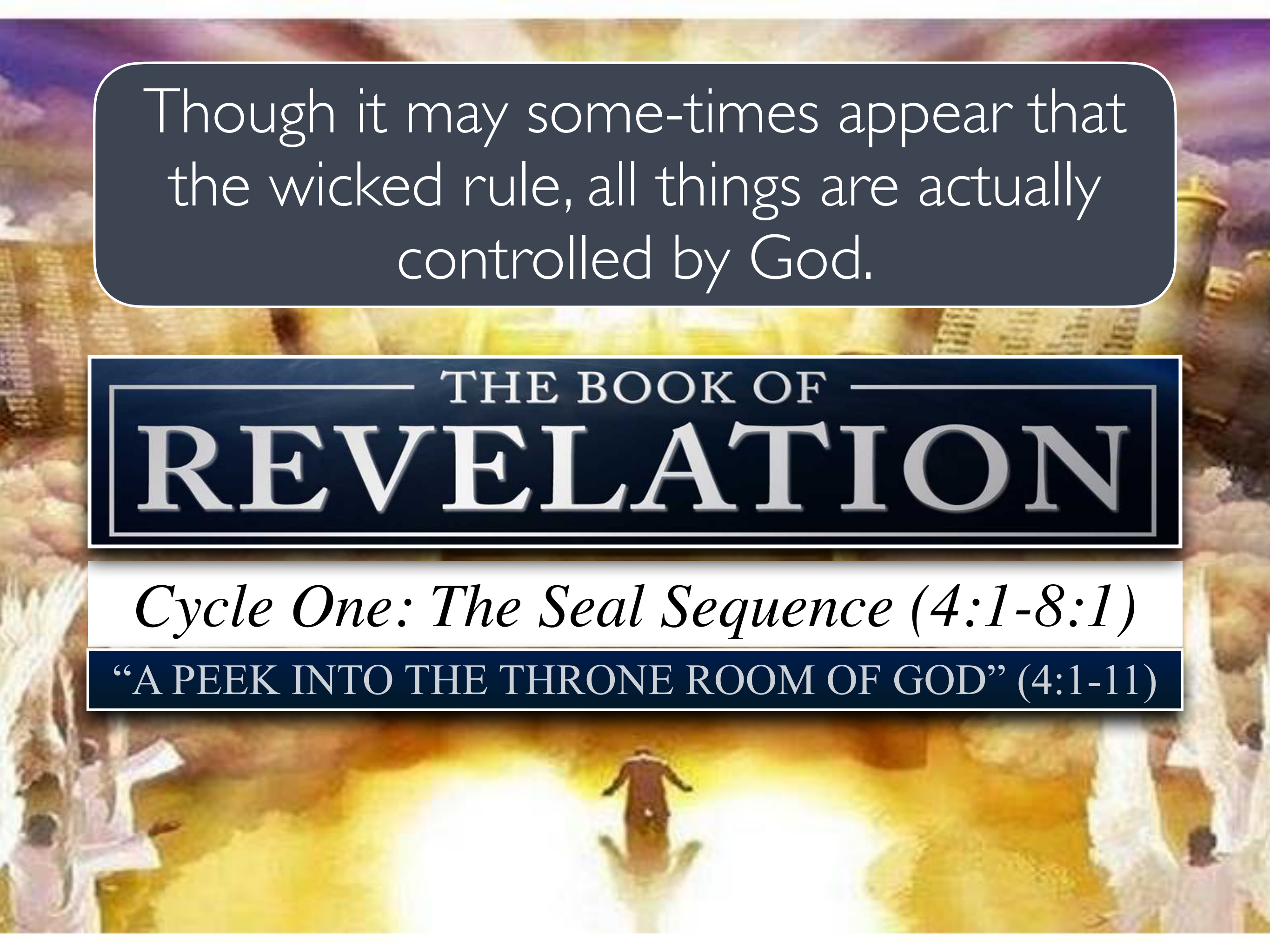
“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” (5:1-14)

Chapters four and five present the sovereignty of God who is on his throne and whose righteous rule is vindicated by the work of Christ.

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Though it may some-times appear that
the wicked rule, all things are actually
controlled by God.

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“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” (5:1-14)

Revelation 5:1–14 (NKJV)

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. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 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.”

Revelation 5:1–14 (NKJV)

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. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ Now 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.

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Revelation 5:1–14 (NKJV)

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 saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” (5:1-14)



- The **imagery** and **symbols** in Revelation are necessary in comprehending the **BIG PICTURE** - but if we focus too much on the imagery and symbols we can easily **MISS** the BIG PICTURE.
- The BIG PICTURE in chapters 4 & 5 is clearly **GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY, GLORY** and **PROVISION** for our salvation -
- **HE IS WORTHY of WORSHIP.**

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■ WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL? (1-4)

- The scroll (God’s plan and purpose for His creation)
- The Father is Sovereign over His creation. — He has perfect knowledge of the things that His suffering saints are experiencing and He knows what the future holds for them as well as what is to befall their enemies.

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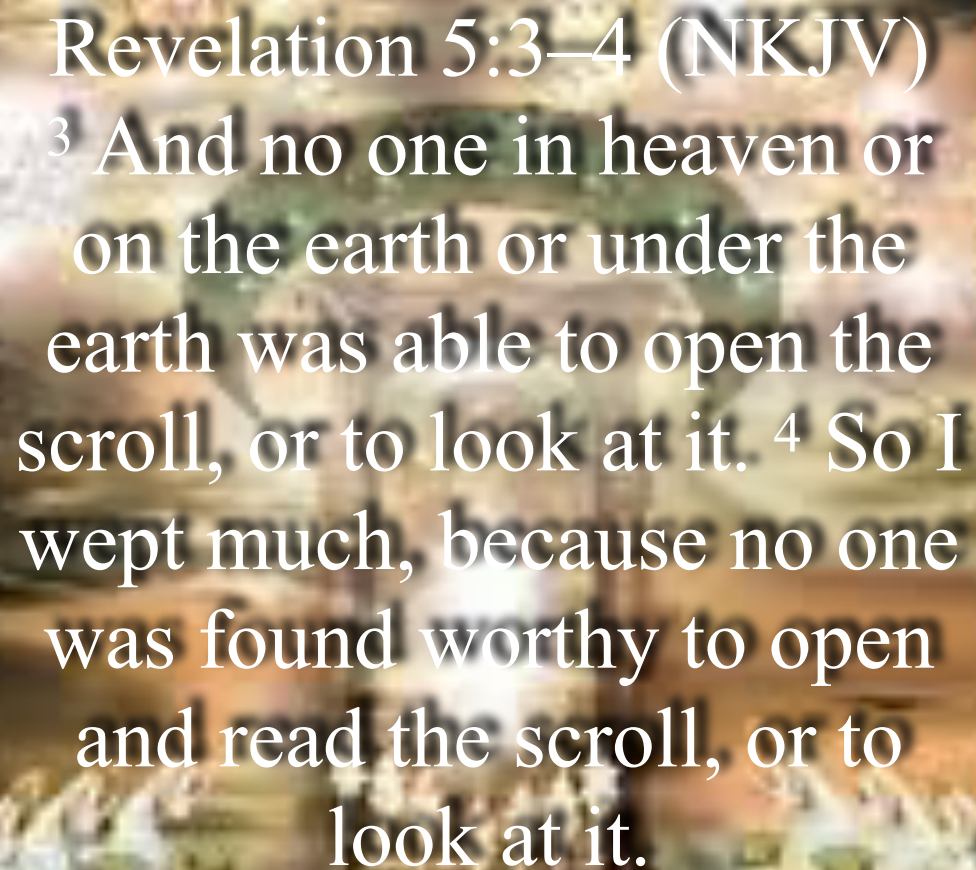
■ WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL? (1-4)

- ▶ Who is qualified and worthy to understand and disclose its contents? (Obviously, to do this meant more than simply taking some object to break the seals).
- ▶ Man is in the dark and wandering aimlessly without God’s revelation — without direction, purpose and hope! (1 Cor. 2:9-13).

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Revelation 5:3–4 (NKJV)
3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

- WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL? (1-4)
 - ▶ Who is worthy to carry out the perfect will of God and his purposes?
 - ▶ None in heaven or on earth can. None among all who have died. No one responded to the mighty angel's call.
 - ▶ John grieved because without one worthy to execute the plan of God, the future remained unknown.
 - ▶ Would this mean that Satan and his wicked allies would remain in control?

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Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)

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■ THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID (5:5-7)

- ▶ While John bemoaned the thought of God’s plan being left unenforceable, one of the twenty-four elders comforted him (4:4).
- ▶ When Jacob was blessing his sons, he promised Judah that the scepter would not depart until Shiloh, “the Anointed One,” would come (Gen. 49:9-10).
- ▶ Ardent Jews understood this to be a prophecy of the coming of the Christ.

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- ▶ Jesus was both of the Root of David as well as being his offspring (22:16; cf. Matt. 22:42-45).
- ▶ As David’s offspring Jesus is David’s descendant (2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16; Jer. 23:5-6; Rom. 1:3-4; 15:12).
- ▶ Peter verified that he was raised to sit on David’s throne, being made both Lord and Christ (Ac. 2:30, 36).

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“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” (5:1-14)

Revelation 5:6–7 (NKJV)

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■ THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,
THE ROOT OF DAVID (5:5-7)

- ▶ When John turned to see this
“Lion,” what he saw was a Lamb as
it had been slain.
- ▶ Isaiah had prophesied that he would
be sacrificed for our sins as a lamb
(Isa. 53:7).
- ▶ John the baptizer called Jesus “the
Lamb of God which taketh away
the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

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■ THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,
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- ▶ “Having 7 horns and 7 eyes:”
 - ▶ Horns represent strength, power, or authority (Deut. 33:17; 1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 75:10).
 - ▶ 7 horns indicate full power or all authority (Matt. 28:18).
 - ▶ 7 eyes indicate omniscience, perfect perception (Heb. 4:13).
 - ▶ 7 Spirits — Christ knows those who have obeyed the gospel & are His!

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Revelation 5:6–7 (NKJV)

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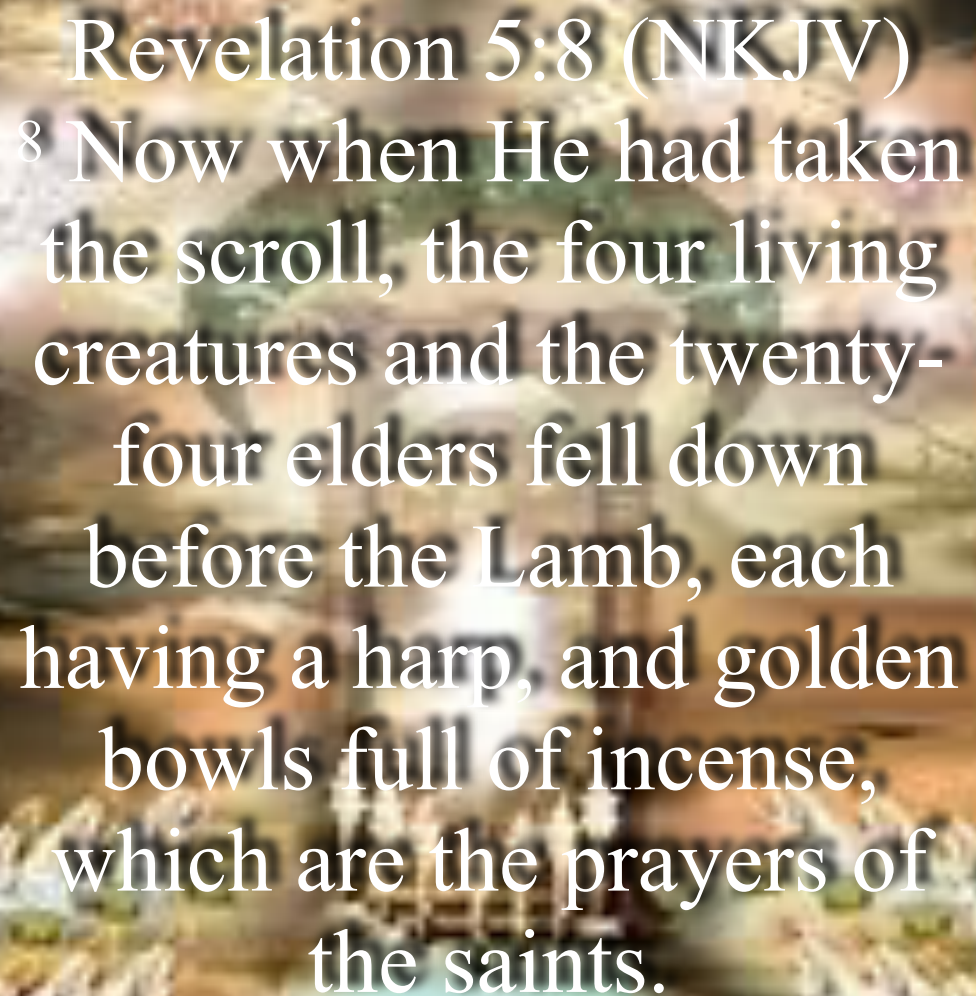
■ THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,
THE ROOT OF DAVID (5:5-7)

- ▶ Only the nail-pierced hands of the Lamb were able to take the book from the Father's hand and to loose the seals thereof.
- ▶ The Son of God is qualified to carry forward the purpose and plan of God the Father. It is He Who “came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38).

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Revelation 5:8 (NKJV)
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- THE SONG OF REDEMPTION (5:8-10)
 - ▶ The four living creatures and twenty-four elders prostrate themselves before the Lamb
 - ▶ They present golden bowls full of incense (prayers of the saints) giving assurance their prayers heard by God (Ps. 141:2).
 - ▶ As the golden bowls are symbolical, so also are the harps which represent songs of praise ascending to the throne (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

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■ THE SONG OF REDEMPTION (5:8-10)

- John hears is a new kind of song because it speaks of man’s spiritual redemption which the Lamb has made possible. (Ps. 98:1; cf. Pss. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; Isa. 42:10-13).
- He has redeemed out of ALL NATIONS to God those who obey the gospel (Ep. 2:16), with His blood (Ezek. 18:20; Acts 20:28; Ro. 6:23; Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

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- Christians, as a “holy priesthood,” serve with Christ who is their high priest (1 Pet. 2:5, 9),
- We reign with the King of kings in his kingdom (1:5-6).
- Both John and Paul spoke of being in that kingdom as a present fact in the first century (1:9; Col. 1:13-14).
- Having submitted to Christ, we reign now over sin and death, (Ro. 5:17).

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■ THE CHORUS OF HEAVEN GIVES PRAISE (5:11-14)

- ▶ Imagine a chorus of a hundred million angels plus thousands and thousands joining together singing adulation and praise.
- ▶ The numbers are figurative describing “myriads of myriads,” an incalculable number, in one massive crescendo, shouts praise to God and the Lamb.

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■ THE CHORUS OF HEAVEN GIVES PRAISE (5:11-14)

- The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive: (12)
- Power (1 Cor. 1:24),
 - Riches (2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 3:8),
 - Wisdom (1 Cor. 1:24; Col. 2:3),
 - Strength (Eph. 6:10; Luke 11:22),
 - Honor (Heb. 2:9; Phil. 2:11),
 - Glory (John 1:14; 17:5; Ac. 2:36),
 - Blessing (Mk 11:9-10; Rom. 15:29).

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- John gets to enter a visual door and see into heaven – 4:1-2
- He sees the awesome throne of God – 4:2-3
- He sees 24 elders totally awed by God – 4:4
- Honor and glory belong wholly to God – 4:5-6

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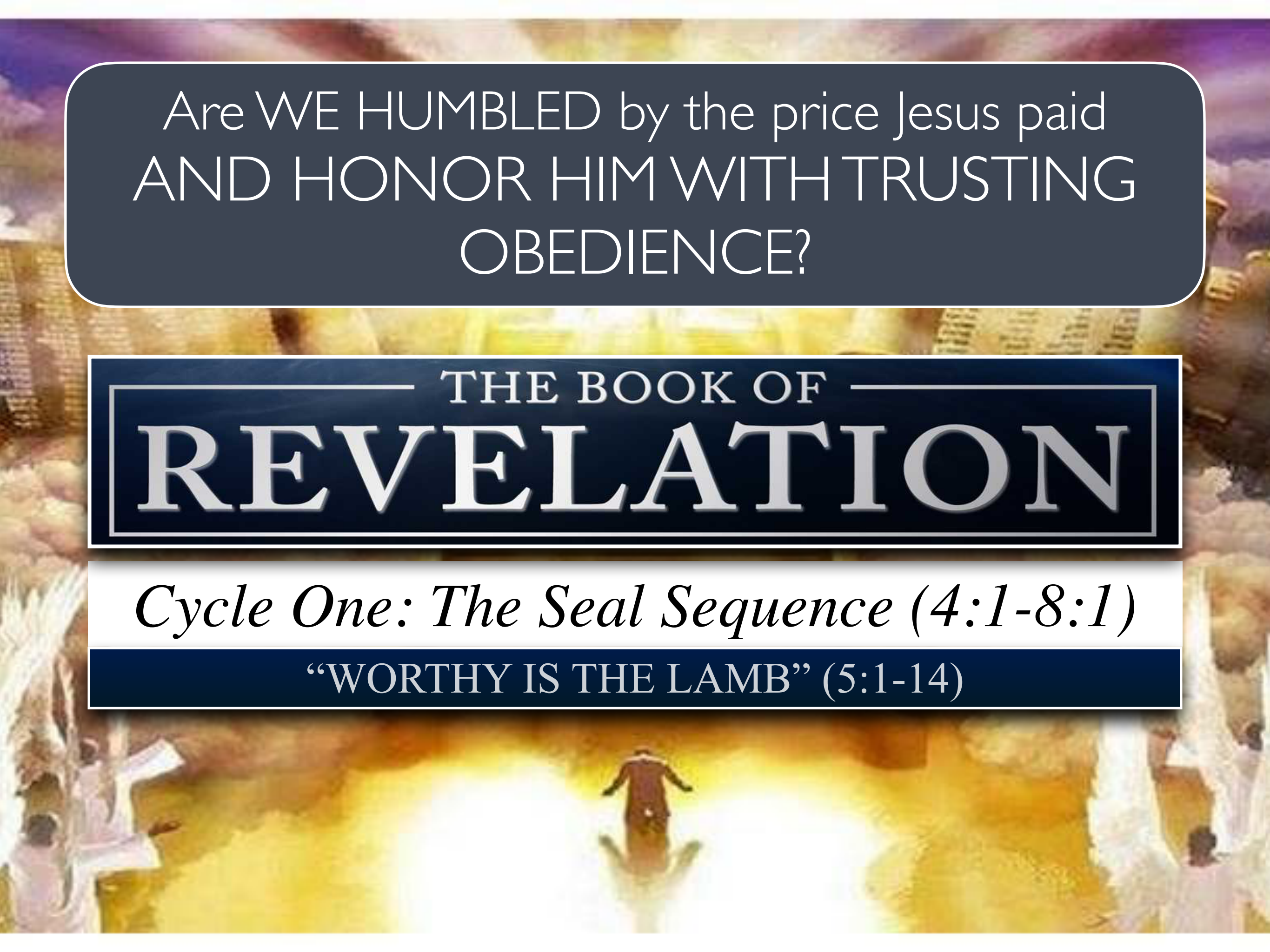
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**We OWE Jesus ALL We HAVE!!!
— 2 Cor 5:14,15; Phil 3:7-11**

- ◆ The Good News - Jesus loves us - ALL OF US. He died to redeem us from sin, and reconcile us to God —
- ◆ This truth will bring all who acknowledge it down from positions of pride and pomposity and humble us in His presence!
- ◆ We are indeed saved by LOVE, GRACE & MERCY!



Are WE HUMBLLED by the price Jesus paid
AND HONOR HIM WITH TRUSTING
OBEDIENCE?

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Do WE HONOR the sacrifice of CHRIST
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**HEAVENS DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED
FOR YOU - WILL YOU ENTER?**

Believe — John 3:16;

Repent — Acts 17:30;

Confess — Romans 10:9,10;

Be baptized — Acts 2:38;

Endure by faith — I Corinthians 15:58

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“A PEAK INTO THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD” (4:1-11)

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Ezekiel 1:26–28 (NKJV)

²⁶ And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷ Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around it. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw *it*, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.