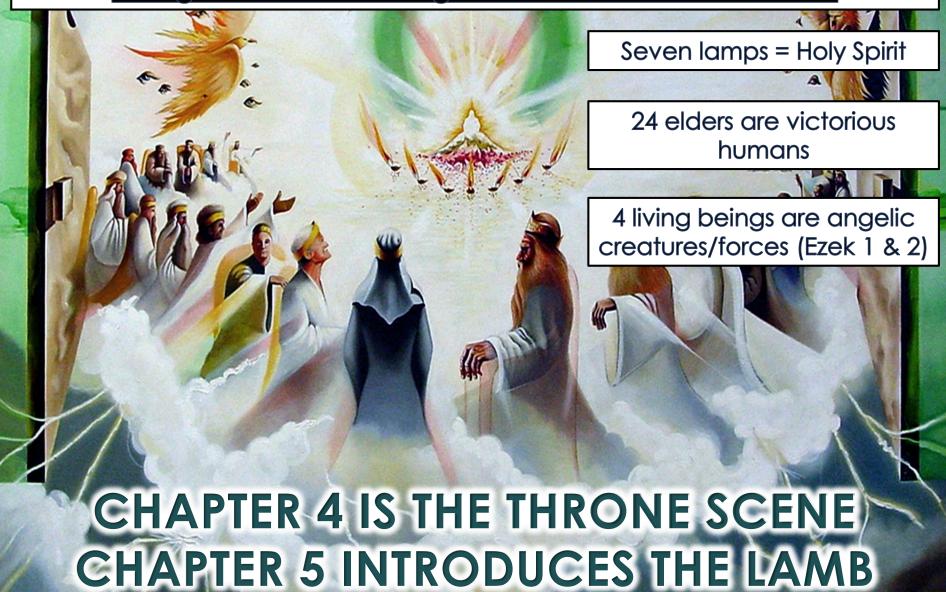
"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven"

The great conflict begins with a look at heaven





The Lamb Is Jesus

- Jesus is described as a Passover lamb in 1 Cor 5:7
- John the Baptist calls him "lamb of God" in Jhn 1:29,36
- The lamb has the Holy Spirit with it (Rev 5:6)
- Redeemed people with His blood (Acts 20:28)
- This lamb is referred to as "the one slain" (Rev 5:9,12)
- The lamb receives worship (Rev 5:14)

THE LAMB & THE SCROLL

CHAPTER 5 INTRODUCES US TO JESUS AND THE GREAT PLAN THE FATHER HAS FOR JESUS' CHURCH. THIS IS THE MAIN THEME OF THE REST OF THE BOOK.

- WHAT DID JESUS' DEATH REALLY DO?
- WHAT WAS SET IN MOTION BY
 THE CREATION OF THE
 CHURCH?
- WHAT WAS GOD GOING TO DO ABOUT THE PERSECUTORS OF THE CHURCH?
 - JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR SALVATION. NOW WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO BRING IT TO MANKIND?



The Scroll Is The Message Of God's Plan For The Church

Scroll is only opened by Jesus' sacrifice (Rev 5:5)

Scroll is a mystery until then; just like the gospel is described (Eph 3:4,9; 6:19)

Up until Jesus' death, the plan was hidden from even angels (1 Pet 1:10-12)

The First Four Seals

WHITE RIDER
ON A HOLY
MISSION: Jesus'
victorious
conquering of
souls





BLACK RIDER
ON A
MOURNFUL
MISSION:
Christians suffer
hardships through
discrimination

RED RIDER ON
A <u>BLOODY</u>
MISSION:
Christians begin
to be persecuted
for their faith.



PALE RIDER ON
A DEADLY
MISSION:
Mankind suffers
for rejecting the
message, and
Christians suffer
with them
(Compare to
Ezek 5:16-17)

These four horsemen represent the initial consequences of the gospel being sent out across the Earth. Christianity was embraced, then Christians were persecuted by family and neighbors, then society began to increase pressure on them to stop, and ultimately, God began to punish society for rejecting His Son.