

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

The great conflict begins with a look at heaven

Seven lamps = Holy Spirit

24 elders are victorious humans

4 living beings are angelic creatures/forces (Ezek 1 & 2)

CHAPTER 4 IS THE THRONE SCENE
CHAPTER 5 INTRODUCES THE LAMB



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 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 First Four Seals

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



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

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

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.