

Structure of the Second Vision

Rev 5:1-5

4:1-16:21, Coming Judgments

4-8:5, The Seven Seals

4-5, Introduction: Heavenly Actors

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Prep for Trumpets: Faithful Multitudes

8:5, Seventh Seal

8:6-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:6-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials: Witnesses

11:13-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials

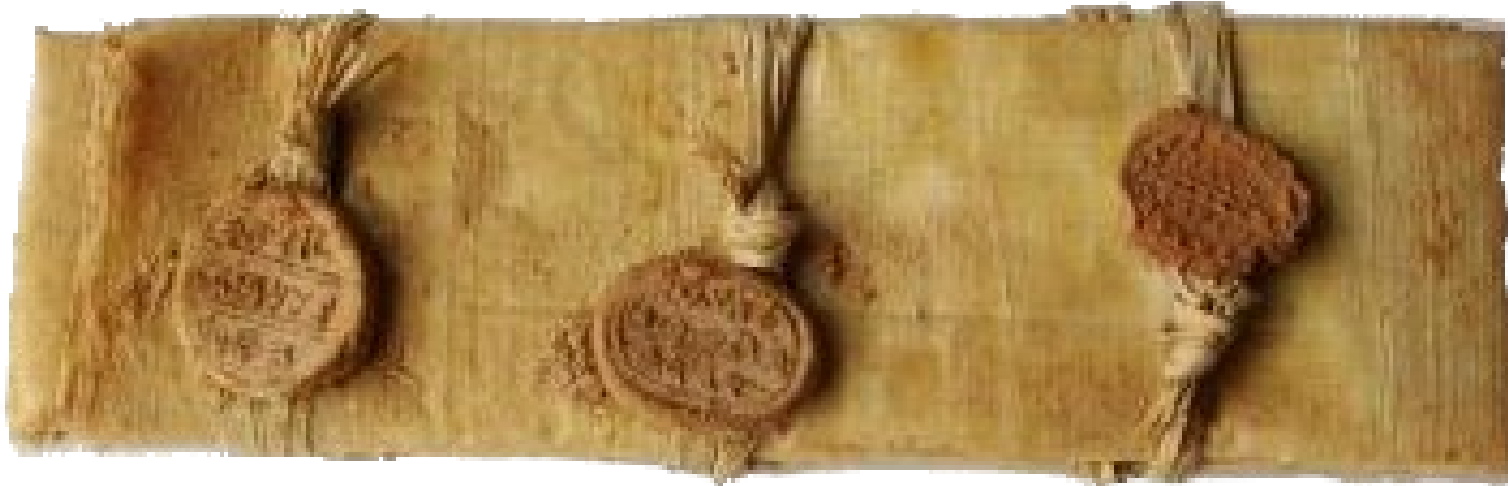
12-14, Introduction: Satanic Actors

15-16, Seven Vials

4x in Rev 5: καὶ εἶδον (G1492)

- 5:1 a book
- 5:2, a strong angel
- 5:6, a Lamb
- 5:11, many angels

5:1, I saw ...a book



Replica of Egyptian sealed scroll ca. 600 BC.

https://www.bibleandscience.com/store/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=540

**a book written [that had been written] ...
sealed**

Dan. 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book**, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. ... 8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for **the words are closed up and sealed** till the time of the end.

**the right hand ... within and on
the backside**

Eze 2:9 And when I looked, behold, an **hand** was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a **book** was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and **it was written within and without**: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Significance of Seals

Keep Contents Secret

Dan. 12:4-9

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is **not for you to know** the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Rom 11:33 O the depth of the riches and of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? [knowledge]
or who hath been his counsellor? [wisdom]
35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? [riches]

Identify the Writer

1Kings 21:8 So [Jezebel] wrote letters in Ahab's name, and **sealed them with his seal**, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

Warn against Tampering

Dan. 6:17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king **sealed it** with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; **that the purpose might not be changed** concerning Daniel.

Matt. 27:66 So they went, and **made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone**, and setting a watch.

God's Books (recall "book of life," 3:5)

	Past Facts	Future Purposes
People's Actions	1. Record Book (OT, NT)	2. Book of Decrees (OT, NT)
People's States	3. Book of the Living (OT)	4. Book of Life (NT, maybe OT)

1) Est 6:1 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the **book of records** of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books** were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of **those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

2) Psa 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and **in thy book** all ~~my members~~ were written, ~~which in continuance~~ the days were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne **a book** written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

3) Psa 69:27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. 28 **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,** and not be written with the righteous.

4) Rev 17:8 ... they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written [do not stand written] in **the book of life** from the foundation of the world.

Helpful References on 5:2-4

3x “a strong angel”

- 5:2 announces the sealed book
- 10:1-2 brings John the unsealed book
- 18:21 casts a stone into the sea, symbolizing the destruction of Babylon.

Strong → Heard by all

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel **to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,** 7 Saying with **a loud voice**, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

3 And no ~~man~~ one in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth

Phil. 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in **heaven**, and things in **earth**, and things **under** the earth;

Exod 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in **heaven** above, or that is in the **earth** beneath, or that is in the water **under** the earth:

4 ... no ~~man~~ one was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon

Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist:

Mar 1:7 There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am **not worthy to** stoop down and **unloose**.

Helpful References on 5:5

**behold, the Lion of
the tribe of Juda,**

Gen 49:9 **Judah is
a lion's whelp:**

from the prey, my
son, thou art gone
up: he stooped
down, he couched
as a lion, and as
an old lion; who
shall rouse him
up? 10 **The
sceptre** shall not
depart from Judah,
nor a lawgiver from
between his feet,
until Shiloh come;
and unto him shall
the gathering of
the people be.

the Root of David

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots:

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a **root** of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the **root and the offspring of David**, and the bright and morning star.

Mat 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 **If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?**

The Lion ... the Root ... hath prevailed (νικάω G3528, overcome, conquered)

Who uses the verb?

- John: 24/28 x
 - 17 in Revelation
 - six in 1 John
 - one in the Fourth Gospel

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have **overcome** the world.

Where else does the Lord Jesus overcome in the Revelation?

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also **overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall **overcome** them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Who overcomes in the Revelation?

The Lord Jesus: 3x

The forces of evil: 4x

Believers: 10x

Who overcomes (νικάω G3528) in Revelation?

- Christ (3x)
- Wicked (4x)
- Believers (10x)

