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Two Obstacles to Opening the Scroll

Rev. 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was **able** to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev. 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

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Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath **prevailed** to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Rev. 5:9 And [the elders] sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast / slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev. 5:11 ... many angels, and the living creatures and the elders ... 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

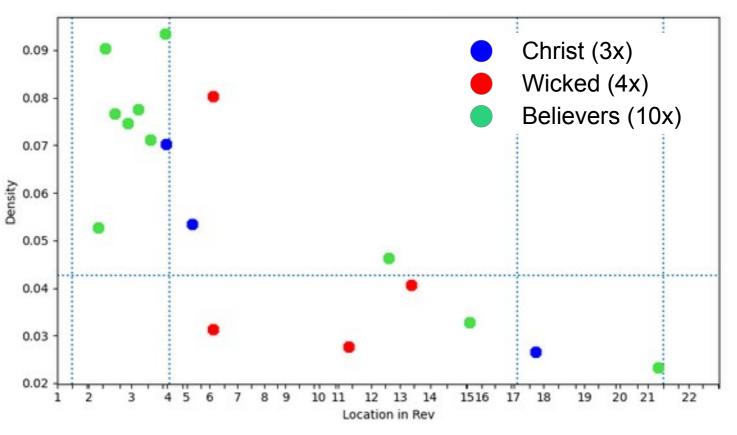
The Lion ... the Root ... hath prevailed (νικάω G3528, overcome, conquered)

Who uses the verb?

John: 24/28 NT uses

- 17 in Revelation
- six in 1 John
- one in the Fourth Gospel

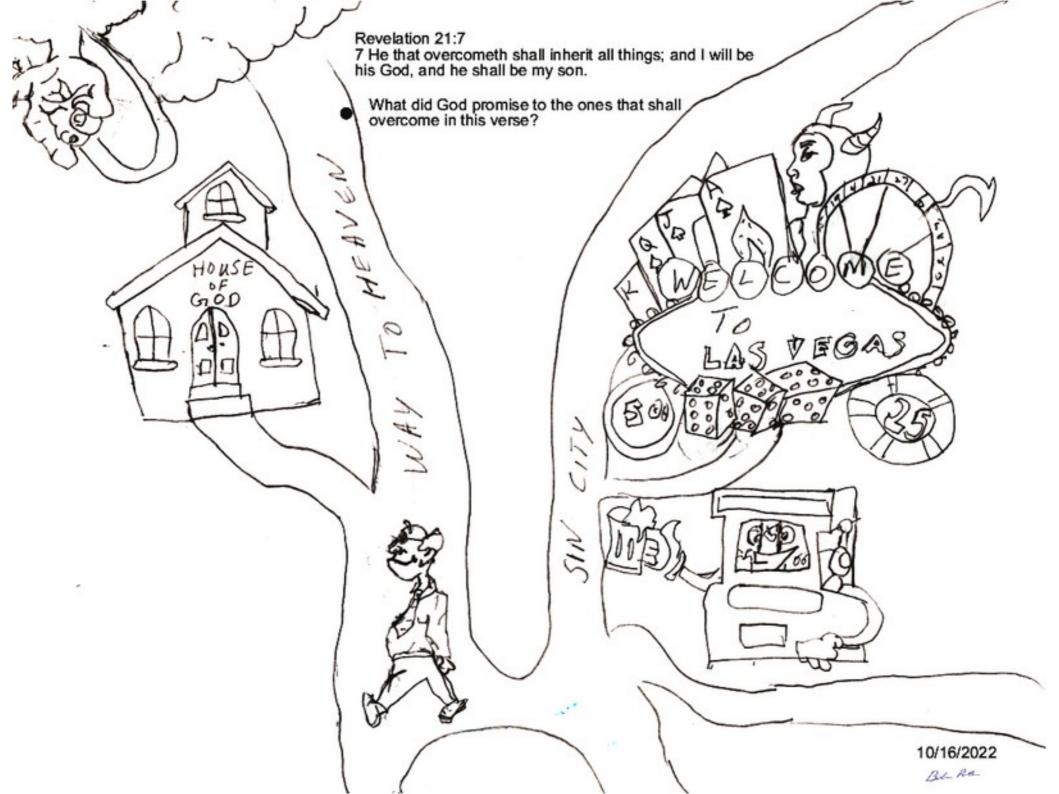
John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have **overcome** the world.



Where else does the Lord Jesus overcome in the Revelation?

Rev. 3:21 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:

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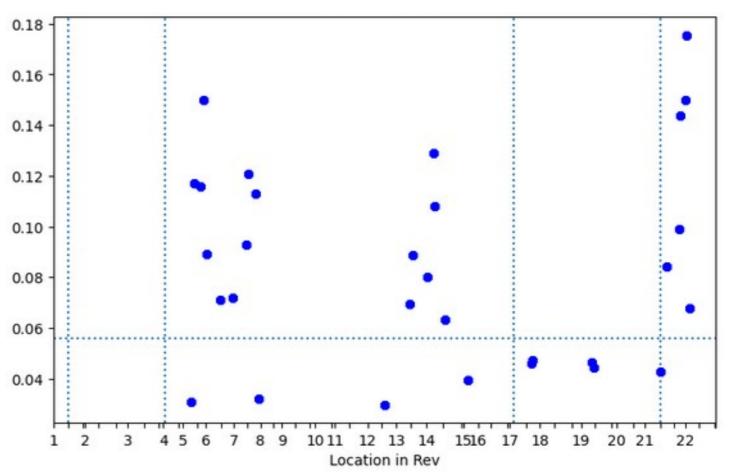
I beheld ... a Lamb

John 1:29 The next day John [the Baptist] seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

as it had been slain

John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold **my hands**; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into **my side**: and be not faithless, but believing.

ἀρνίον G721 "lamb" in Revelation



stood a Lamb as it had been slain

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

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Helpful References

5:6 horns ~ power

Ps 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and **the horn** of my salvation, and my high tower.

5:8 incense ... prayers

Ps 141:2 Let **my prayer** be set forth before thee **as incense**; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

prayers of saints

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Importance of Prayer

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in **prayers**.

1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, **first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks**, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Psa 50:15 ... **call upon me** in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

5:9 A New Song

Rev. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice [sound] from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

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Psa 144:5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them:shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, anddeliver me out of great waters, from thehand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 **I will sing a new song** unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

Psa 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he hath put **a new song** in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it,

and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.