

# Structure of the Second Vision

Rev 5:9-14

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

8:1-5, 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

# 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.

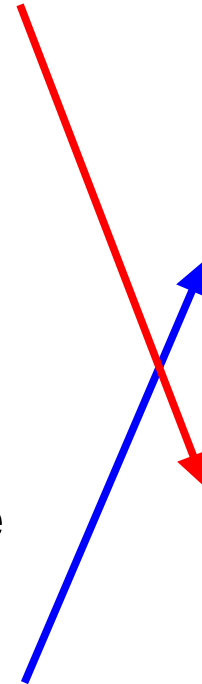


Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath **prevailed** to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

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



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.

# Pronouns in 5:9-10

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**Majority of Mss**

**Likely Speakers**

<p>9 Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and [thou] hast redeemed <b>us</b> to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;</p>		<p>Elders (“they sang ...”)</p>
<p>10 And [thou] hast made <b>us</b> unto our God kings and priests: and <b>we</b> shall reign on the earth.</p>	<p>10 And [thou] hast made <b>them</b> unto our God kings and priests: and <b>they</b> shall reign on the earth.</p>	<p>Living creatures (“... saying ...”)</p>

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of **the grace that should come unto you**: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ**, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; **which things the angels desire to look into.**

# Some Helpful References

## The Elders' Song (us, we)

thou was slain (σφάζω G4969)

1John 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and **slew** his brother. And wherefore **slew** he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Leviticus 1-7, sacrificial instructions

Exod 12:21 **kill** the passover

hast redeemed (ἀγοράζω G59) us

1 Cor. 6:20 For ye are **bought** with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Cor. 7:23 Ye are **bought** with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

## The Response of the Living Creatures

1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the **saints shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye **unworthy to judge** the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall **judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?

## Slain → worthy?

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art **inexcusable**, O man, whosoever thou art that **judgest**: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest **doest the same** things.

Rom 2:21 **Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?** thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be **without blemish**, a male of the first year:

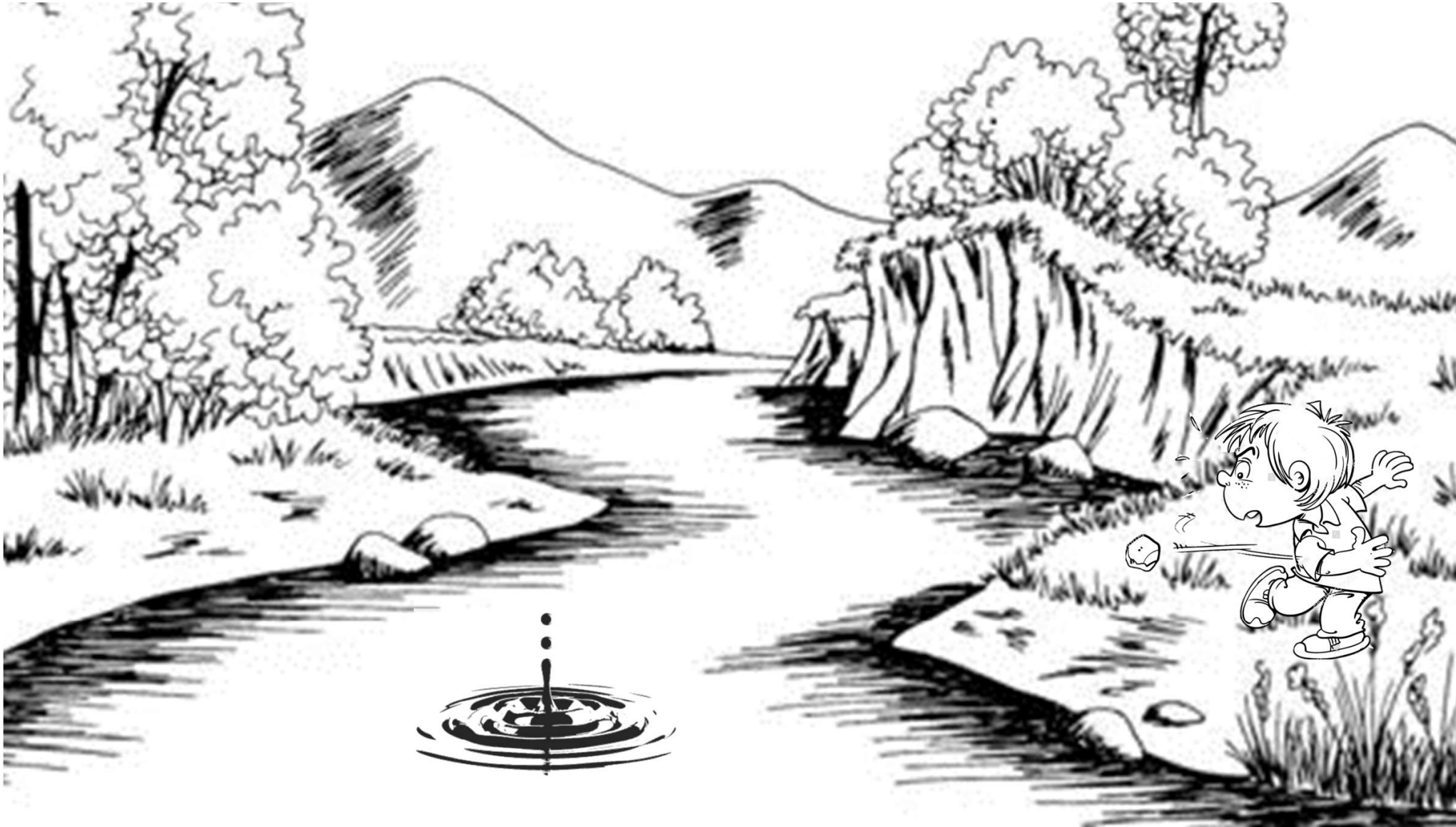
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Dan 7:10 thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Revelation 5:11

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

- When John heard the voice of many Angels around the throne, how many Angels were around the throne?



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# Doxologies in the Revelation

	1:6 John	4:9, Living Creatures	4:10-11, Elders	5:9-10, Elders → Living Creatures: The slain Lamb is <b>worthy</b> ...	5:12, Angel Host	5:13, All Creation	7:10, Many People	7:11-12, Angels, Elders, LCs	19:1 People in Heaven	
Addressed to	Jesus Christ	God	God			Lamb	God & Lamb	God & Lamb	God	Lord our God
			<b>Worthy</b>			<b>Worthy</b>				Alleluiah
Glory	1	1	1			6	3		2	2
Honor		2	2			5	2		5	3
Thanks		3							4	
Power δύναμις G1411			3			1			6	4
Blessing						7	1		1	
Riches						2				
Wisdom						3			3	
Strength, might ἰσχύς G2479						4			7	
Power κράτος G2904	2						4			
Salvation								1		1
	Amen					Amen	Amen →			

# Generics and Specifics

**Praise** הלל, H1984 (89x in Pss)  
Hallelu-yah, "Praise ye the Lord"  
**Praise in general**

**Give Thanks** ידה, H3034 (67x in Pss)  
106:1 O **give thanks** unto the LORD;  
for **he is good**,  
for **his mercy** endureth for ever (Exod 34:6)  
Praise for God's **intrinsic nature**

**Bless** ברך, H1288 (74x in Pss)  
Psa 103:2 **Bless** the LORD,  
O my soul, and forget not all  
**his benefits**:  
3 Who forgiveth all thine  
iniquities; who healeth all thy  
diseases;  
4 Who redeemeth thy life  
from destruction;  
who crowneth thee with  
lovingkindness and tender  
mercies;  
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth  
with good things; so that thy  
youth is renewed like the  
eagle's.  
Praise for God's **gifts to us**

**Power** δύναμις G1411  
**Generic** term (120x in NT)

**Strength** ἰσχύς G2479  
**Physical** might (10x in NT)

**Dominion** κράτος G2904  
Right to **rule** (12x in NT)

**Authority** ἐξουσία G1849  
**Delegated** authority (103x in NT)

# References

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in (on) the sea,

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? 8 It is as high as **heaven**; what canst thou do? deeper than **hell**; what canst thou know? 9 The measure thereof is longer than the **earth**, and broader than the **sea**.

Philippians 2	Revelation 5
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient <b>unto death</b> , even the death of the cross.	6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb <b>as it had been slain</b> ,
9 Wherefore God also hath <b>highly exalted him</b> , and given him a name which is above every name:	7 And he came and <b>took the book</b> out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
10 That at the name of Jesus <b>every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;</b>	8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders <b>fell down</b> before the Lamb, ... 13 And <b>every creature</b> which is <b>in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth</b> , and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,
11 And that <b>every tongue</b> should confess that <b>Jesus Christ</b> is Lord, <b>to the glory of God the Father</b> .	Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto <b>him that sitteth upon the throne</b> , and <b>unto the Lamb</b> for ever and ever.