

Structure of the Second Vision

Rev 5:12-13

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.

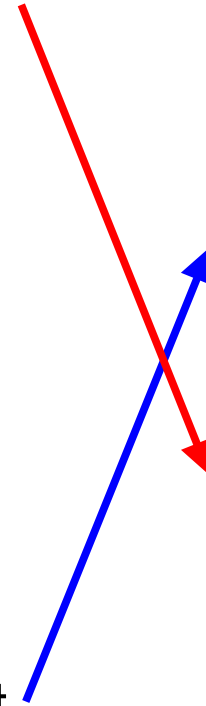


Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath **prevailed** to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

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.

Doxologies in the Revelation: # show sequence of items

(Speaker)	1:6 John	4:9, Living Creatures	4:10-11, Elders	5:9-10, Elders: The slain Lamb is worthy...	5:12, Angel Host	5:13, All Creation	7:10, Many People	7:11-12, Angels, Elders, LCs	12:10 Voice from Heaven	19:1 People in Heaven
(Recipient)	Jesus Christ	God	God		Lamb	God & Lamb	God & Lamb	God	God & his Christ	Lord our God
(Form)	to ...	to ...	Worthy		Worthy	to ...	to ...	to ...	Now is come	Alleluiah; to ...
Glory	1	1	1		6	3		2		2
Honor		2	2		5	2		5		3
Thanks		3						4		
Power δύναμις G1411			3		1			6	2	4
Blessing					7	1		1		
Riches					2					
Wisdom					3			3		
Strength, might ἰσχύς G2479					4			7		
Power κράτος G2904	2					4				
Salvation							1		1	1
Kingdom									3	
Power ἐξουσία G1849								4		
(Response)	Amen				Amen	Amen →				

Lessons from the Doxologies

Persecution leads to **Praise**

Psa 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

The Lamb is **Equal** with God

4:10-11 God: glory, honor, power

5:12 Lamb: power, ... honor, glory

The Lamb is **Powerful**

Worthy ... to receive power ...

Four Words for power

We should praise God **Fully**

We **bless** him for his **benefits** (what he does for us)

We **thank** him for his **attributes** (who he is)

The Lamb will **rule on Earth**

Wisdom, Riches, Strength

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion

Words for Power

Power δύναμις G1411
120x in NT
General term, including
any form of power

Dominion κράτος G2904
12x in NT

Rev. 1:6 to [Jesus Christ] be glory
and **dominion κράτος** for ever and
ever. Amen.

Right to **rule**

Authority ἐξουσία G1849
103x in NT

Matt. 28:18 All **power ἐξουσία** is
given unto me in heaven and in
earth.

Power **delegated** by someone else

Strength, might ἰσχύς G2479
10x in NT

Eph. 1:19 And what is the exceeding
greatness of his power δύναμις to us-ward
who believe, according to the working of his
mighty **power ἰσχύς**, 20 Which he wrought in
Christ, **when he raised him from the dead**,

Physical might

Revelation 5:12-13

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.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

- Where does our strength come from?



Words for Praise

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

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**

Rev 4:9 those beasts give glory and honour and **thanks** to him that sat on the throne, **who liveth for ever and ever**,

Rev 5:12 Worthy is **the Lamb that was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and **blessing**.

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 unto death , 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 as it had been slain ,
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him , and given him a name which is above every name:	7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;	8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, ... 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth , and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.	Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne , and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.