

# The Book of Revelation



# The Relationship between Chapters 1-3 and 4-5

- *Chapter 1* – Jesus is depicted as God. Reveals the intersection of Heaven and Earth.
- *Chapters 2-3* – His care and rebuke of His people; how they can share in His victory (esp. 3:21). Reveals Heaven's knowledge of Earth.
- *Chapters 4-5* – Jesus is depicted as God; He is worthy to sit upon the Father's throne. Reveals the activity of Heaven on behalf of those on Earth.

# Roger Hillis, *The Book of Revelation:* *Victory in Jesus*

*“The chapters that are divided in our New Testament as Revelation 4 and 5 are two of the most exciting visions in all of the word of God. In these two chapters, the Lord draws back the curtain that separates heaven and earth and gives us, through a door standing open in heaven, a look into God’s eternal glory. In Chapter 4, the main character is God the Father, seated on His throne, reigning from heaven over the earth beneath. In Chapter 5, the scene shifts only slightly to God’s right hand, as we are blessed to see God the Son, Jesus Christ, seated on David’s throne and ruling over the universe, with all authority in heaven and on earth, according to Matthew 28:18.”*



# The Throne Scene (Chapter 5)

# Introduction to Lion Imagery

- Lions depicted power and might
- Funerary lions were used to guard tombs and to display wealth, especially in Greece and Rome
- Lions were also associated with imperial dominance



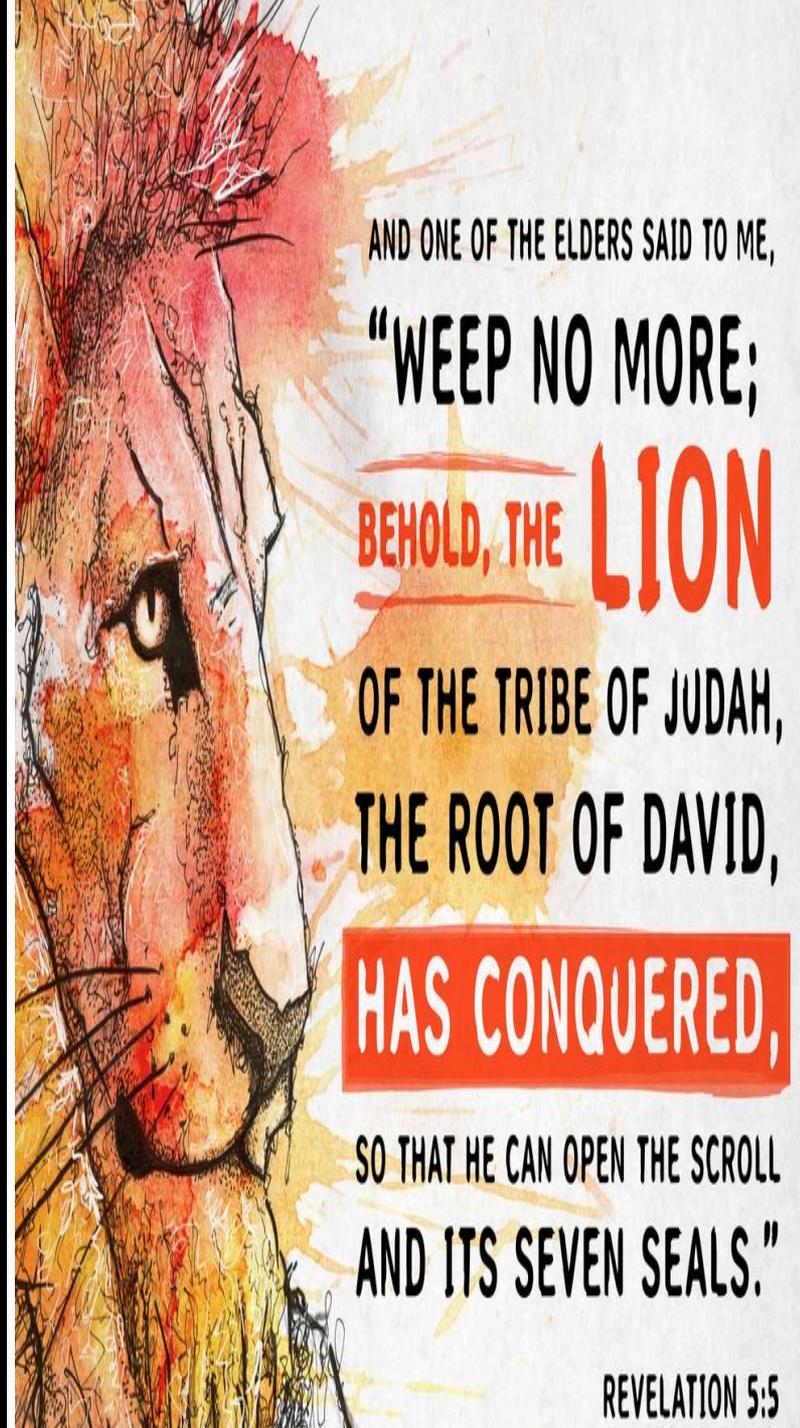
# The Lion Has Prevailed (5:1-7)

- A scroll in God's right hand – indicates God's will for judging and redeeming (Ezek. 2:9-10; 3:1ff; Ps. 40:7; Zech. 5:1ff)
- Written on both sides & sealed with seven seals (cf. Dan. 7; 10; Ezek. 2-3) – secret, undisclosed, unperformed, unaltered; a will
- A mighty angel calls for one to open it but nobody can...
- The contents are imperative for the endurance of the saints!



# The Lion Has Prevailed (5:1-7)

- Lion of Judah (Gen. 49:9-10; Heb. 7:14; 2 Sam. 7:11-14; Ps. 89:3-4; Isa. 11:1-10)
- God used people, but they were insufficient to fully reveal or execute God's plan.
- The plan culminated in the sacrifice of the Lamb; He is standing in the midst of the throne (John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7; Rev. 1:18)
- Lamb has 7 horns (strength – Dt. 33:17; 2 Chron. 18:10) & 7 eyes (Ezek. 1; Rev. 1:4)



AND ONE OF THE ELDERS SAID TO ME,

“WEEP NO MORE;

BEHOLD, THE **LION**

OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,  
THE ROOT OF DAVID,

**HAS CONQUERED,**

SO THAT HE CAN OPEN THE SCROLL  
AND ITS SEVEN SEALS.”

REVELATION 5:5



# Worthy is the Lamb! (5:8-14)

- God was not finished since Daniel foretold of Rome's downfall in the Messianic Age (Dan. 2). The opening of the seals (Rev. 6) will reveal how this is to be accomplished.
- Golden bowls of incense represent the prayers of God's people. God hears His people's prayers in His throne room.
- The Lamb is praised for the redemption of His people, which is universal & majestic in potential scope (Eph. 2:14-17; Rom. 8:31-39).
- They sing a new song (Ex. 15; Deut. 32; Judg. 5; Ps. 40:3; 96:1; 98:1)
- Jesus is praised as God (4:11; 5:13).

# The Overall Message



In the end;  
**GOD WINS**