

The Seven Seals on the Book of the Creator's Kingdom

^{4.1} After this I looked, and, look, a door had been opened within Heaven—the *spiritual realm* (Ezek 1:1; Rev 3:8, 3:20). The first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me (Exod 19:19; Rev 1:10), saying,

“Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things (Exod 24:12; Rev 1:1, 1:19).”

² Immediately I was in the Spirit (Rev 1:10) and, look, a throne was in Heaven and there was one sitting on the throne (1 Kgs 22:19; Psa 11:4; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-28; Rev 1:4). ³ The one who was sitting on the throne looked like a stone of jasper and carnelian (Exod 28:15-20). A halo that appeared like emerald—the *color of life*—encircled the throne. ⁴ Also encircling the throne were twenty-four thrones and sitting on the thrones were twenty-four elders—the *leaders of the Creator's people represented by the twelve sons of Israel and the twelve apostles of Jesus* (Gen 35:22-26; Matt 10:1-4; Rev 3:21). They were clothed in white garments—the *Creator and his forgiveness* (Exodus 28:39-43; Ezekiel 44:17-19; Eccl 9:8; Dan 7:9; Rev 3:4-5, 3:18). They had gold crowns on their heads (Psa 21:1-7; Zech 6:11-15; Rev 2:10, 3:11). ⁵ Lightning-bolts, voices, and thunderclaps were coming from the throne—the *signs of the Creator's presence* (Exod 19:16). Burning before the throne were seven lamps of fire, which are the seven spirits of the Creator (Isa 11:2; Rev 1:4, 3:1). ⁶ The *area* in front of the throne was like a sea of crystal glass—*peaceful and calm* (Exod 24:10, 30:18-21). Surrounding the throne were four creatures that were full of eyes in front and back—*full of faith*. ⁷ The first creature was like a lion—*representing all wild animals*, the second creature was like a young bull—*representing all domesticated animals*, the third creature had a face like a human—*representing all humans*, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle—*representing all flying creatures* (Ezek 1:4-14, 10:9-14). ⁸ Each one of the four creatures had six wings (Isa 6:1-2). All around and within they were full of eyes—*always looking to the Creator in trust* (Psa 25:15, 69:3, 101:3, 119:37, 121:1-2, 123:1-2, 141:8, 145:15; Isa 17:7-9). They did not stop saying day or night,

“Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lord, the Creator! He is the All-Powerful-One who is, was, and is arriving (Isa 6:3; Rev 1:14, 1:8)!”

⁹ Whenever the creatures give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the one who sits upon the throne and lives into the ages of the ages, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall and bow down before the one who sits upon the throne and lives into the ages of the ages (Psa 5:7, 22:27-29, 72:11; Isa 27:13; Mic 5:13). They throw down their crowns—*surrender their power*—in front of the throne (Jer 13:18), saying,

¹¹ “The Lord, our Creator, you are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power, for you created all things and because of your will they began to exist and were created (Gen 1:1-31; 1 Chr 29:10-13; Neh 9:6; Psa 33:6; Isa 45:18; Jer 10:12; Rev 1:6)!”

^{5.1} Then, in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne, I saw a book filled with writing that was sealed with seven seals (Isa 8:16, 29:10-14, 34:16; Ezek 2:9-10; Dan 12:4; Rev 1:17-20). ² I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice,

“Who is worthy to open the book and release its seal?”

³ But no one in Heaven—*the spiritual realm*—or upon or under the Earth—*the material realm*—was able to open the book or see within it (Isa 41:28-29). ⁴ I began to greatly weep because no one was found worthy to open the book or see within it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me,

“Do not weep (Jer 31:16-17)! Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has finished-the-race to open the book and its seven seals (Gen 49:9-10; Isa 6:9-13, 11:1-10; Jer 23:5-6; Rev 3:7-8)!”

⁶ Then, in between the throne and the four creatures, and in the midst of the elders, I saw a Lamb—*Jesus Christ*—standing, even though he had been killed (Exod 12:1-13; Isa 52:13—53:12). The Lamb had seven horns—*complete spiritual strength* (Psa 8:2, 75:10; Mic 6:13) and seven eyes which are the Creator’s spirits sent out into all the Earth (Rev 1:4, 3:1, 4:5). ⁷ The Lamb arrived and received the book from the right hand of the one sitting upon the throne (Isa 41:10). ⁸ While the Lamb was receiving the book, the four creatures and the twenty-four elders—each having a harp (Psa 33:1-3) and a gold bowl full of incense which are the prayers of the saints (Psa 141:1-2)—fell down before the Lamb (Rev 4:9-10). ⁹ They sang a new song (Psa 98:1-2), saying,

“You are worthy to receive the book and open the seals, for you were killed and with your blood you redeemed for the Creator some out of every tribe, tongue, people, and ethnic-group! ¹⁰ You made them a Kingdom of Priests (Exod 19:6; Isa 61:6; Rev 1:6) for our Creator and they will rule upon the Earth (Dan 7:27; Rev 2:10, 3:11, 3:21, 4:5)!”

¹¹ Then, around the throne, the creatures, and the elders, I saw and heard the voice of many angels, and the number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands (Psa 68:17; Dan 7:10). ¹² They began saying with a loud voice,

“The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing (Rev 4:11)!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in Heaven—*the spiritual realm*, upon or under the Earth—*the material realm*, in the Sea—*the chaotic realm*, and everything within them, saying,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and might belong to the one sitting on the throne and the Lamb, into the ages of the ages (Psa 96:1-13, 148:1-14)!”

¹⁴ The four creatures began saying, “Amen” (Rev 1:6, 3:14), while the elders fell and bowed down *before the Lamb* (Psa 95:1-6; Rev 4:9-10, 5:8).