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4 THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN

After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

²Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven and someone was seated on it. ³The one seated there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald surrounded the throne.

⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothes, with golden crowns on their heads.

⁵Flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder came from the throne. Seven fiery torches were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. ⁶Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal, was also before the throne.

Four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back were around the throne on each side. ⁷The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like an ox; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying,

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne and say,

¹¹ Our Lord and God,
you are worthy to receive
glory and honor and power,
because you have created all things,
and by your will
they exist and were created.

5 THE LAMB TAKES THE SCROLL

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides, sealed with seven seals. ²I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³But no one in heaven or

on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁴I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll out of the right hand of the one seated on the throne.

THE LAMB IS WORTHY

⁸When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slaughtered,
and you purchased people
for God by your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.

¹⁰ You made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands. ¹²They said with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing!

¹³I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them say,

Blessing and honor and glory and power
be to the one seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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• The One who is worthy

Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come. (Revelation 4:8)

...the twenty-four elders fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne and say, Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created. (Revelation 4:10-11)

“...the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” (Revelation 5:5)

Tribe of Judah	Root of David
In his final blessing upon his twelve sons, Jacob (renamed Israel) calls Judah “a young lion” and promises “the scepter will not depart from him” (Genesis 49:9-10).	Centuries later, Isaiah promises a “shoot...from the stump of Jesse,” a king from the line of David, who will bring an era of peace (Isaiah 11:1).
Jesus is from the tribe of Judah and the line of David and the One worthy to open the scroll.	

...He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth. (Revelation 5:6)

Seven	Completeness
7 Horns	Complete Power (Omnipotent)
7 Eyes	Complete Knowledge (Omniscient)
7 Spirits	Complete Presence...sent into all the Earth (Omnipresent)

- He has made us worthy

...You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:9-10)

"He endured death as a lamb; he devoured it as a lion." — (Augustine)

- So we declare He is worthy

...Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

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THRONE ROOM VISIONS					
John’s vision and language compared to Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel					
The Setting and How the Vision Begins			The Four Living Creatures		
Vision Opens Revelation 4:1-2 A door standing open in Heaven and a voice: “Come up here.”	Isaiah 6:1 “...I saw the Lord...”		The Creatures Revelation 4:6-8 Four living creatures (lion, ox, man, eagle) around and before the throne, covered in eyes with six wings each, declaring, “Holy, holy, holy.”	Isaiah 6:2-3 Seraphim with six wings each declaring, “Holy, holy, holy.”	
	Ezekiel 1:1 “...the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.”			Ezekiel 1:5-14 Four living creatures, each with four faces of lion, ox, man, and eagle.	
	Daniel 7:1 A night vision while Daniel lies in bed in Babylon.				
The Reaction Revelation 1:17 “...I fell at His feet like a dead man...”	Isaiah 6:5 “...Woe is me! I am ruined...”		Eyes Everywhere Revelation 4:6, 8 Creatures with eyes in front and behind.	Ezekiel 1:18 The rims of the wheels were tall and awesome, covered with eyes all around.	
	Ezekiel 1:28 “...I fell facedown...”				
	Daniel 7:28 “”...my face turned pale...””				
The Throne			Jesus the Christ (Revelation 5)		
The Throne Itself Revelation 4:2-3 A throne set in Heaven. One seated on it with an appearance like jasper and carnelian.	Isaiah 6:1 High and exalted throne; the train of His robe filling the temple.		The Lion and the Lamb Revelation 5:5–6 “The Lion of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered.” John turns and sees a Lamb, looking as though it had been slain, standing.	Daniel 7:13-14 “One like a son of man” comes with the clouds to the Ancient of Days and receives dominion, glory, and a Kingdom.	
	Ezekiel 1:26 A throne with sapphire/lapis lazuli above the expanse above the creatures.				
The Rainbow Revelation 4:3 A rainbow with the appearance of an emerald surrounded the throne.	Ezekiel 1:28 The appearance of brilliant light was like that of a rainbow.				
Fire, Light, and Sound			Seven Horns and Seven Eyes Revelation 5:6 The Lamb has seven horns (complete power—omnipotence) and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the Earth (complete knowledge and presence).	Ezekiel 10:12 Eyes covering the wheels and creatures showing divine omniscience and watching over all creation.	
Lightning and Thunder Revelation 4:5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder.	Ezekiel 1:4 Fire, flashing lightning.				
	Daniel 7:9-10 Throne is a flaming fire.				
The Crystal Sea Revelation 4:6 Something like a sea of glass, like crystal, before the throne.	Ezekiel 1:22 An expanse, sparkling like a crystal, above the living creatures.		The New Song Revelation 5:9–14 From the creatures, elders, angels, and all creation: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”	Daniel 7:14 All peoples, nations, and languages serve Him. His dominion will not pass away; His Kingdom will not be destroyed.	

Life Group Discussion Guide

WEEK THREE

 Worship

LEAN IN

What is one of the more memorable awe-inspiring places you have ever visited or seen?

What made it feel that way? _____

LOOK DOWN

Read Revelation 5:1-14 (pg. 50). What does it mean that Jesus' victory is the basis for their worship? How does that shape how we worship today? _____

LOOK OUT

In Revelation 5, every creature joins in worship of the Lamb (v. 13). What do you think it says to a watching world when Christians gather to worship Jesus together—even in difficult times? _____

LOOK IN

Spend a few minutes in your group reading aloud the worship song in Revelation 5:12-13. Then pray together, asking God to give your group a fresh sense of awe for who Jesus is and what He has done.

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