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# The Book of Revelation: Session 10

## Revelation 4-5

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**YouTube:** “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 4-5 | Gary Hamrick”  
(taught on September 2, 2020 | 46:26 minutes)

### Notes:

- 24 Elders: 1 Chronicles 24-25. The Priests and Levites were divided into 24 divisions. Perhaps they represent all of the saints. They wear “stephanos” (victor, overcomer) crowns, inferior to Jesus’ “diadem” (kingly) crown.
- “Sea” often symbolizes “the sea of humanity.” “Glass” → at peace, at rest
- “Four living creatures” (see also Ezekiel 1, 10): Angelic beings (cherubim or seraphim).
- “Scroll”: the title deed to the earth
- “Lion of the tribe of Judah”: Genesis 49:9-10
- “Root of David”: Isaiah 11:10
- “Seven horns”: all-powerful
- “Seven eyes”: all-knowing

### Types of Crowns (David Jeremiah)

1. Victor’s Crown: Awarded to those who discipline their minds through the study of God's Word and prayer (1 Corinthians 9:25–27).
2. Crown of Rejoicing: Given to those who have led others to Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:19).
3. Crown of Righteousness: Given to those who have a longing for the Lord Jesus—who look for Jesus' return (2 Timothy 4:8).
4. Crown of Life: Placed upon those who have endured and triumphed over trial and temptation and persecution, even to the point of martyrdom (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10).
5. Crown of Glory: Awarded to the faithful shepherds of the people of God and to Christian leaders (1 Peter 5:4).

## Questions:

1. Read Revelation 4:1-6a. We quickly realize that “someone” (v. 2) is God the Father, sitting on His throne, which is not merely a piece of furniture, but “a symbol of His sovereign rule and authority” (MacArthur). What words come to mind for you as you read this description of God’s throne room?
2. Read Revelation 4:6b-11. The 24 elders likely represent the church, or perhaps both Old and New Testament saints together. What do they teach us about worship in this scene?
3. Read Revelation 5:1-10. If this scroll is indeed the title deed to the earth ...when did Satan likely come to possess it? ...when did Jesus likely get it back from Him? What qualifies Jesus to open the scroll, judge the earth, and restore it back to its former glory?
4. Read Revelation 5:11-14. What are hindrances or roadblocks to worshipping God in spirit and in truth? How can we cultivate in ourselves a spirit of reverence and worship for God?

**Quote, before prayer:** “The incense of these bowls (Revelation 5:8) represents the prayers of believers through the ages that God’s prophesied and promised redemption of the earth might come. Taken together, the harps and the bowls indicate that all that the prophets ever prophesied, and all that God’s children ever prayed for is finally to be fulfilled.” – John MacArthur

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- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-20/a-vision-of-the-lamb-part-1>
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- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-22/a-vision-of-the-lamb-part-3>