



# Revelation 4–6

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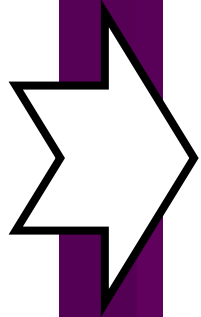


III. Jesus rules over **our future**  
(Rev 4–22)



**We have victory when we see that  
Jesus rules over...**

**DEATH  
(1)**



**CHURCHES  
(2–3)**



**OUR  
FUTURE  
(4–22)**

**Outline of Revelation**



Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory									
Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches		Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
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# Revelation 4



# Worthy of All Worship



Revelation 4



**"Come up here, and I  
will show you what  
must take place after  
this" (Rev 4:1b)**

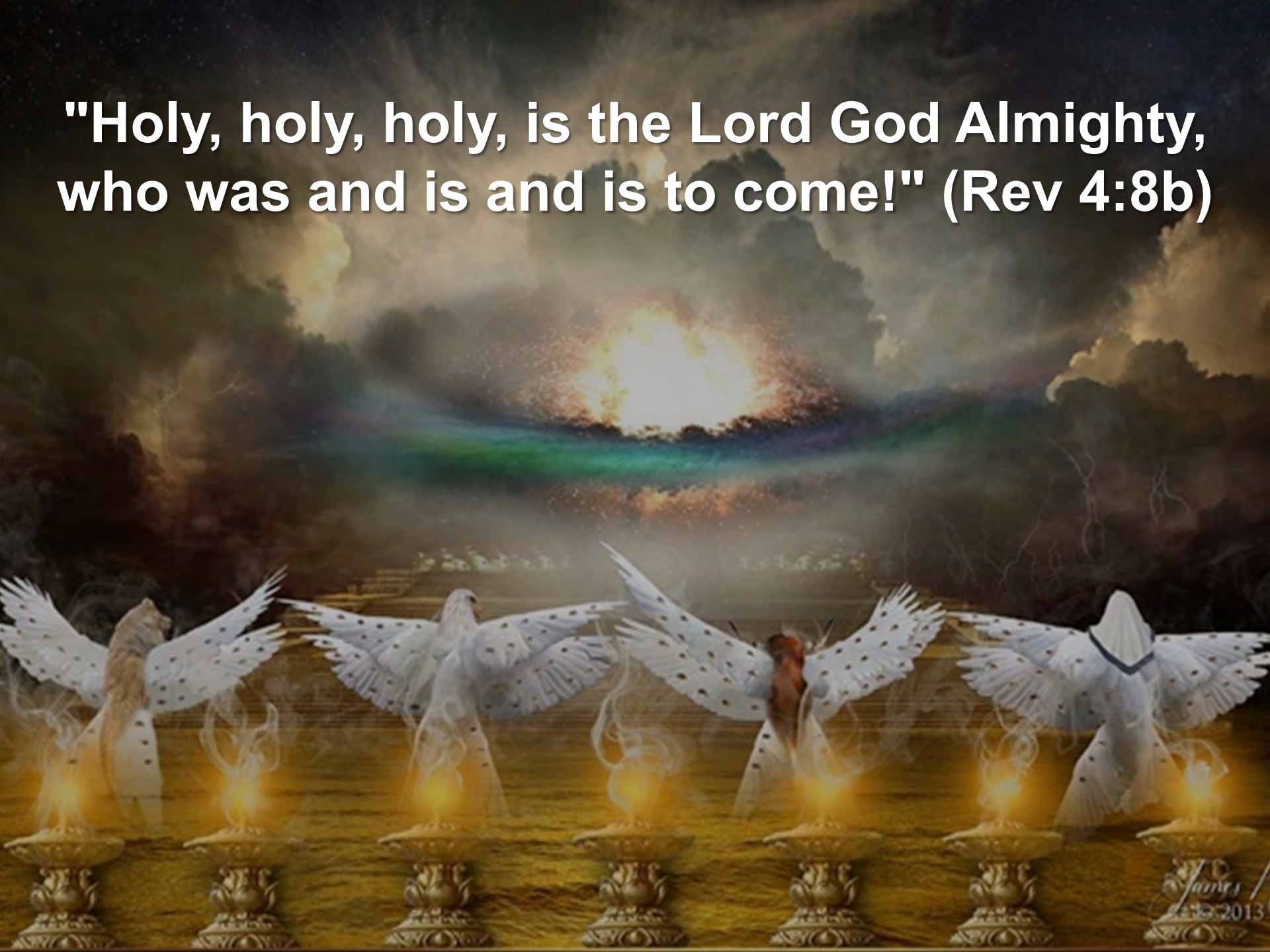


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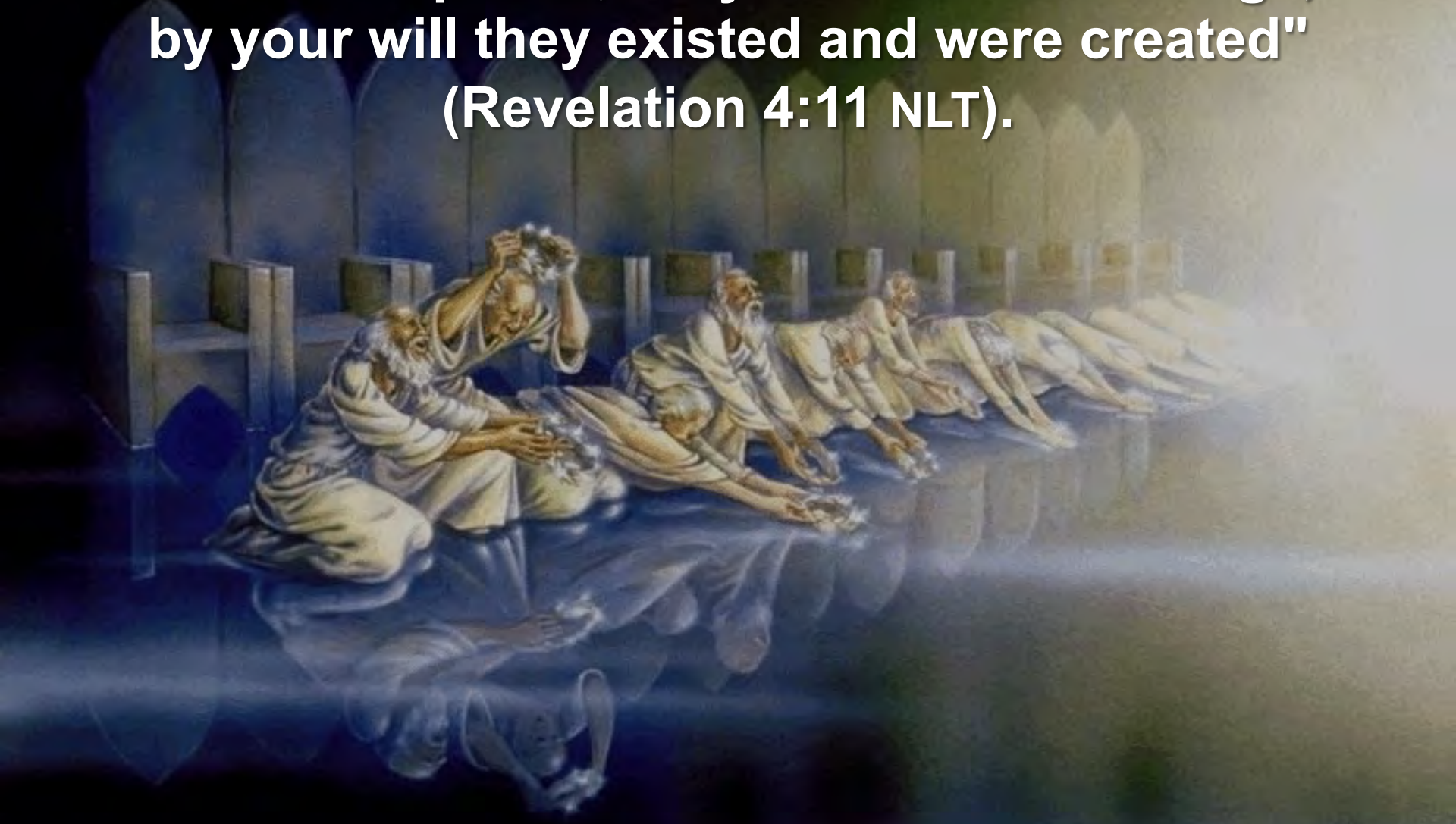


**"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!" (Rev 4:8b)**





**"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory  
and honor and power, for you created all things, and  
by your will they existed and were created"  
(Revelation 4:11 NLT).**



# I. An Invitation to Knowledge (4:1)

✧ John is given the exceedingly rare chance to get a glimpse of heaven.

✧ John is also given the exceedingly rare chance to know the future.



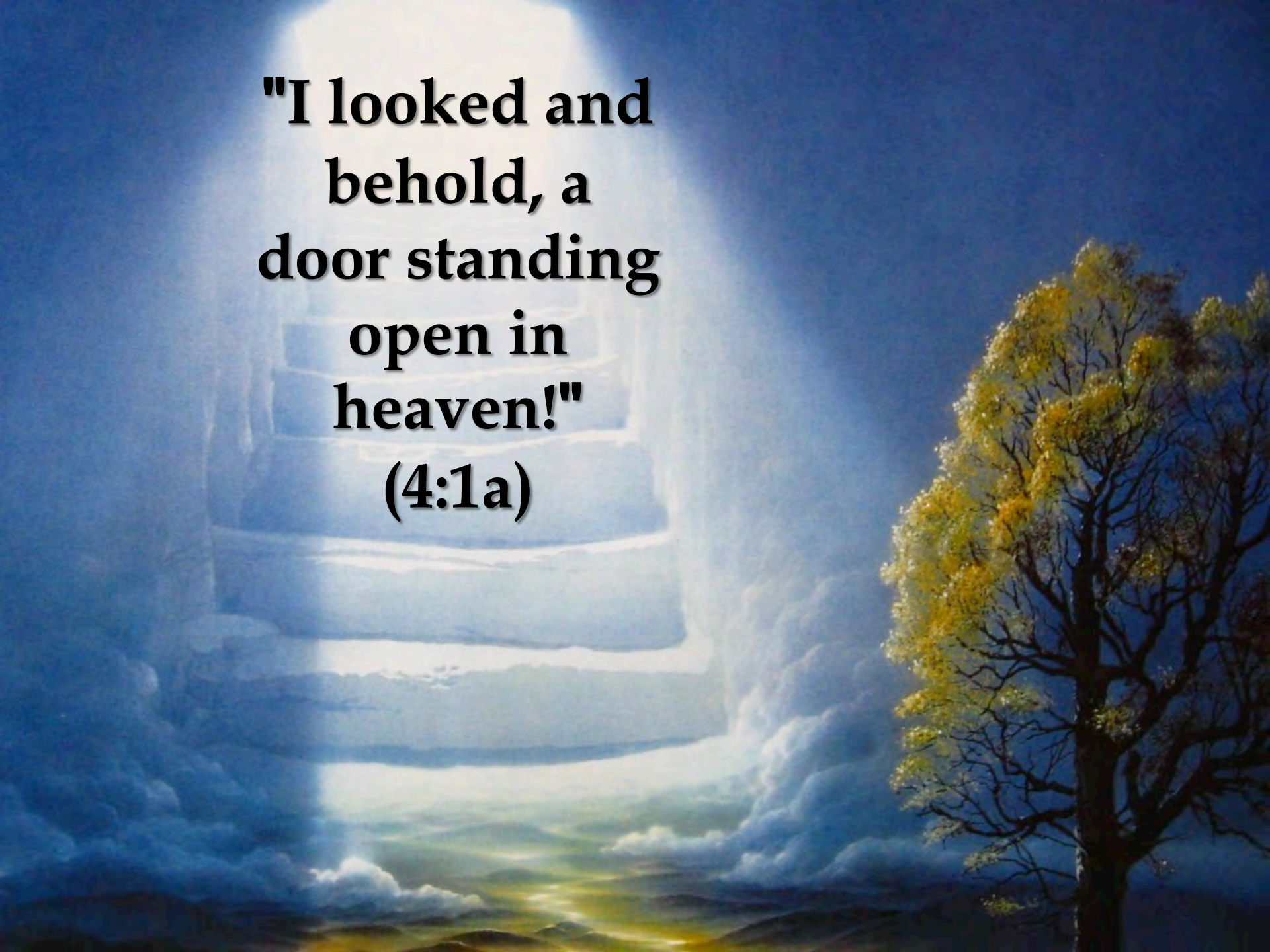


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"I saw a  
door  
opened"  
(4:1)

**"I looked and  
behold, a  
door standing  
open in  
heaven!"  
(4:1a)**





**"Come up  
here, and I  
will show  
you what  
must take  
place after  
this" (4:1b)**



**"Come up here, and I  
will show you what  
must take place after  
this" (4:1b)**

**Does this depict the  
Rapture of the  
church?**



*"Rapture"  
Susanna Katherine 11*



**"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (4:1b)**

**This isn't the Rapture. God was bringing John up to heaven at this point**



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# Some Food for Thought



❧ If God gave you an invitation to know the future, what would you want Him to reveal to you?



# An Invitation to Wonder (4:2-8a)

"At once I was in the Spirit . . . ."



# Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

**Angelic Beings?**

**The 12 Tribes and the 12 Apostles?**

**A Symbolic Representation of all the Saints?**



# The Throne of God (4:2-3)





# Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

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“Who are these twenty-four elders seated on thrones? It is unlikely that they are angels, because angels are not numbered (Heb. 12:22), crowned, or enthroned. Besides, in Revelation 7:11, the elders are distinguished from the angels (see also Rev. 5:8-11). The crowns they wear are the 'victor's crowns' (the Greek word *stephanos*; see Rev. 2:10); and we have no evidence that angels receive rewards” (Wiersbe)



# Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

Some say 12 depict Israel (21:14)  
and 12 depict the Church (21:12)

*Support that they are like angels  
(instead of people):*

- i. No 12 + 12 formula in Rev 4
- ii. Why not 12 OT + 12 NT *leaders*?
- iii. Context in heavenly court
- iv. Distinct from the saints (5:9-10)
- v. Angels explain things (cf. 7:14)
- vi. Inconsistent to see 144,000 as *not* Jews (when explicitly stated) but the 24 elders *being* Israel (without evidence in the text)



# Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

The better parallel is the Aaronic Priesthood



**24 Priestly Orders**  
(1 Chron. 24)



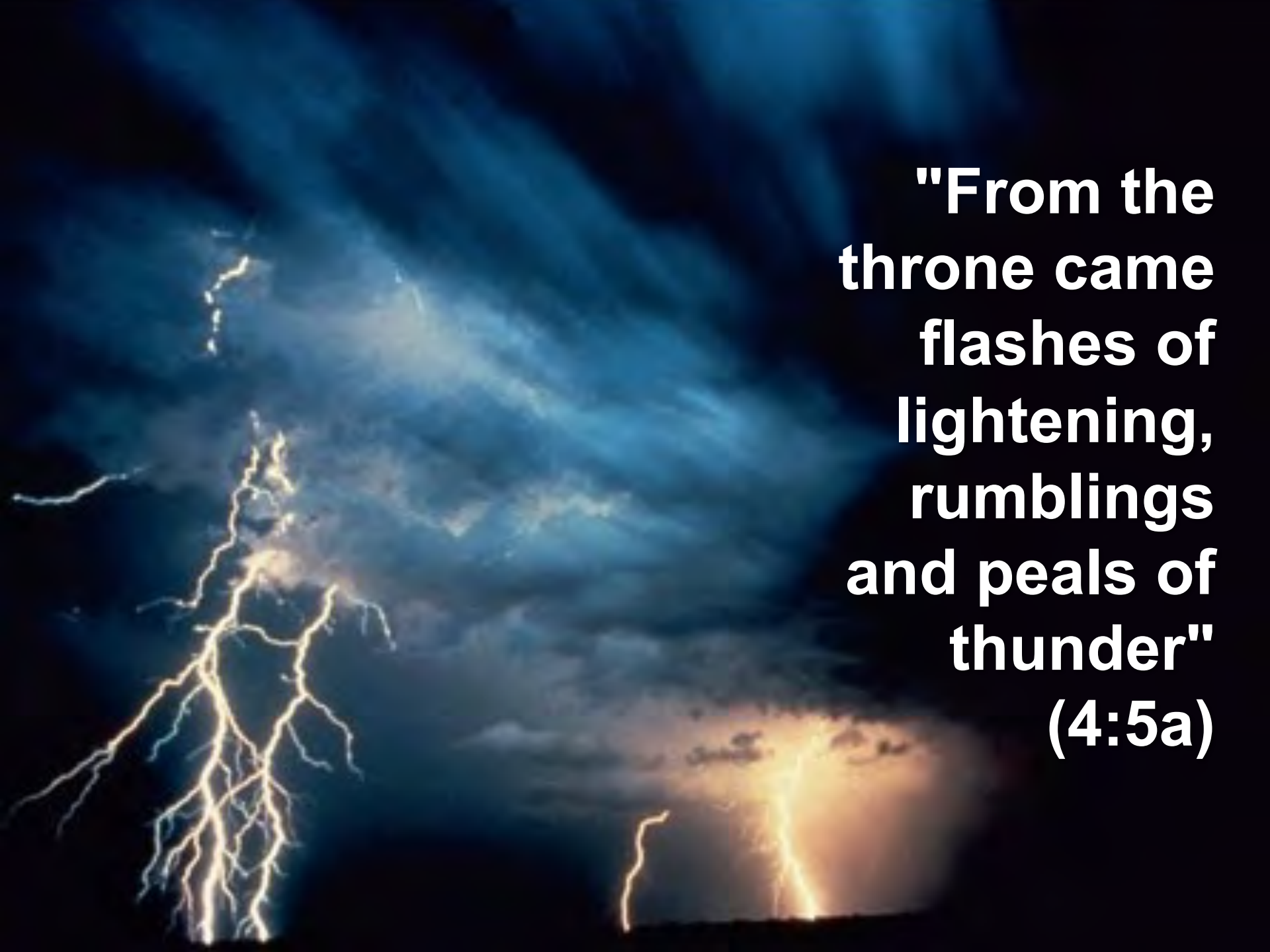
**24 Elders**  
(Rev. 4:4, 10)



# OT Parallels to the Heaven's Throne

<i>Earthly temple</i>	<i>Heavenly sanctuary</i>
<b>Holy of Holies</b>	<b>The throne of God</b>
<b>Seven-branched candlestick</b>	<b>Seven lamps of fire before the throne</b>
<b>Bronze laver</b>	<b>Sea of glass</b>
<b>Cherubim over the mercy seat</b>	<b>Four living creatures around the throne</b>
<b>Priests</b>	<b>Elders (kings and priests)</b>
<b>Brazen altar</b>	<b>Altar (Rev. 6:9–11)</b>
<b>Incense altar</b>	<b>Incense altar (Rev. 8:3–5)</b>
<b>Ark of the covenant</b>	<b>Ark of the covenant (Rev. 11:19)</b>





**"From the  
throne came  
flashes of  
lightening,  
rumblings  
and peals of  
thunder"  
(4:5a)**

**“In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back” (Rev 4:6 NLT).**



*James H.*  
2013



# An Invitation to Wonder (4:2-8a)



**"The visions . . . were meant to stir the imagination, not yield to the drawing board."**

**—Robert Mounce**

# Some Food for Thought



- ❧ **When was the last time you took some time to really reflect upon the awesome power, majesty, and authority of God?**
- ❧ **More specifically, when was the last time you envisioned yourself standing before the wondrous throne of God?**



# The Four Living Creatures (Rev. 4:6)

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聖哉，聖哉，聖哉，主神。  
是昔在今在以後永在的全能者。

六节 宝座前好像一个玻璃海如同水晶。宝座中，和宝座周围有四个活物，前后遍体都满了眼睛。  
七节 第一个活物像狮子，第二个像牛犊，第三个脸面像人，第四个像飞鹰。  
八节 四活物各有六个翅膀，遍体内外都满了眼睛。他们昼夜不住的说，





*Ezekiel 1*



# Creatures with Four Faces (Ezek. 1:10 NLT)

"Each had a **human** face in the front, the face of a **lion** on the right side, the face of an **ox** on the left side, and the face of an **eagle** at the back."



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# Likenesses of the Four Living Creatures (Rev. 4:7; cf. Gen. 9:10)



**"The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight."**

# An Invitation to Worship (4:8b-11)





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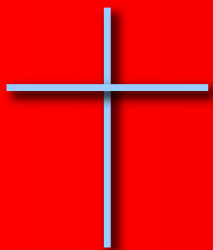


**"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created" (Rev 4:11 NASB).**



# **When** Did John Write Revelation?

Who was the Roman Emperor then?



Christ  
Crucified  
AD 33



Jerusalem  
Destroyed  
AD 70



Revelation  
Written  
AD 95

Tiberius  
14-37

Caligula  
37-41

Claudius  
41-54

Nero  
54-68

Vespasian  
69-79

Titus  
79-81

Domitian  
81-96

Most  
preterists  
place the  
book here

Supported by:  
Irenaeus  
Victorinus of Pettau  
Clement of Alexandria  
Eusebius

A black and white photograph of a marble bust of the Roman Emperor Domitian. The bust shows a young man with curly hair, looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and textured.

# **Domitian (AD 81-96)**

**This bust of Domitian was found in his huge temple at Ephesus—consistent with his claim to divine honors**

**Book of Revelation (AD 95)**



# The elders cast their crowns (4:10)

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**Holy, holy, holy!**  
**All the saints adore Thee,**  
**casting down their golden**  
**crowns**  
**around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim**  
**falling down before Thee,**  
**which wert, and art,**  
**and evermore shall be.**



*"Holy, Holy, Holy" takes Rev. 4 figuratively*



# The Lamb alone can judge (Rev. 4–5)

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<b><i>Earthly temple</i></b>	<b><i>Heavenly sanctuary</i></b>
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# Main Idea of Revelation 4

God, the wondrous and  
sovereign Creator of all, is  
worthy of all worship.



# Conclusion and Application



- ❧ What do you spend most of your time doing and thinking about and how do you spend most of your money?
- ❧ In view of this, who or what are you putting your trust and hope in to get you through the tough times of life?
- ❧ What will you do to reorient your life towards a greater trust in and worship of God?

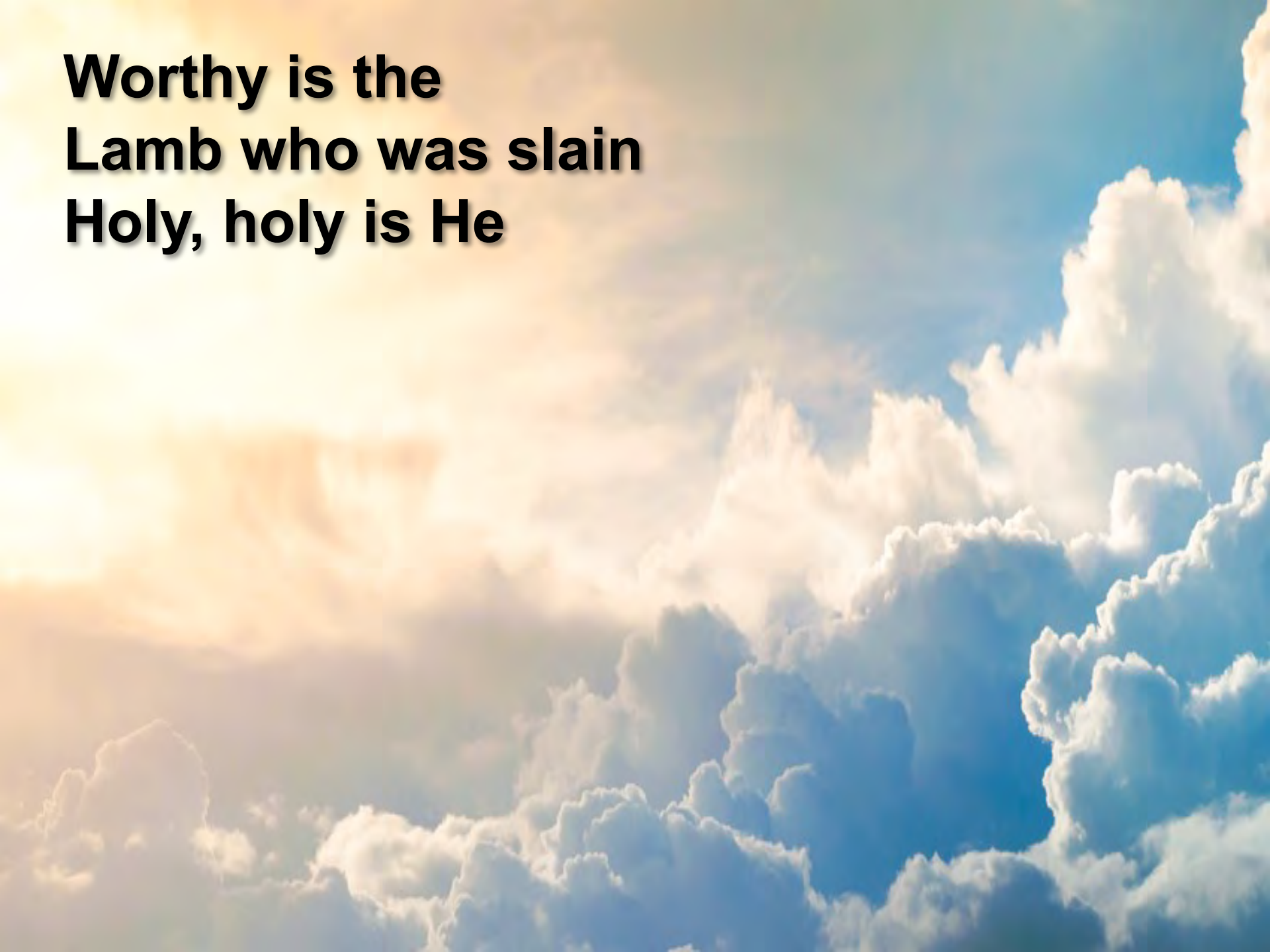
# **The Revelation Song**

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Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He**

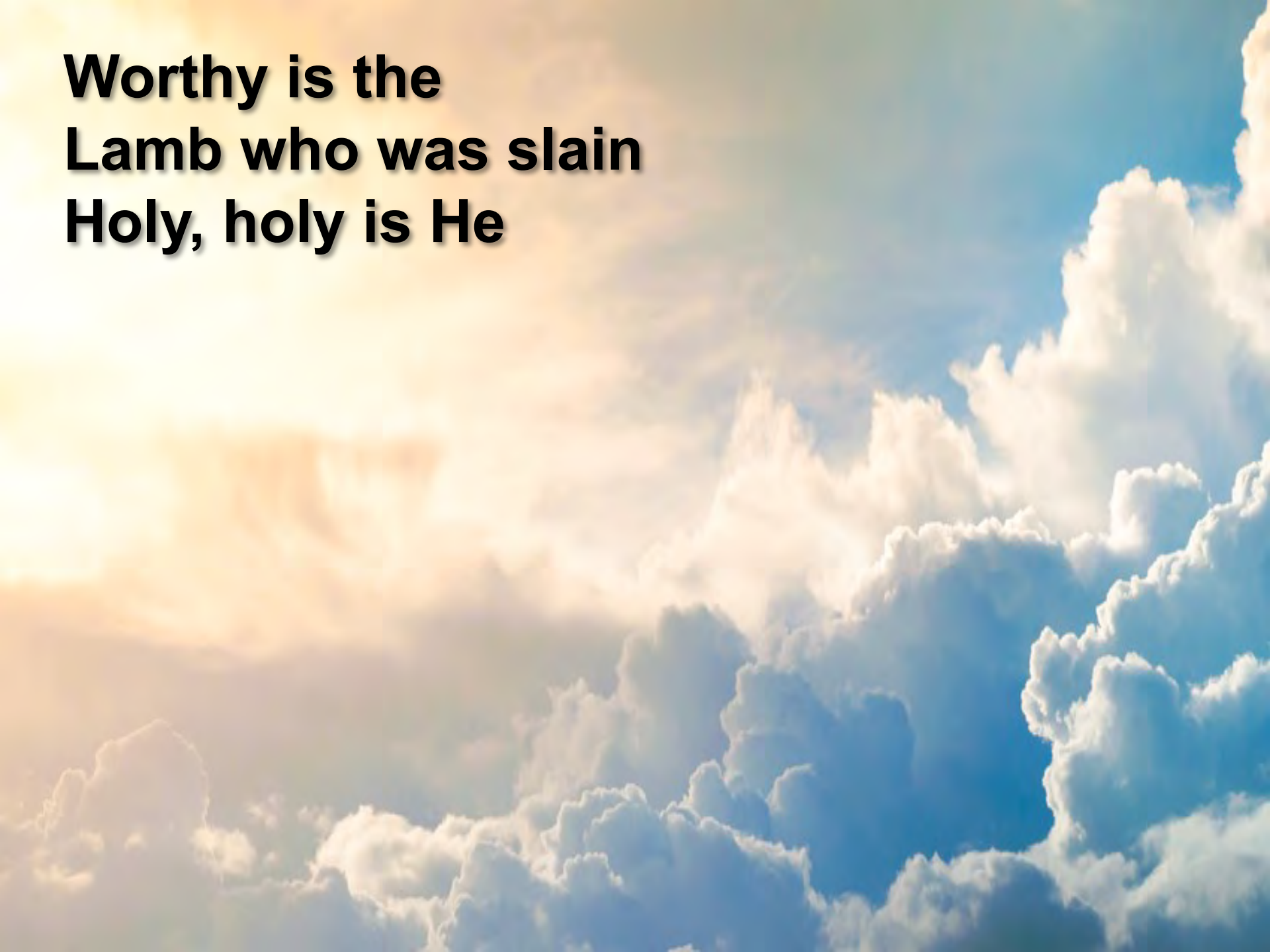


**Sing a new song  
to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat**





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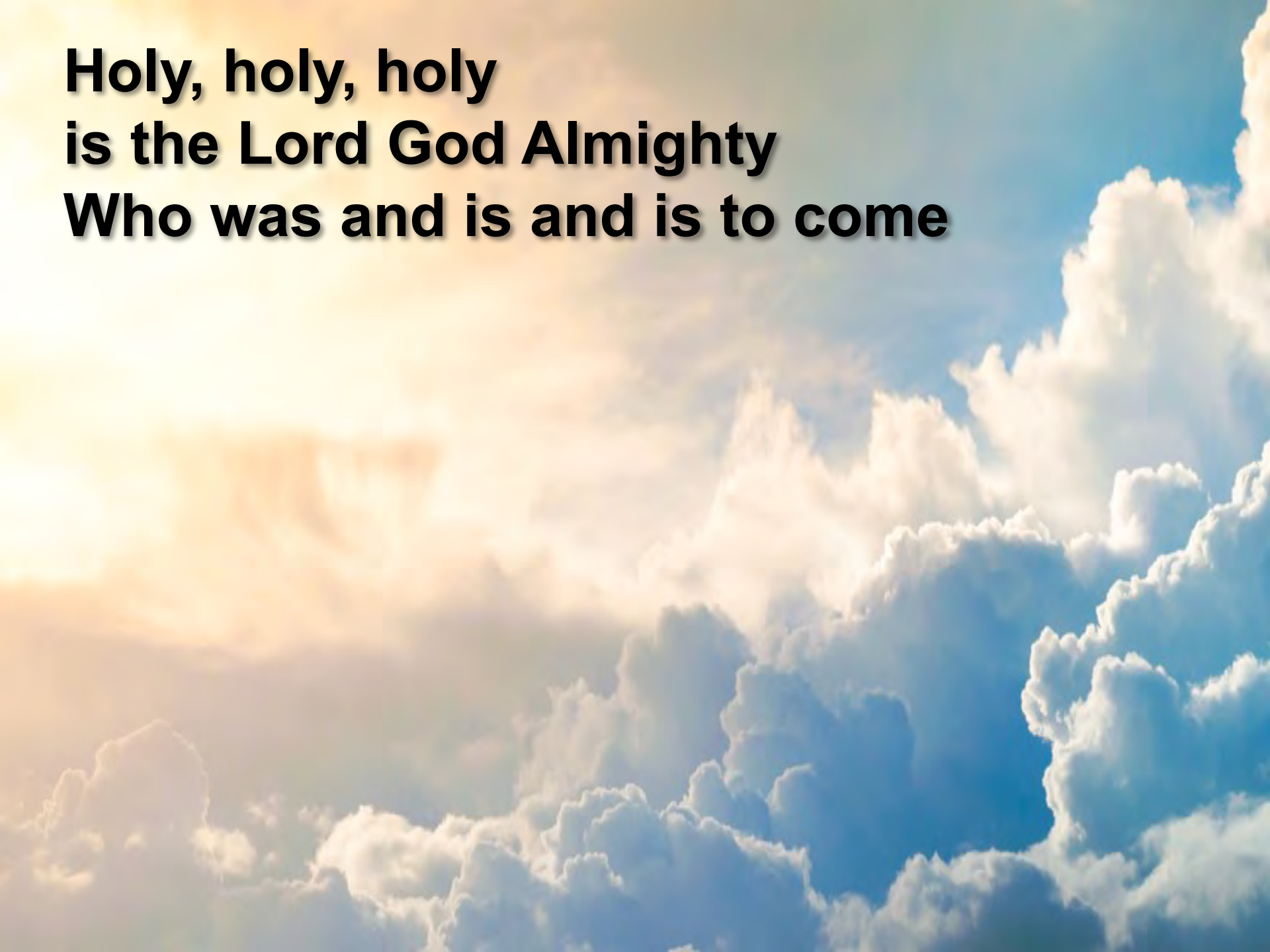


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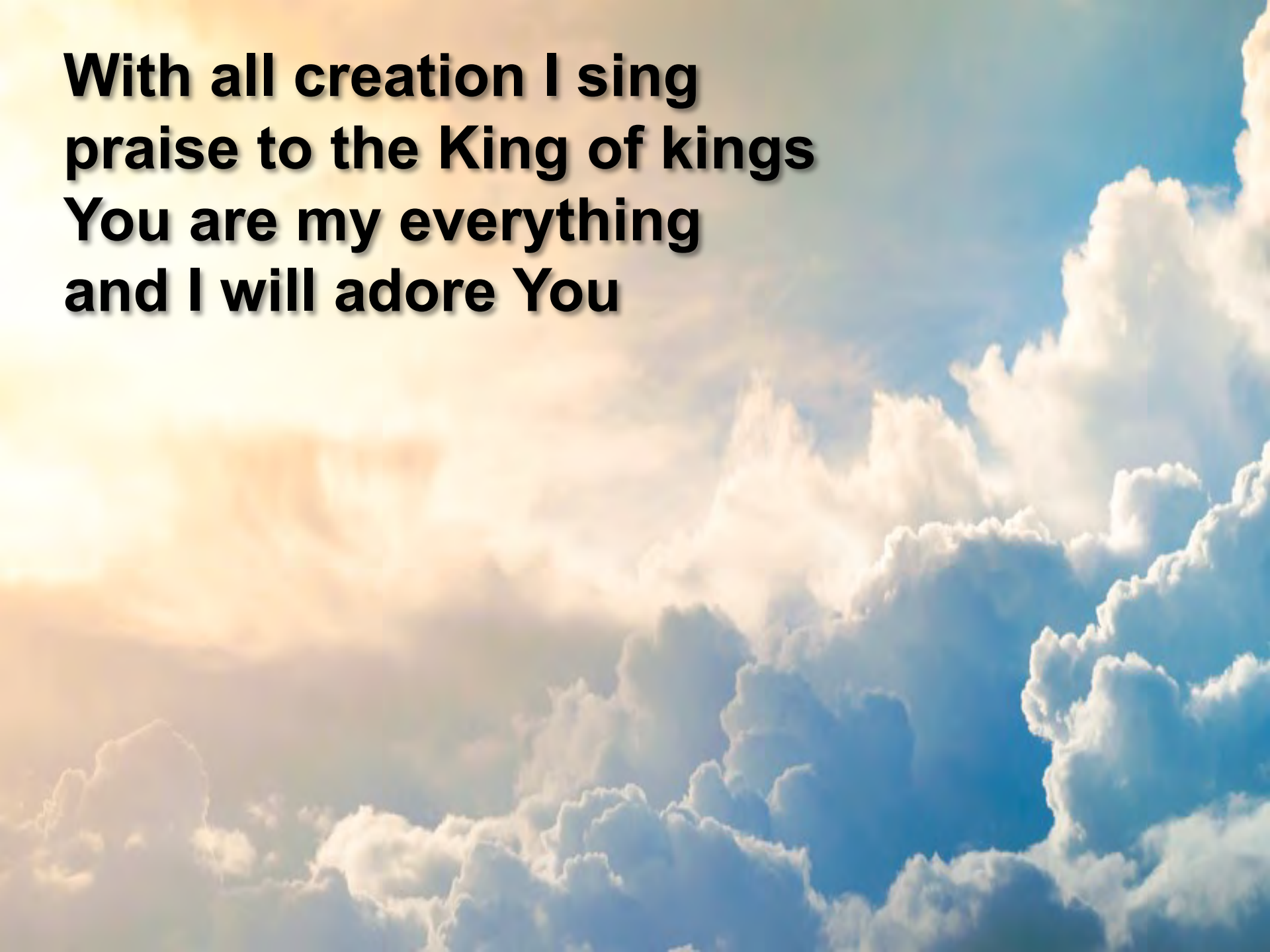




**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come**



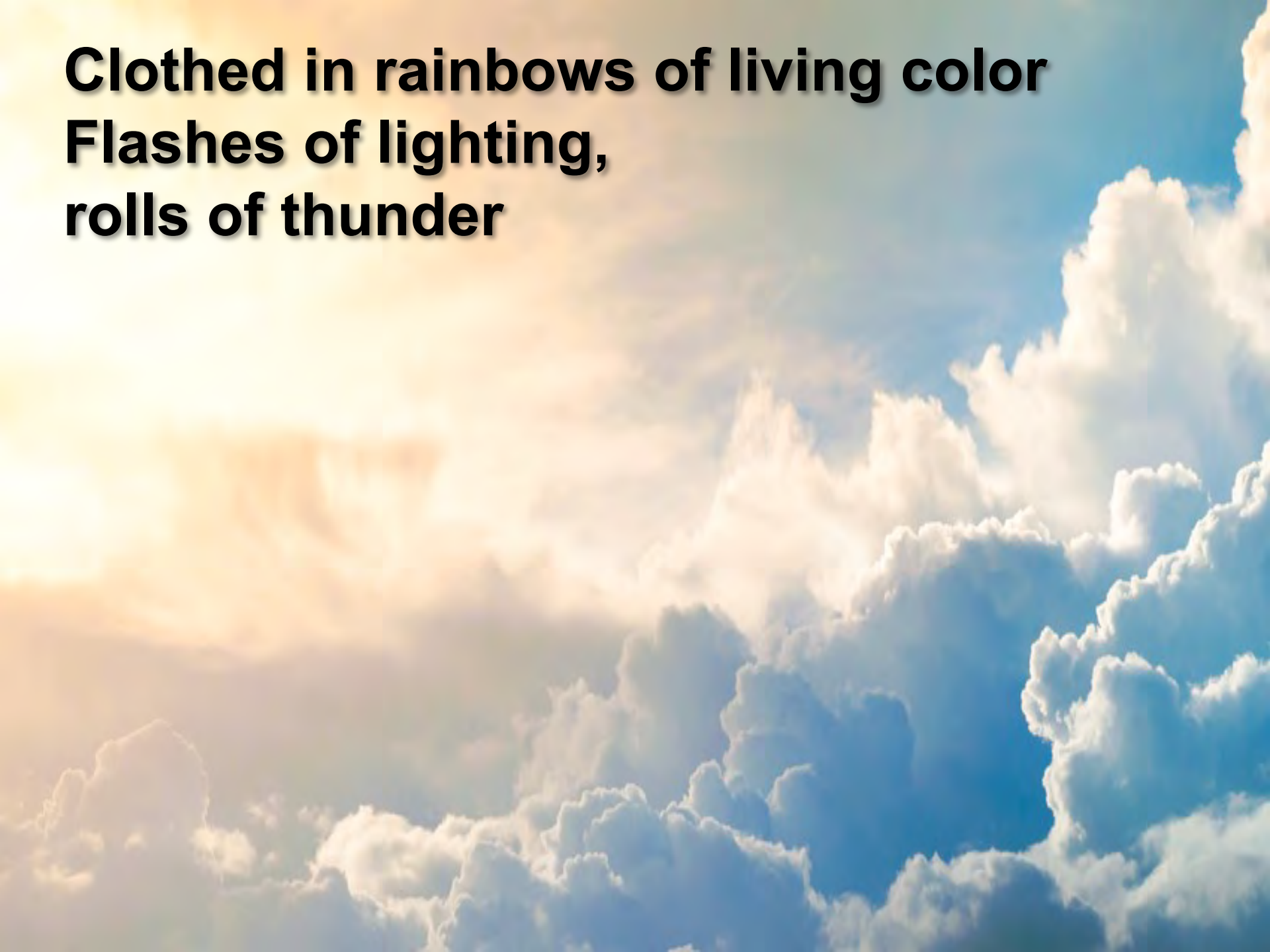
**With all creation I sing  
praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
and I will adore You**





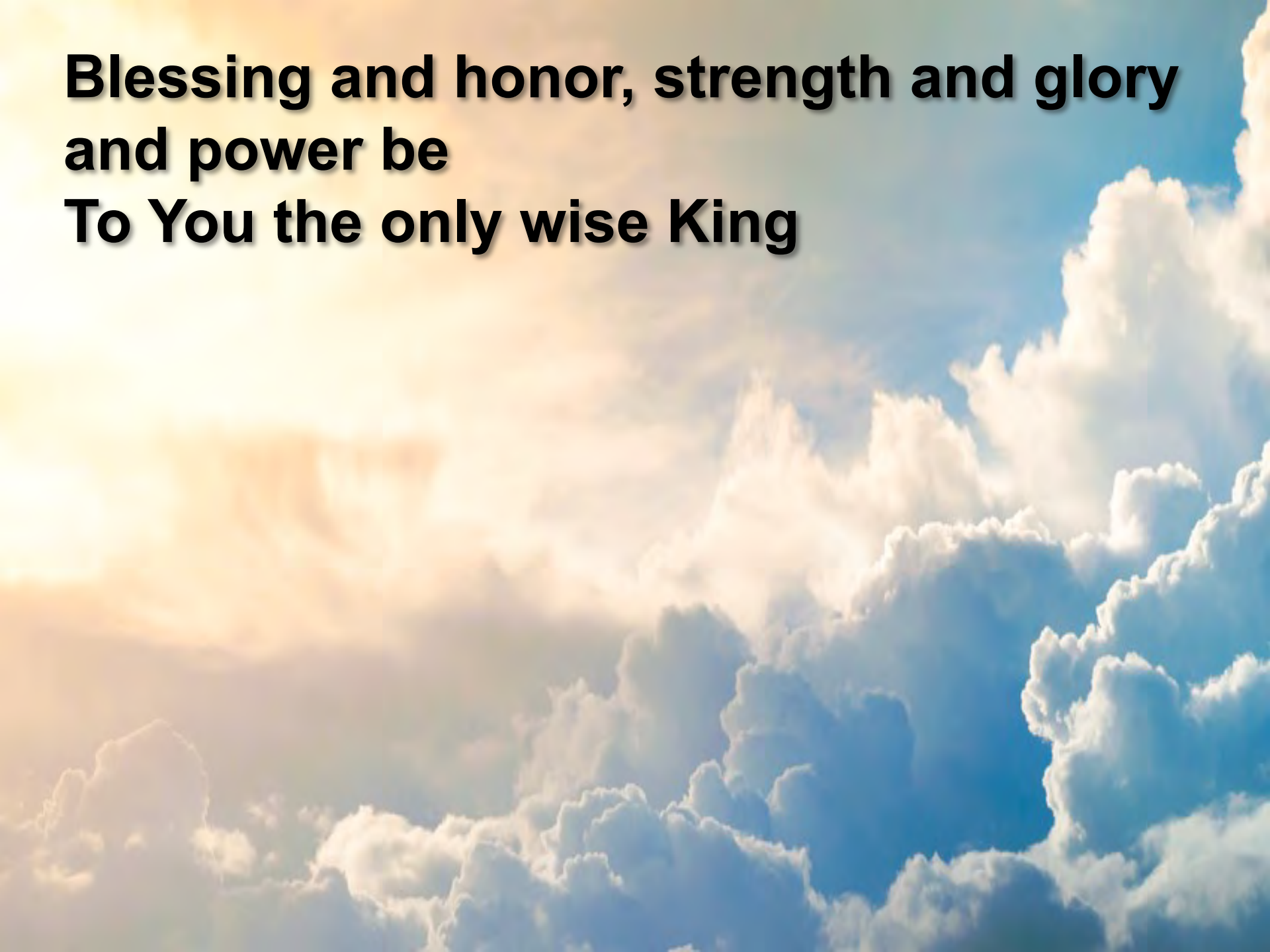


**Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lighting,  
rolls of thunder**

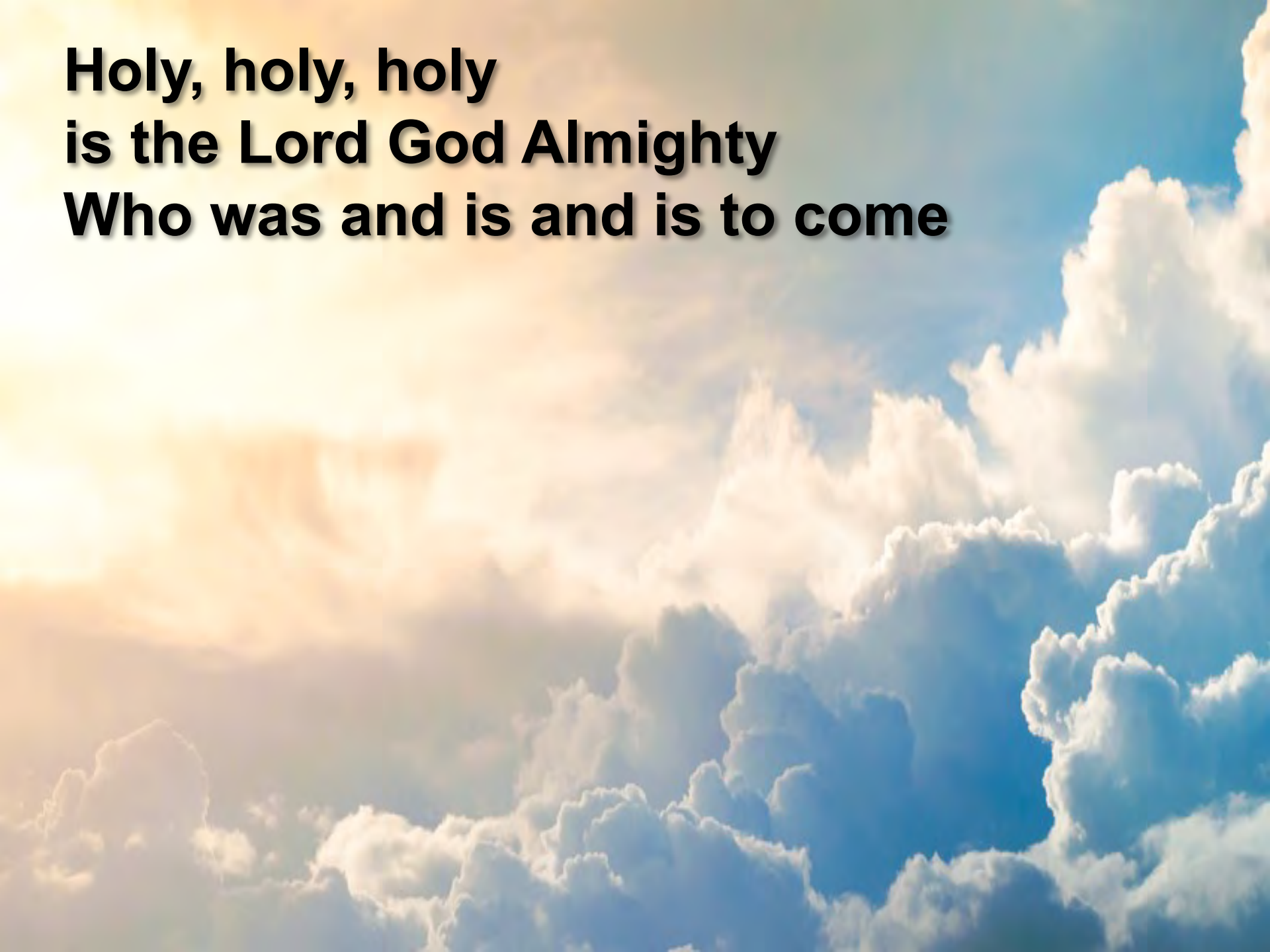




**Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
and power be  
To You the only wise King**

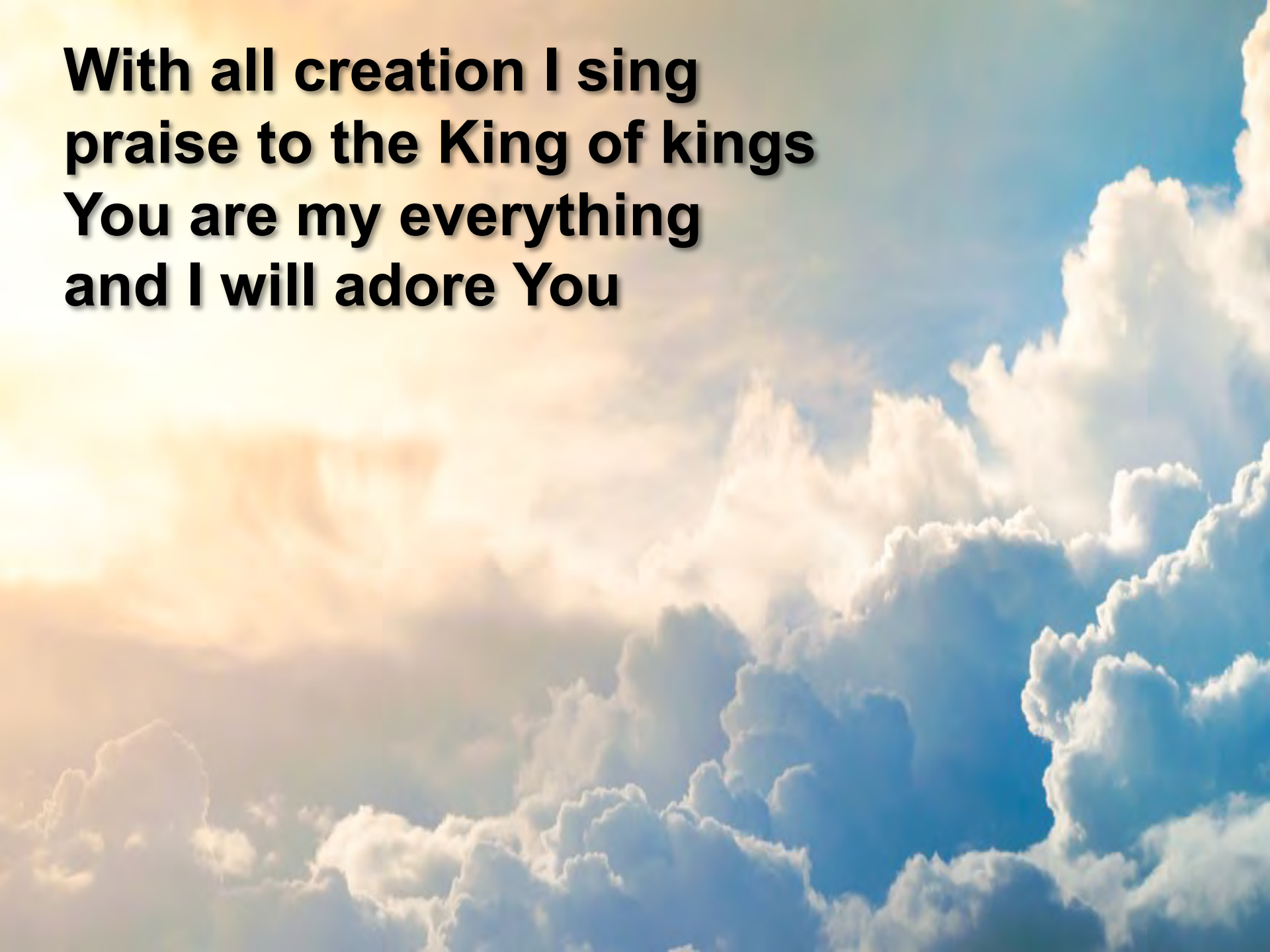


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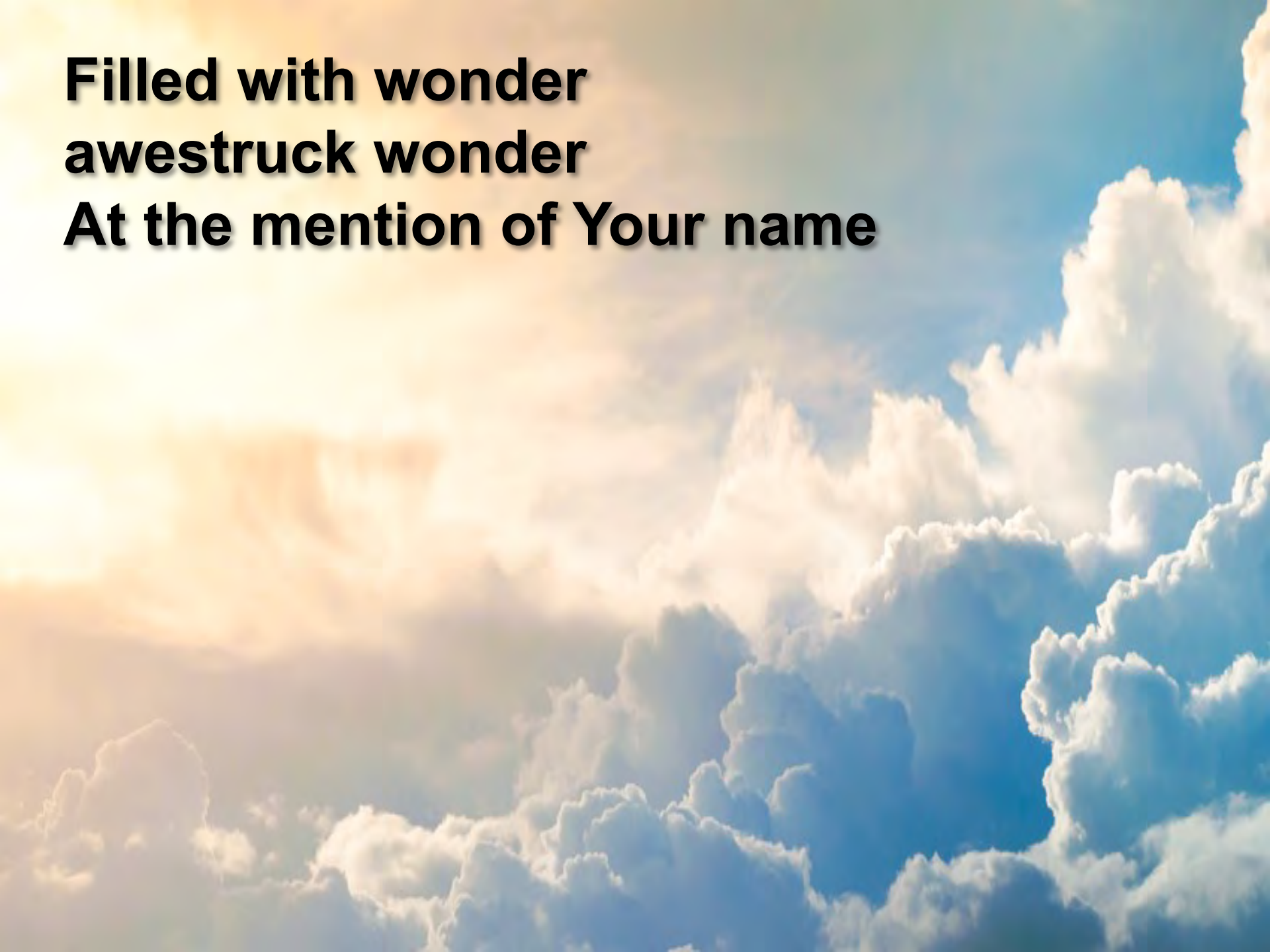
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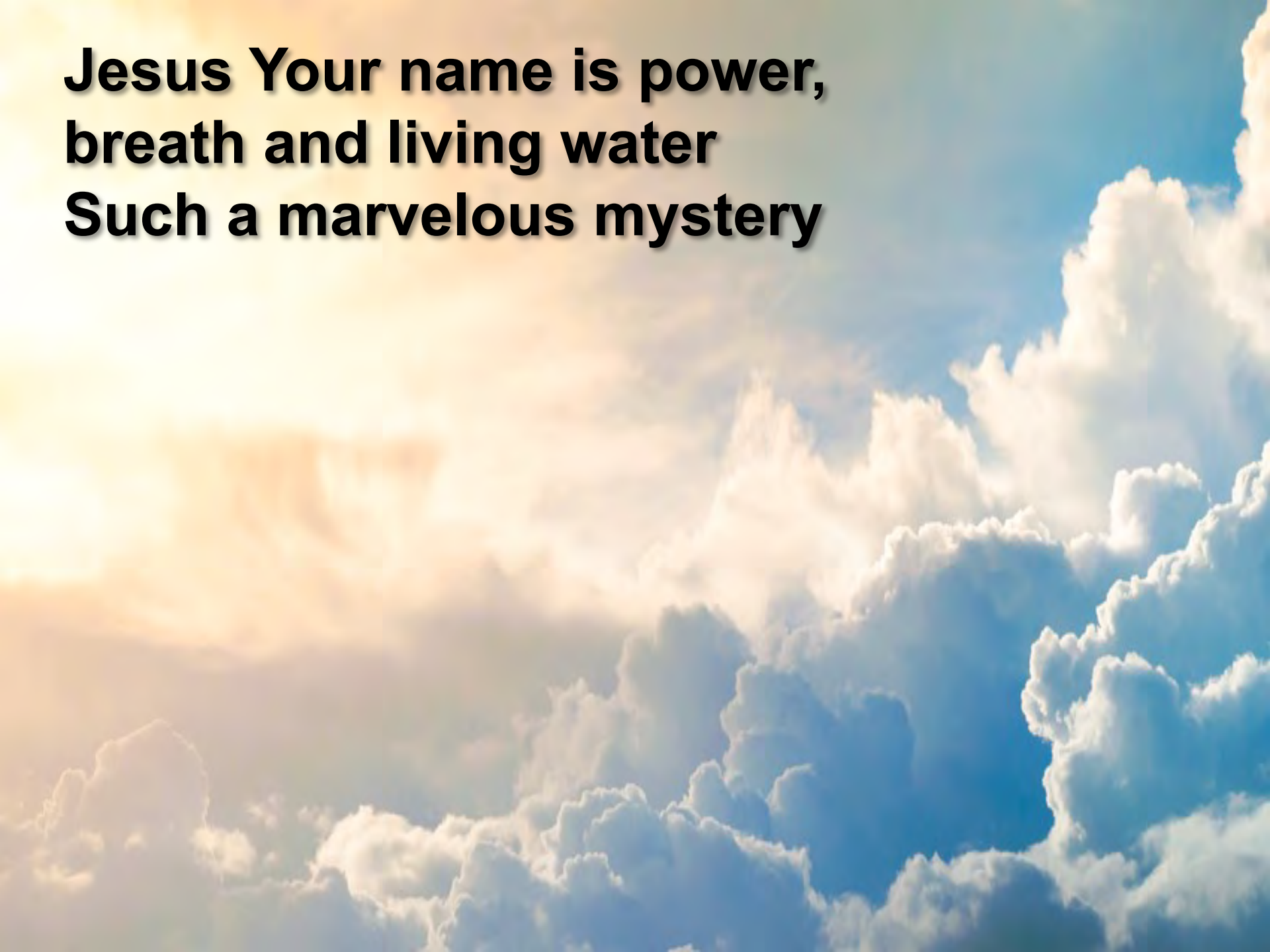




**Filled with wonder  
awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name**



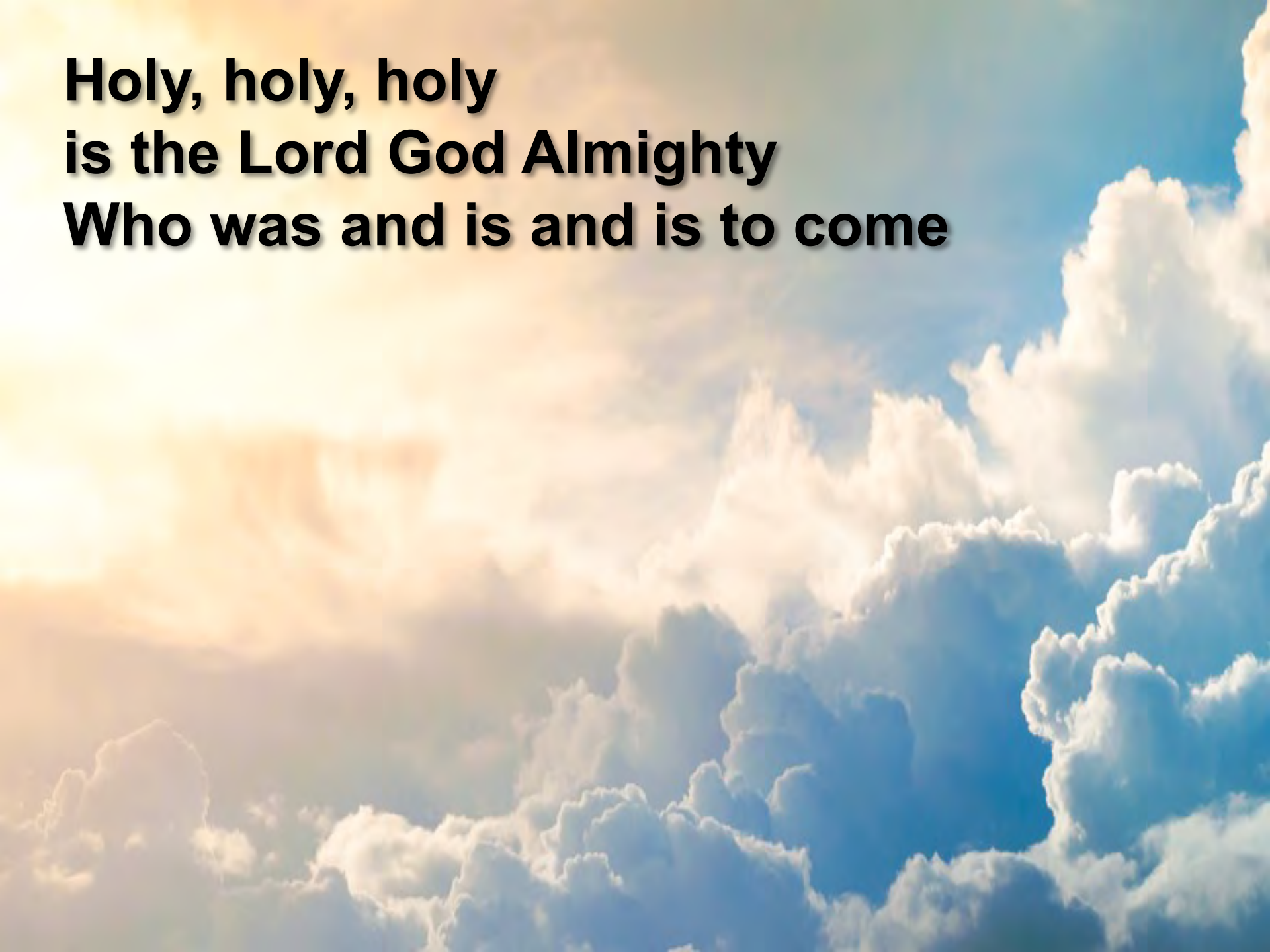
**Jesus Your name is power,  
breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery**





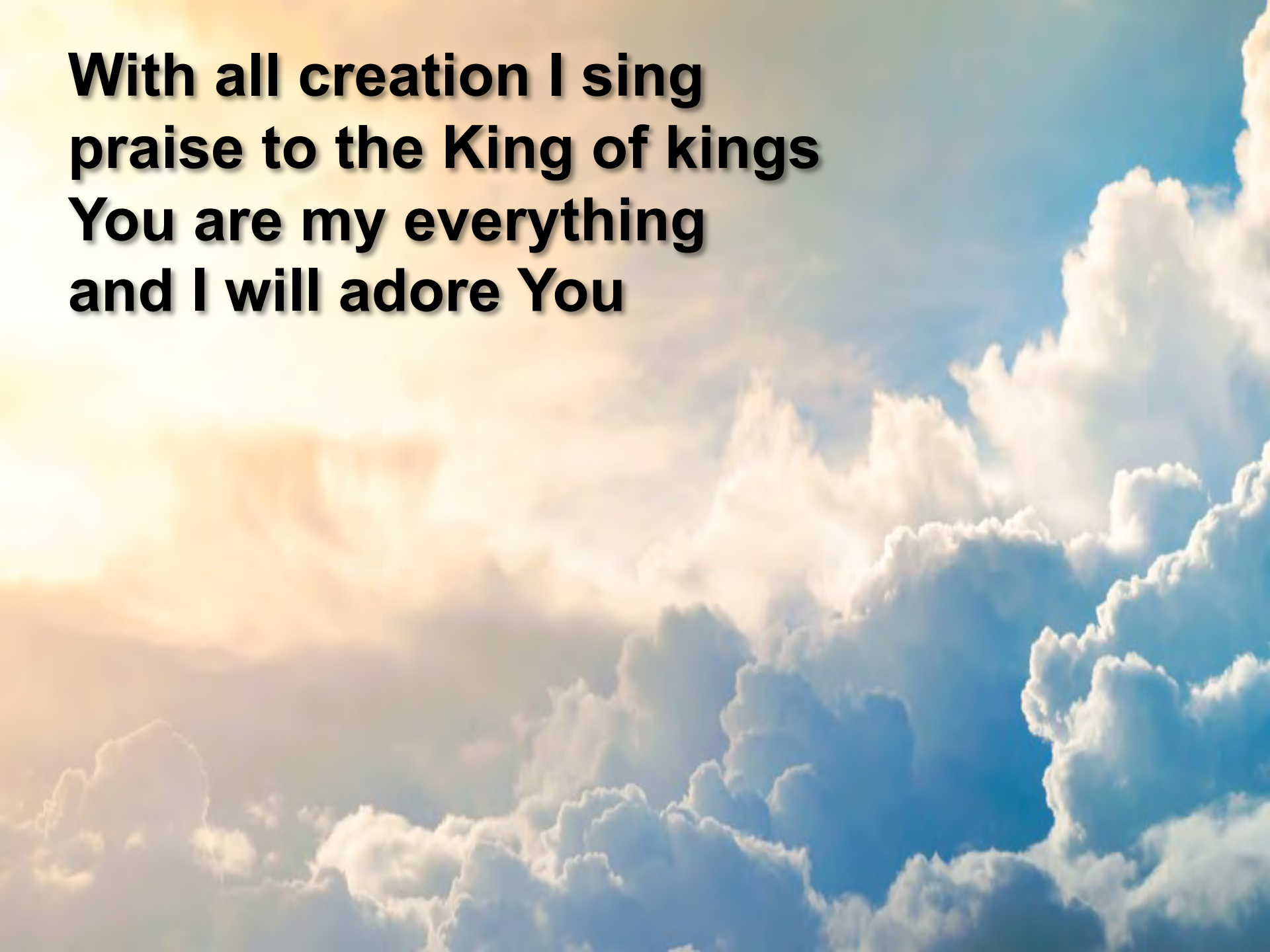


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# Revelation 5





# **The Seal Breaker**

## **Revelation 5**

*Lewis Winkler*

# What's the big deal about Jesus?







**Jesus is a Man's Man**



**I DON'T ALWAYS CLEAR THE TEMPLE**



**BUT WHEN I DO, I MAKE MY OWN WHIP**

*John 2:16*

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# **The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...**



**is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!**



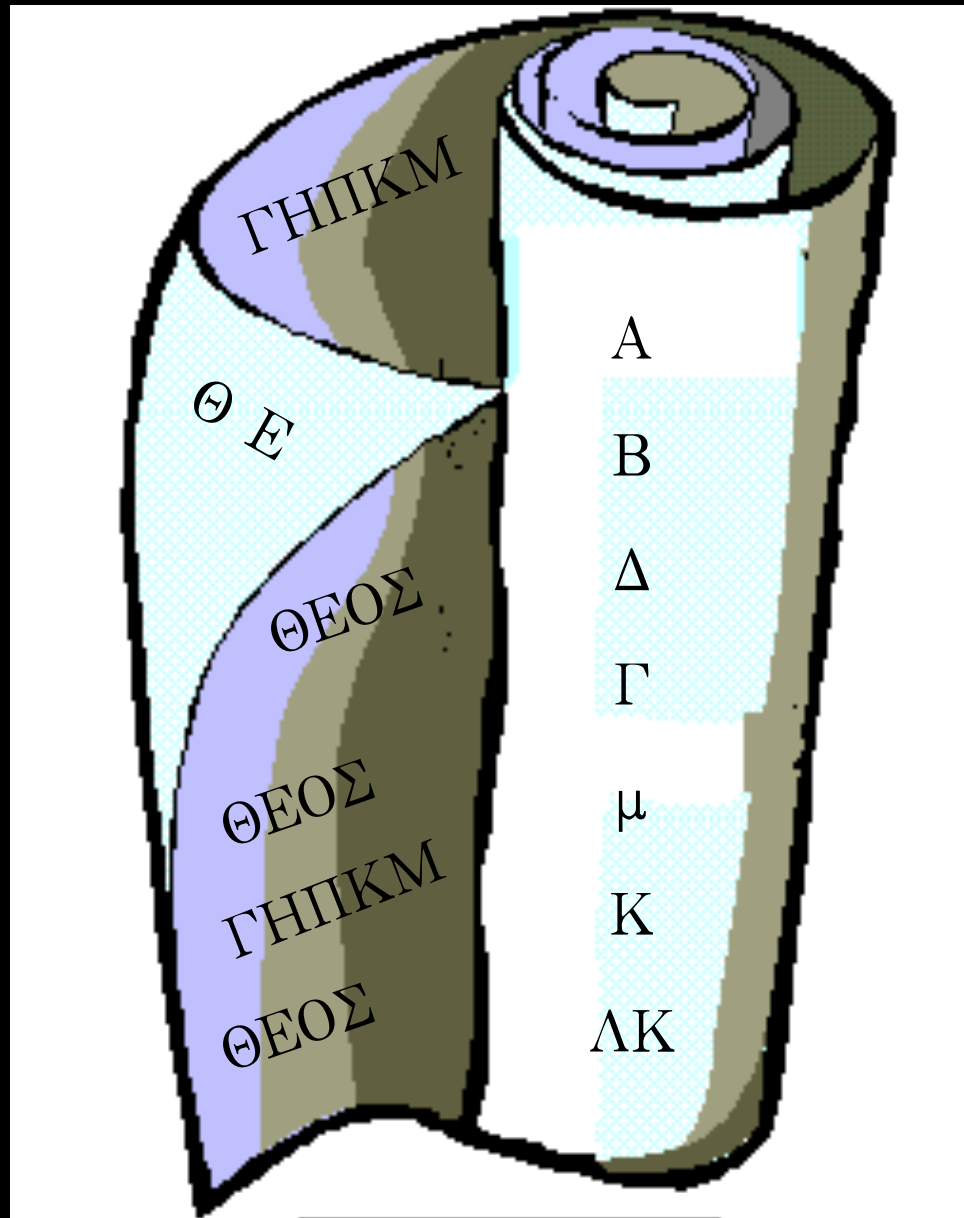
# Significance of a Seal

- **Authority**
- **Ownership**
- **Ability to Act**



# The Scroll of Revelation 5

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**The seal judgments were from a scroll written on the inside and out....**

# Required of the Worthy One

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- Near of Kin
- Willing to Redeem
- Able to Redeem



# Who is worthy to break the seal (5:1-4)?



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**Who is  
worthy  
to break  
the seal  
(5:1-4)?**





# Who is worthy to break the seal (5:1-4)?



# Some Food for Thought



- ❧ When, if ever, was the last time you desperately longed to open the Scriptures and hear from God?



# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



❧ Because of Who He Is (5-8):

❧ He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5).





# **Why worship Jesus? Because of...**

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**

Then one of the elders said to me,

**DO NOT WEEP!** See, the

**LION**

of the tribe of Judah, the Root of  
David,

has triumphed. He is able to open the  
scroll and its seven seals.

**REVELATION 5:5**



# LION

## OF JUDAH



REVELATION 5:5





# How do you approach Aslan?

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C.S. Lewis illustrates Christ's sovereign power in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, where a lion represents Christ:

"Aslan a man!" said Mr. Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion—the Lion, the great Lion."



# How do you approach Aslan?

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"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver; "if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."





# How do you approach Aslan?

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"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver;

"don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

"I'm longing to see him," said Peter, "even if I do feel frightened when it comes to the point."



# How do you approach Aslan?

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"That's right, son of Adam," said Mr. Beaver, bringing his paw down on the table with a crash that made all the cups and saucers rattle. "And so you shall. Word has been sent that you are to meet him, tomorrow if you can, at the Stone Table."







**Interestingly, this is the ONLY reference  
to Jesus as the “**Lion**” in Revelation.**

**“The **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the  
Root of David, has triumphed.  
He is able to open the scroll and its  
seven seals” (Rev. 5:5 NIV)**

# **Is He Worthy?**

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# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



❧ Because of Who He  
Is (5-8):

❧ He is the Root of  
David (5).



# **Christ is King Descended from Judah**



**Since  
Jacob's  
blessing in  
Genesis  
49:9-10, the  
lion has  
depicted a  
king...**

**"Judah, my son, is a young lion  
that has finished eating its prey.  
Like a lion he crouches and lies  
down; like a lioness—who dares  
to rouse him?**

**<sup>10</sup>The scepter will not depart  
from Judah, nor the ruler's staff  
from his descendants, until the  
coming of the one to whom it  
belongs, the one whom all  
nations will honor" (NLT).**



# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



❧ Because of Who He Is (5-8):

❧ He is the  
Lamb who  
was slain  
(6-8).

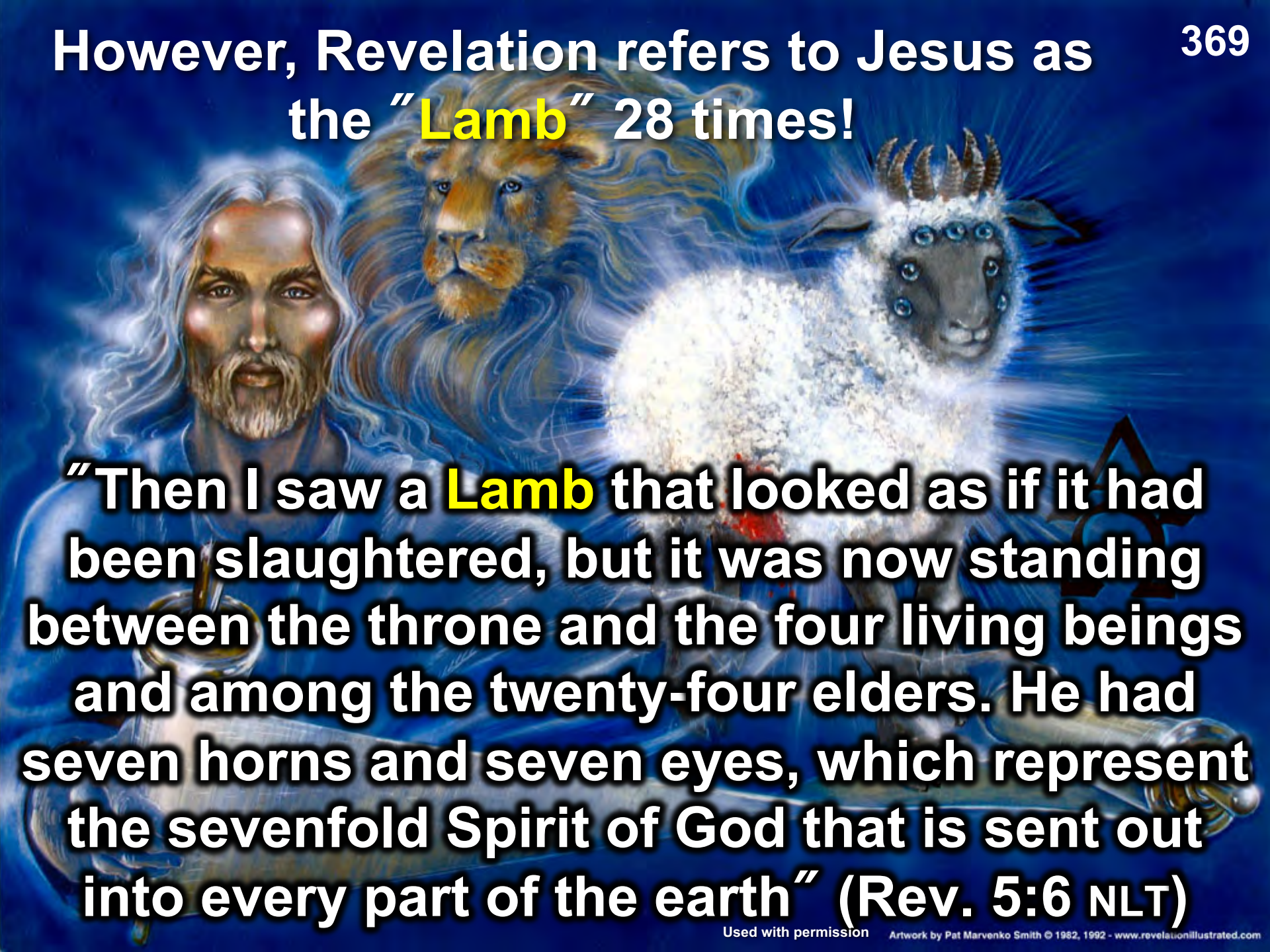


# **Why worship Jesus? Because of...**

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**



However, Revelation refers to Jesus as  
the "**Lamb**" 28 times!



"Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth" (Rev. 5:6 NLT)





# The Passover Lamb



**“Look, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of  
the world” (John 1:29)**







Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been **slaughtered**... He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth (Rev 5:6a, 6c NLT).



Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now **standing** between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders (5:6a-b NLT).



# **Why worship Jesus? Because of...**

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**

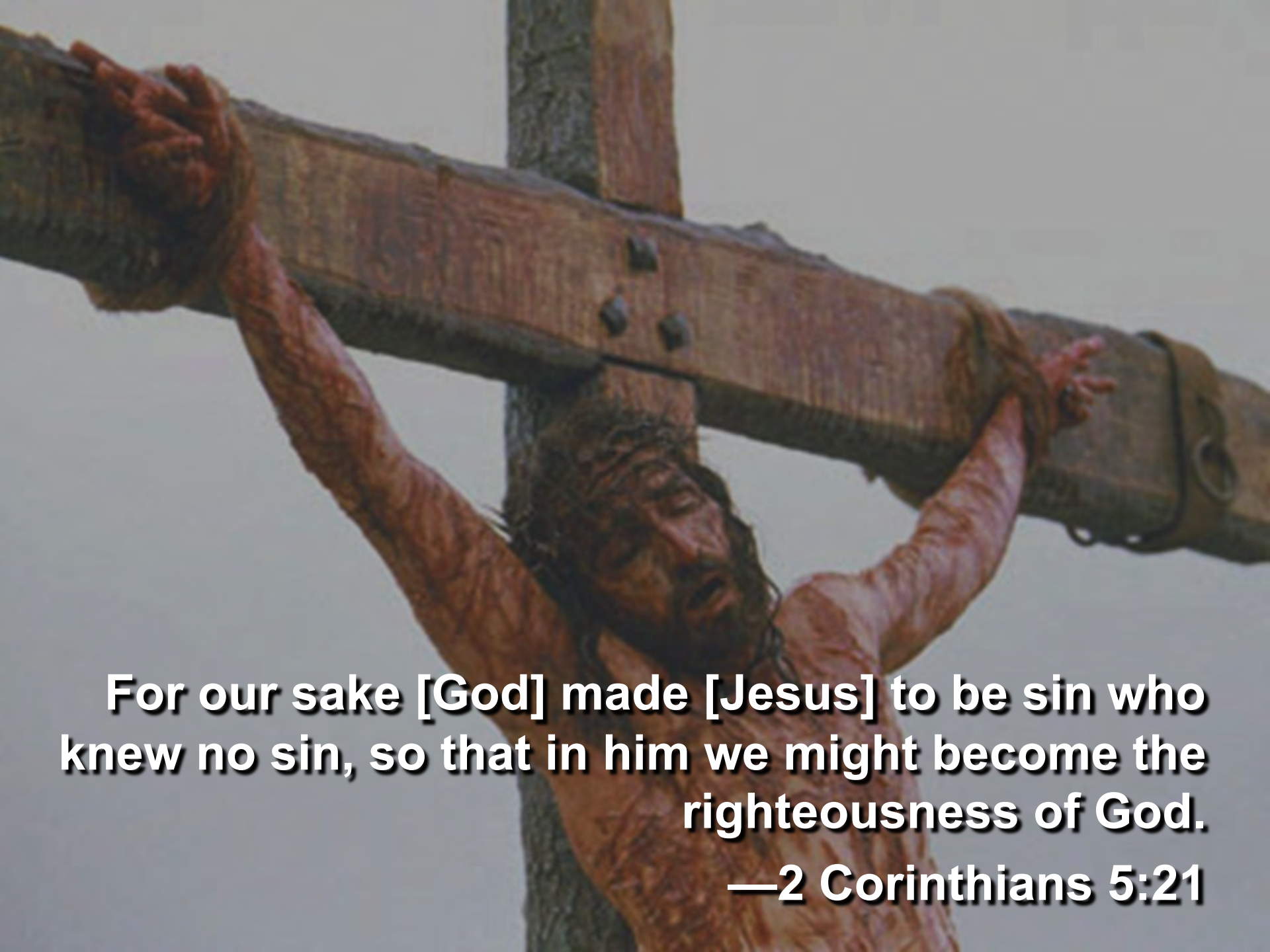
# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



❧ Because of What He Has Done  
(9-10):

❧ He ransomed people from every  
tribe, tongue, and nation (9).





**For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who  
knew no sin, so that in him we might become the  
righteousness of God.**

**—2 Corinthians 5:21**

# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



**"Therefore,  
we are  
ambassadors  
for Christ"**

**—2 Cor. 5:20**

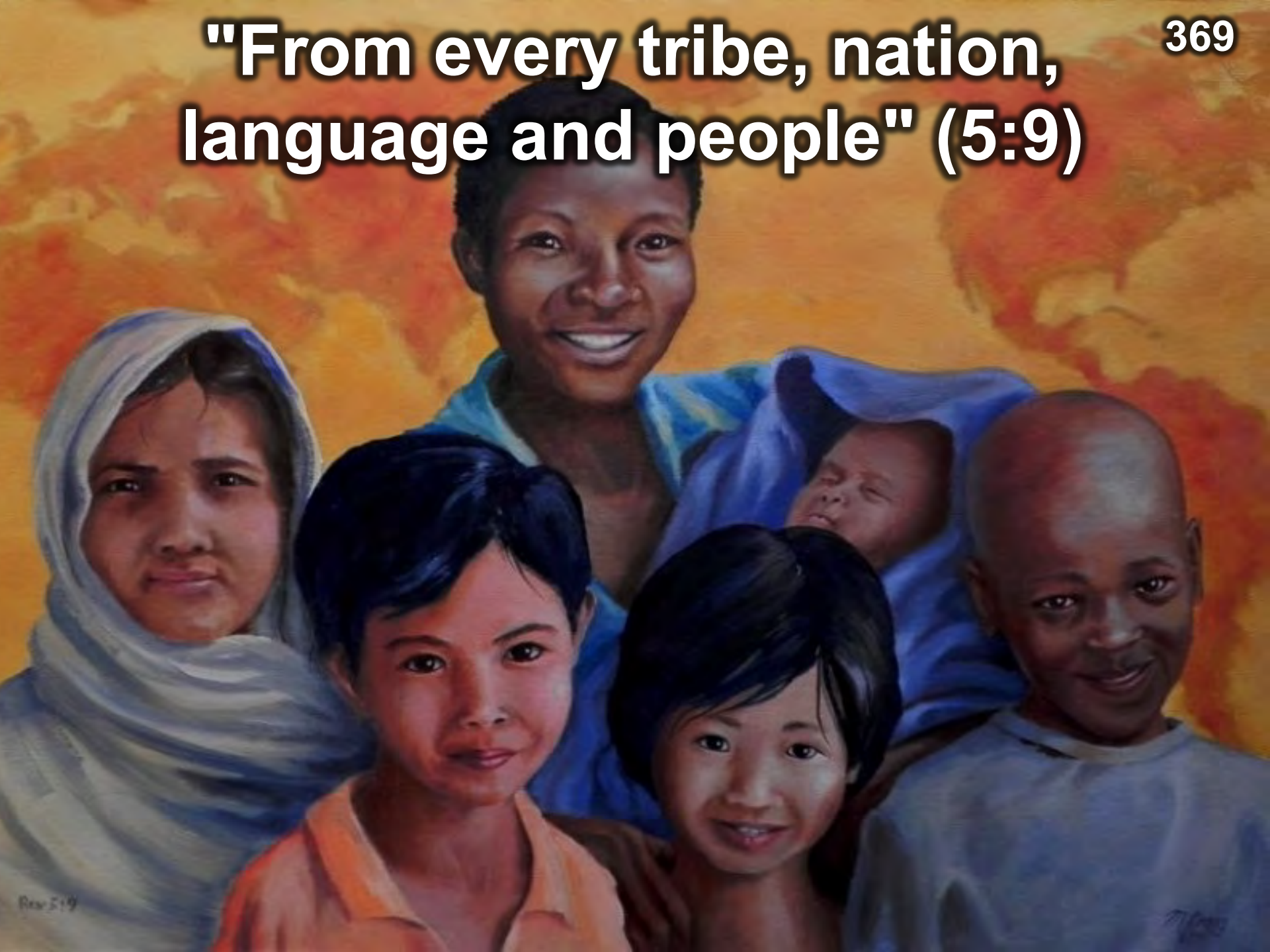




**"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and open its seals..." (5:9)**



**"From every tribe, nation,  
language and people" (5:9)**







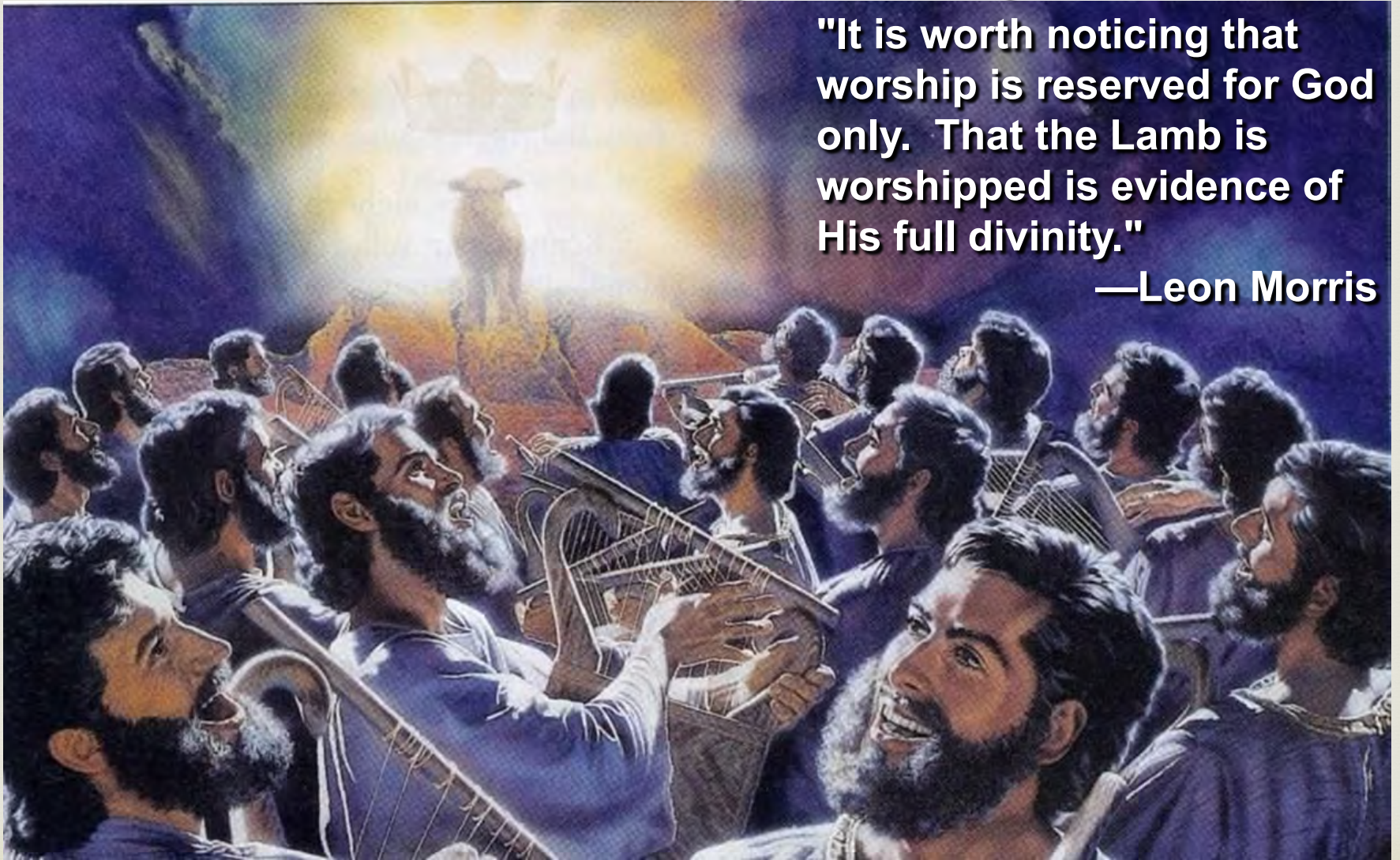
"And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. **And they will reign on the earth**" (Rev 5:10 NLT).



# Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!

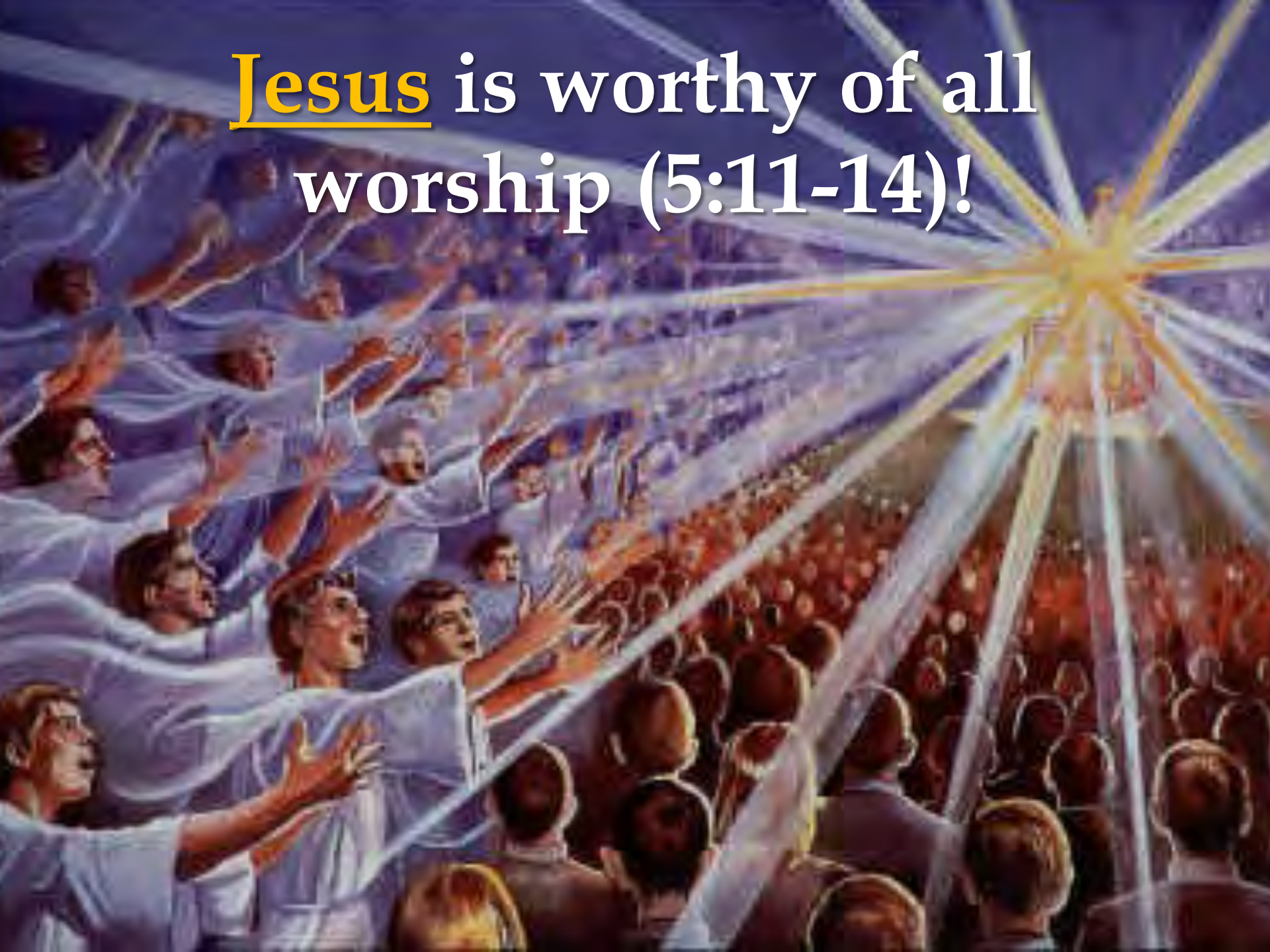
"It is worth noticing that  
worship is reserved for God  
only. That the Lamb is  
worshipped is evidence of  
His full divinity."

—Leon Morris





Jesus is worthy of all  
worship (5:11-14)!



# **Why worship Jesus? Because of...**

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**
- **What He has (5:11-14)**



# Main Idea of Revelation 5

**Jesus is worthy to reveal the future and be worshiped because He is the Divine Messiah and redeemed us from the penalty of sin, making us a kingdom of priests.**

# Personal Application



- ❧ Have you truly trusted in Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and bring you into a right relationship with God?
- ❧ If so, does your life really reflect the fact that you are God's representative on earth?
- ❧ Do you regularly worship and give Christ the thanks and honor He rightly deserves?



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# C. S. Lewis'

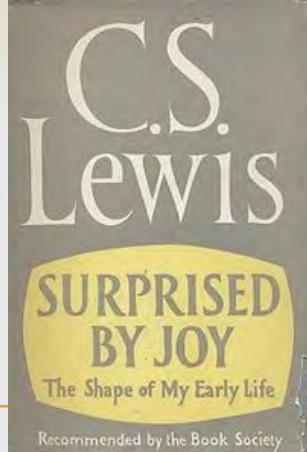
## Story







# C. S. Lewis' Story



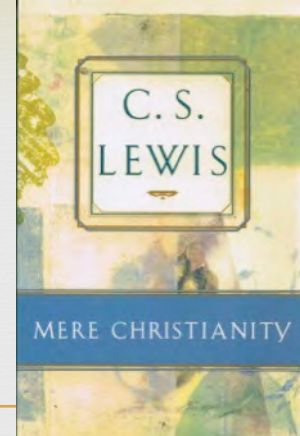
"If ever a myth had become fact, had been incarnated, it would be just like this. . . . And no person was like the Person depicted; as real, as recognizable, through all that depth of time . . . , yet also numinous, lit by a light from beyond the world, a god. But if a god . . . then not a god, but God. Here and here only in all time the myth must have become fact; the Word, flesh; God, Man."

C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*, 136.





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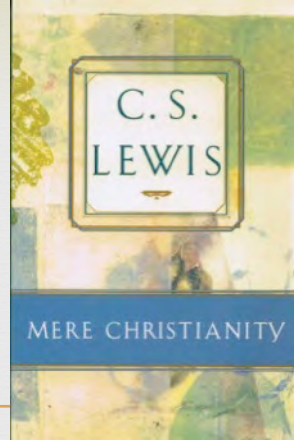


"I am here trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell..."

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56



# C. S. Lewis' Story



"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56



# Hymns of Revelation 4–5

**4:8, 11**

**Lord God Almighty  
Praise as Creator**

**5:9-10, 12**

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**5:13**

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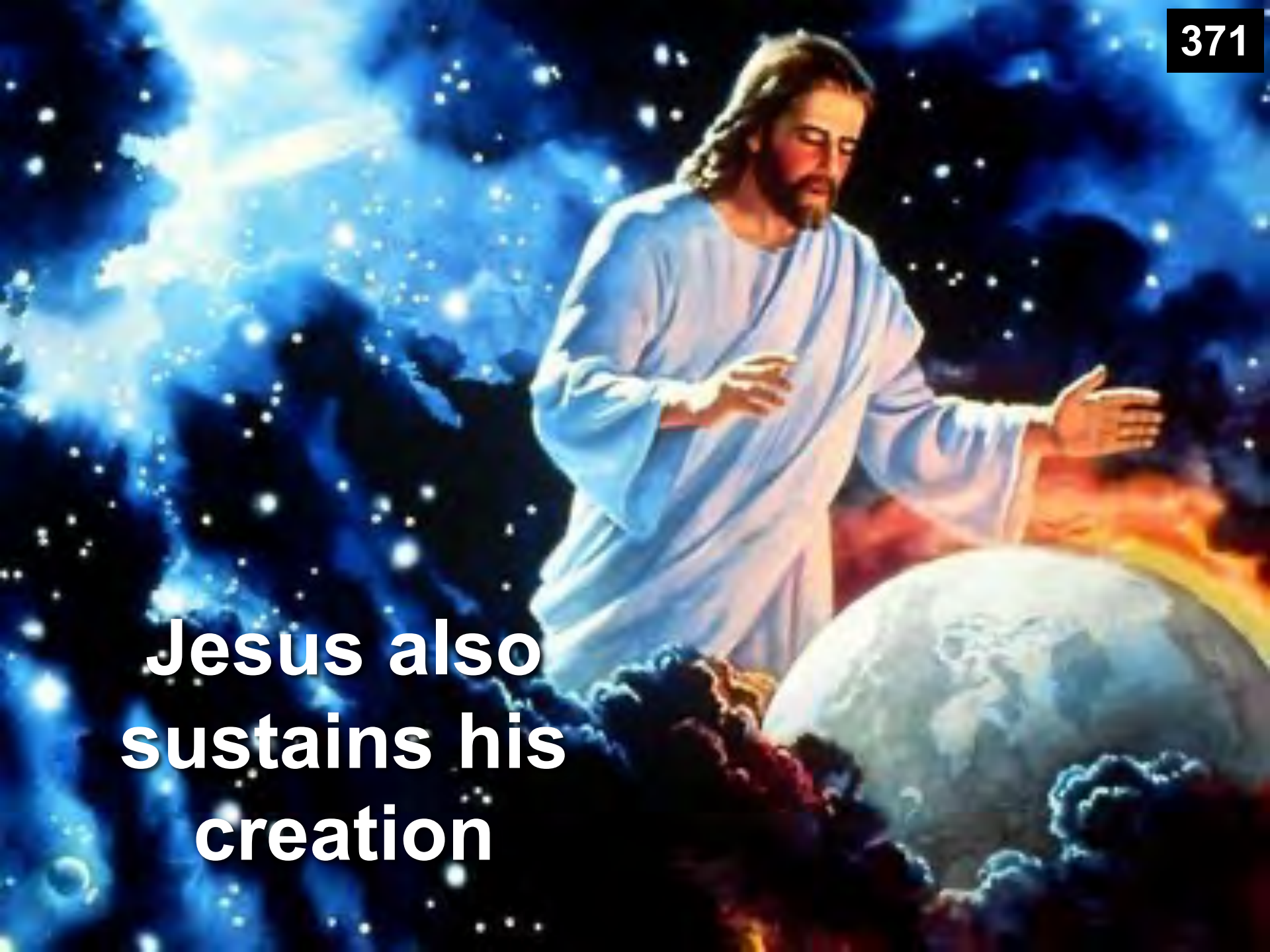
# 1. To Judge the Nations








**Jesus is the  
source of all  
things  
existing  
today**

A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue robe. He is shown from the waist up, standing against a cosmic background of a starry night sky with blue nebulae and a large, glowing Earth in the lower right. Jesus has his eyes closed and a serene expression, with his hands held out in a gesture of blessing or sustaining the world. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, whites, and the warm tones of the Earth and nebulae.

**Jesus also  
sustains his  
creation**



A dramatic illustration of a large, dark, rocky celestial body, likely an asteroid or comet, in the process of impacting the Earth. The impact is occurring in the middle of a vast, blue ocean. A massive, bright orange and yellow fireball is erupting from the point of contact, with a thick, dark plume of smoke and debris rising high into the dark, starry sky. The Earth's horizon is visible in the background, showing the curvature of the planet and the surrounding ocean. The overall scene conveys a sense of immense power and destruction, symbolizing divine judgment.

**Jesus also will  
judge the people  
he has created**

# **Purposes** of the **Tribulation**



- 1. To Judge the Nations**
- 2. To Discipline Israel**
- 3. To Save Israel**
- 4. To Establish the Millennial Kingdom**





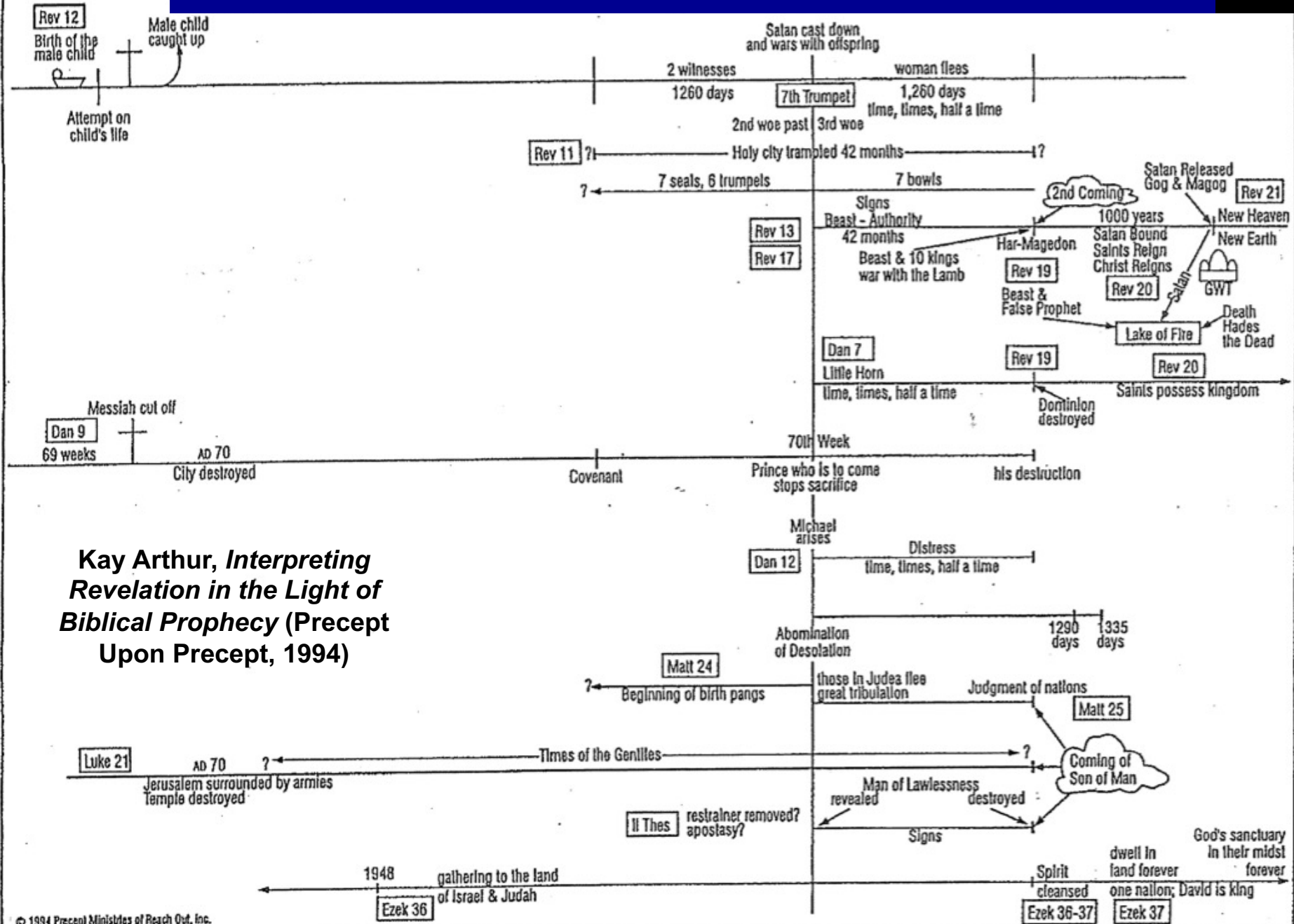
# Names

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# Tribulation



- "Day" or "**Day of the LORD**"—Isa. 30:23-25; 34:1-8; 35:1-10; Joel 2:28-32; 3:1-21; Zeph. 3:8, 16-20; Zech. 14:1-21)
- "**Tribulation**"—Deut. 4:30; Matt. 24:9, 21, 29; Rev. 7:14
- "**Time of Jacob's trouble**"—Jer. 30:7
- "**Wrath of God**"—Zeph. 1:15; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 11:18; 15:1; 16:1
- "**Seven**"—Dan. 9:27



**Kay Arthur, *Interpreting Revelation in the Light of Biblical Prophecy* (Precept Upon Precept, 1994)**



# A Dispensational Timeline

Rapture

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

Great  
White  
Throne

Church Age

Tribulation

Millennium

Battle of  
Armageddon

Battle of  
Gog and Magog

"How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of Jacob's trouble but he will be saved out of it"

(Jer. 30:7)

# Revelation 6



# The Christ of Balance



***Seals & Salvation***

***Revelation 6:1–8:5***







# Balance in Life





# BALANCE

It's important to maintain a balance between your work life and your family life. There are 24 hours in a day. Why aren't you working 12 hours every day?



# Balance Your Wheel of Life



# Are You Balanced?

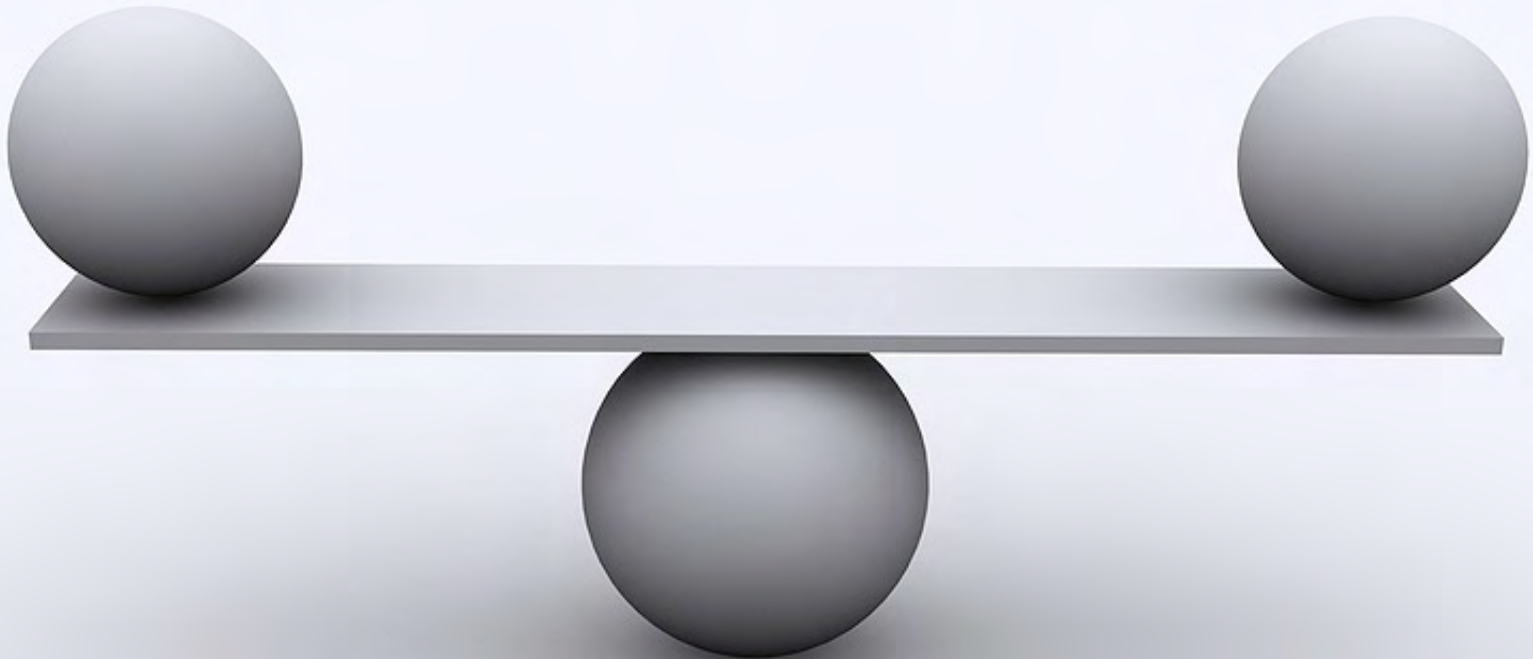




# Balance

**Justice**

**Grace**



# Is Jesus Balanced?





# The Angry Jesus



# Which depicts Jesus?



**Justice**

**Grace**



# Jesus the Flower Sniffer



# Which depicts Jesus?

**Justice**



**Grace**



Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory									
Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches		Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3		Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)		"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present		Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled		Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth		Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments		The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea		Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21
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# Real Rule Never Changes



III. John records future end-time events that demonstrate the **sovereignty and final triumph of Jesus Christ** as an encouragement to believers struggling with external opposition (Rev. 4–22)



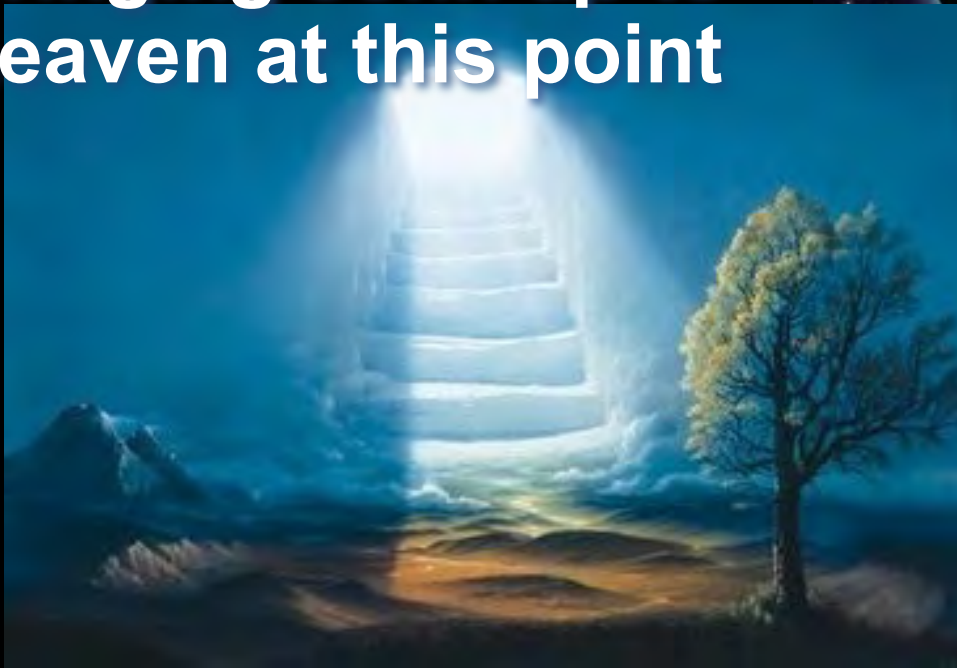
**"Come up here, and I  
will show you what  
must take place after  
this" (4:1b)**

**Does this depict the  
Rapture of the  
church?**



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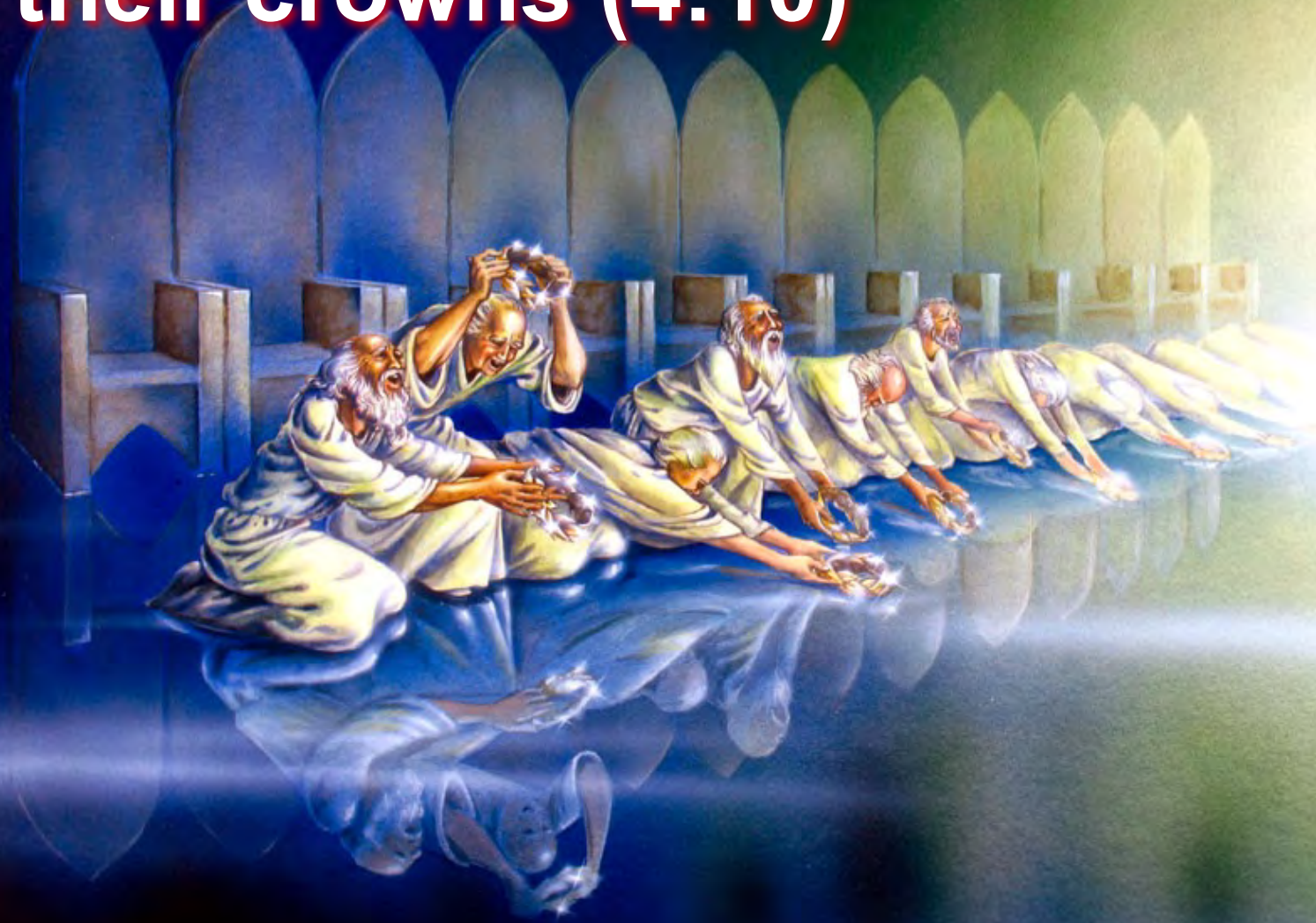
**This isn't the Rapture. God was bringing John up to heaven at this point**





# The elders cast their crowns (4:10)

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# **Revelation 4 Main Idea:**

**God, the wondrous and  
sovereign Creator of all, is  
worthy of all worship.**

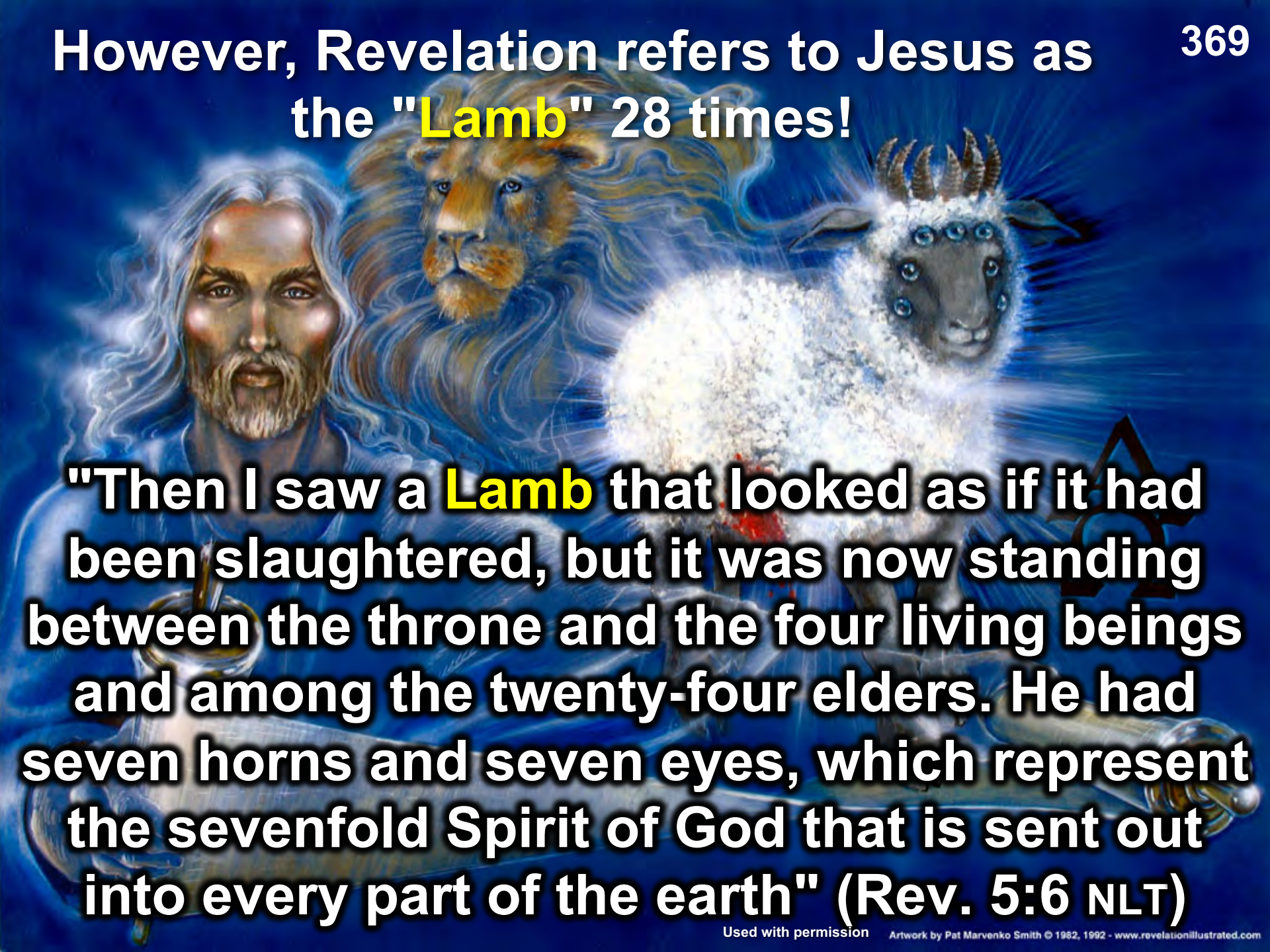


## The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...



**is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!**

However, Revelation refers to Jesus as  
the "**Lamb**" 28 times!



"Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth" (Rev. 5:6 NLT)





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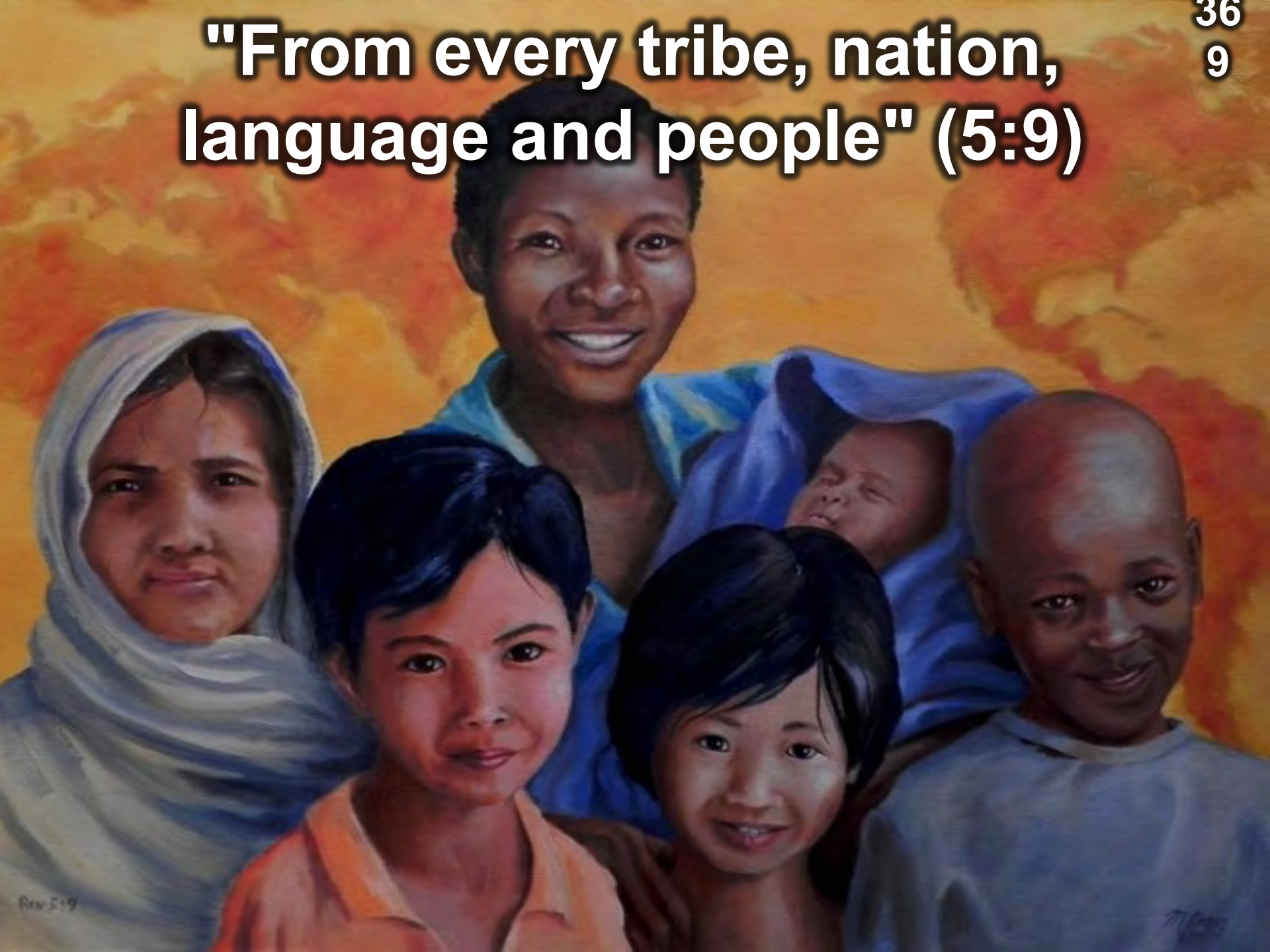


**"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and open its seals..." (5:9)**



**"From every tribe, nation,  
language and people" (5:9)**

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**"And you have caused them to become a  
Kingdom of priests for our God.  
And they will reign on the earth" (5:10 NLT).**

# **Why worship Jesus? Because of...**

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**
- **What He has (5:11-14)**



# **Revelation 5 Main Idea:**

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# Jesus is balanced!



**Justice**



**Grace**



# I. Christ will **judge** the world (Rev. 6)







# The Seal Judgments (Rev. 6)





# Four Horses (6:1-8)

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**The Dream of the Perfect Leader (6:1-2)**

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Seal

**<sup>1</sup>Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."**

**<sup>2</sup>And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.**



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# Seal #1 The White Horse Rider Depicts the Antichrist

*How do we know this?*

- i. Different from the Lamb
- ii. "White" also refers to evil
- iii. Many differences with Christ  
in 19:11-16



# Different Horsemen

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6:1-2



19:11-16



Purposes

Equipment

Names

Fellow Riders

Time

Context

Crown

Daniel K. K. Wong, "The First Horseman of Revelation 6,"  
*Bibliotheca Sacra* 153 (April-June 1996): 212-26



# Different Horsemen

6:1-2



"The word for crown in Revelation 6:2 is *stephanos*, which means 'the victor's crown.' The crown that Jesus Christ wears is *diadema*, 'the kingly crown' (Rev. 19:12). Antichrist could never wear the diadem, because it belongs only to the Son of God" (Wiersbe).

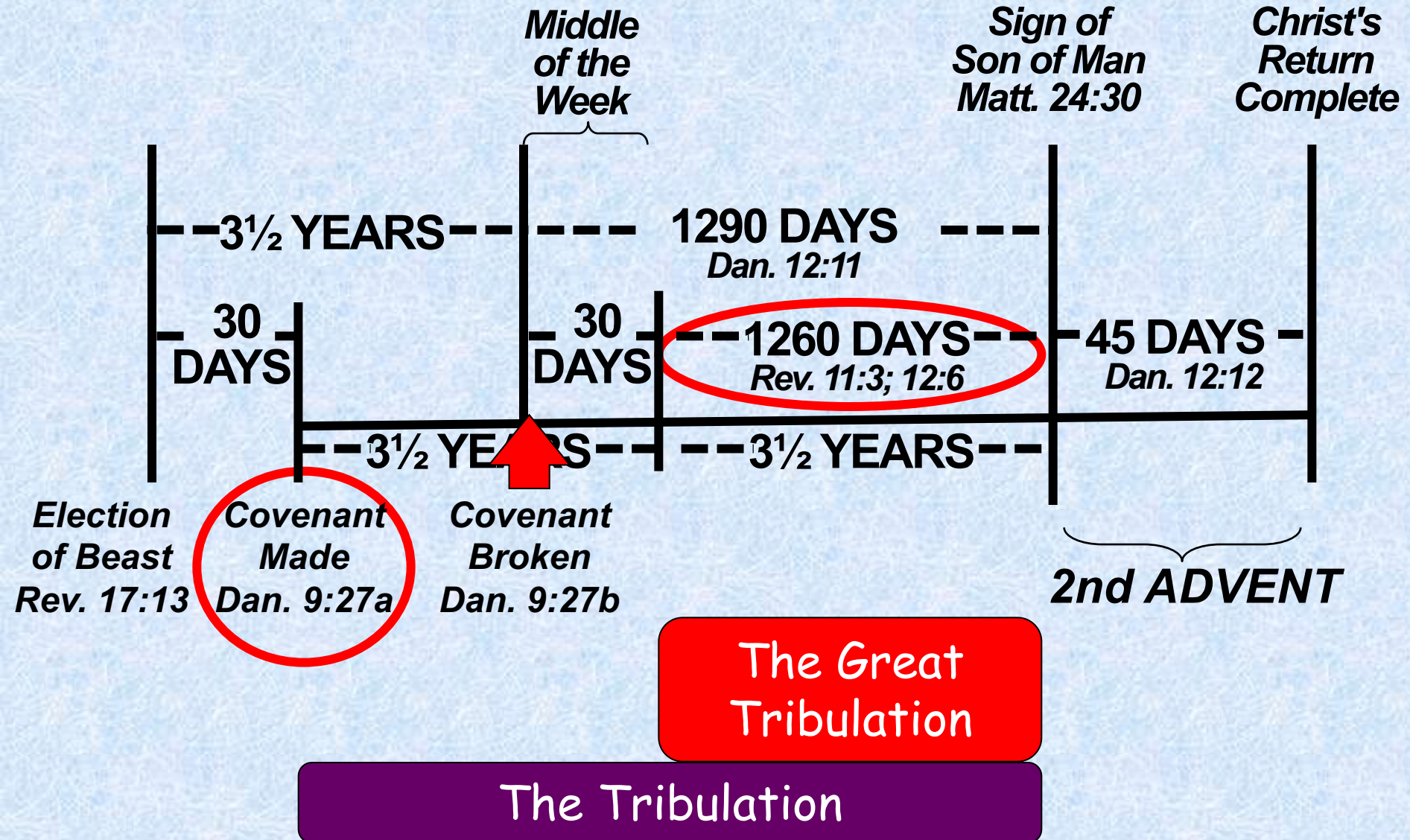
19:11-16



# Chronology of the 70<sup>th</sup> "Week"

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*Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988*





## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal

**<sup>3</sup>When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>4</sup>Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.**





## **The Third Seal Black Horse (6:5-6)**



# The 3rd Seal

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**<sup>5</sup>When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.**

**<sup>6</sup>And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."**

**<sup>7</sup>When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."**

**<sup>8</sup>So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.**



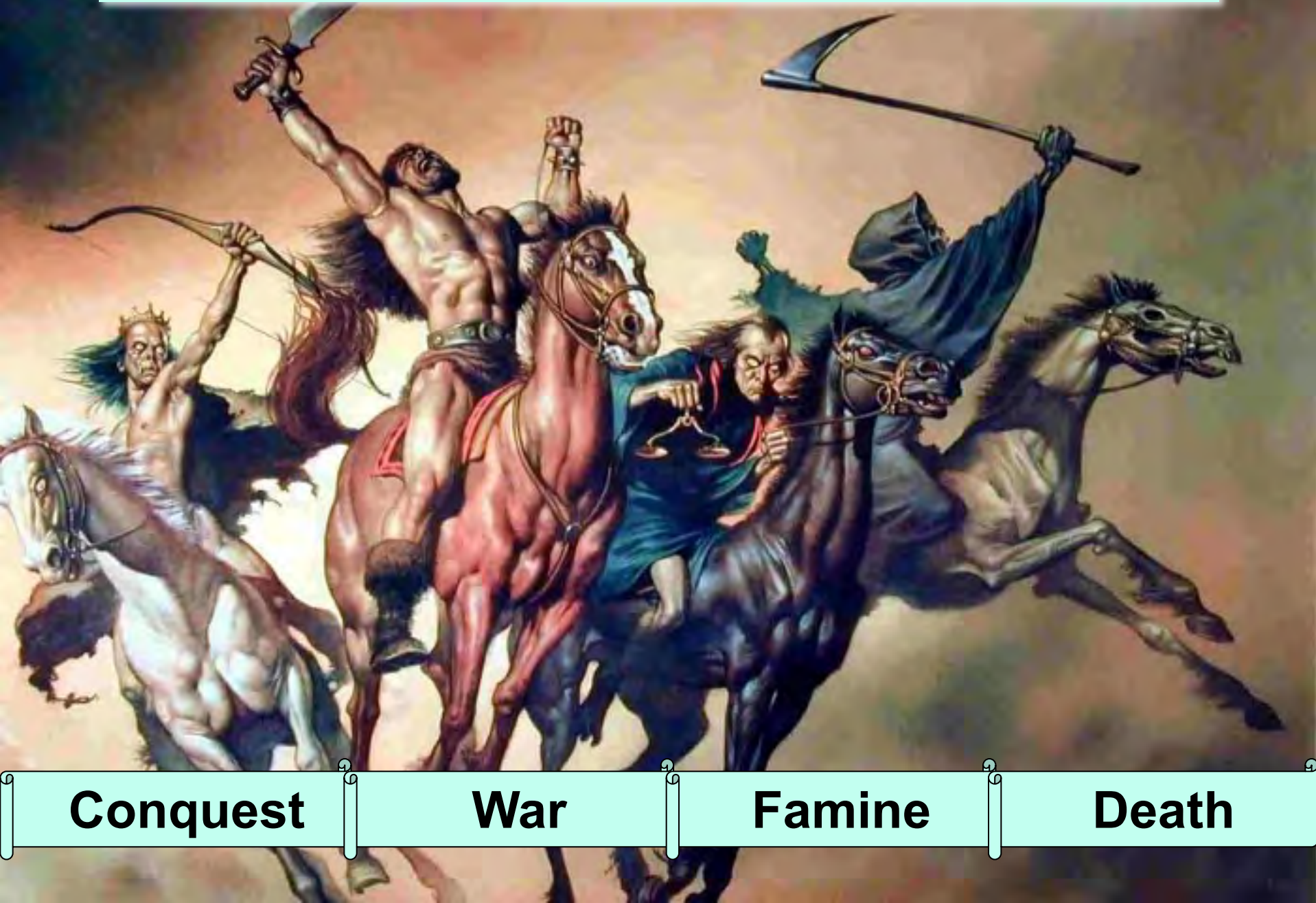
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Seal**

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# Tragedies of the Four Horses (6:1-8)

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**Conquest**

**War**

**Famine**

**Death**

# Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	Matthew 24:5-9 Seal Parallels:	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Deceivers (24:5)	Sores
2	Red: war	Wars (24:6-7a)	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Famines (24:7b)	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Death (24:9)	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Martyrs (24:9)	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, sign	Earthquakes & worldwide chaos (24:7c, 10-13)	
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trumpets 7-8 mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail



# Four Horses (6:1-8)

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## Parallels Between Daniel 9:27 and Revelation

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Daniel 9:27</b>	<b>Revelation 6–19</b>
<b>Beg. of Trib.</b>	<b>Peace Treaty</b>	<b>Rider on White Horse (6:1)</b>
<b>Temple</b>	<b>Sacrifices</b>	<b>Temple (11:1-2)</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Half of 7 years</b>	<b>1260 days; 42 months (11:2-3)</b>
<b>Antichrist Persecutes Jews</b>	<b>One who makes desolate</b>	<b>Persecution (13:7)</b>
<b>Antichrist's Image</b>	<b>Abomination of Desolation</b>	<b>Image of Antichrist (13:11-15)</b>
<b>End of Trib.</b>	<b>Destruction of the Desolator</b>	<b>Antichrist Defeated (19:20)</b>





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## **Seal #5: Martyrs Assured under the Altar (6:9-11)**



**"The moon turned blood red" (6:12)**



**"...Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" (6:16 NIV)**







# I. Christ will **judge** the world (Rev. 6)







**II. Christ will  
save the  
believers  
(Rev. 7).**

# Chronology of Revelation

"What you  
have seen"  
(1:19a)  
Rev. 1

Vision of  
Christ

"What is  
now"  
(1:19b)  
Rev. 2-3

Church  
Age

Rapture  
4:10

"What will  
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(1:19c)  
Rev. 4-22

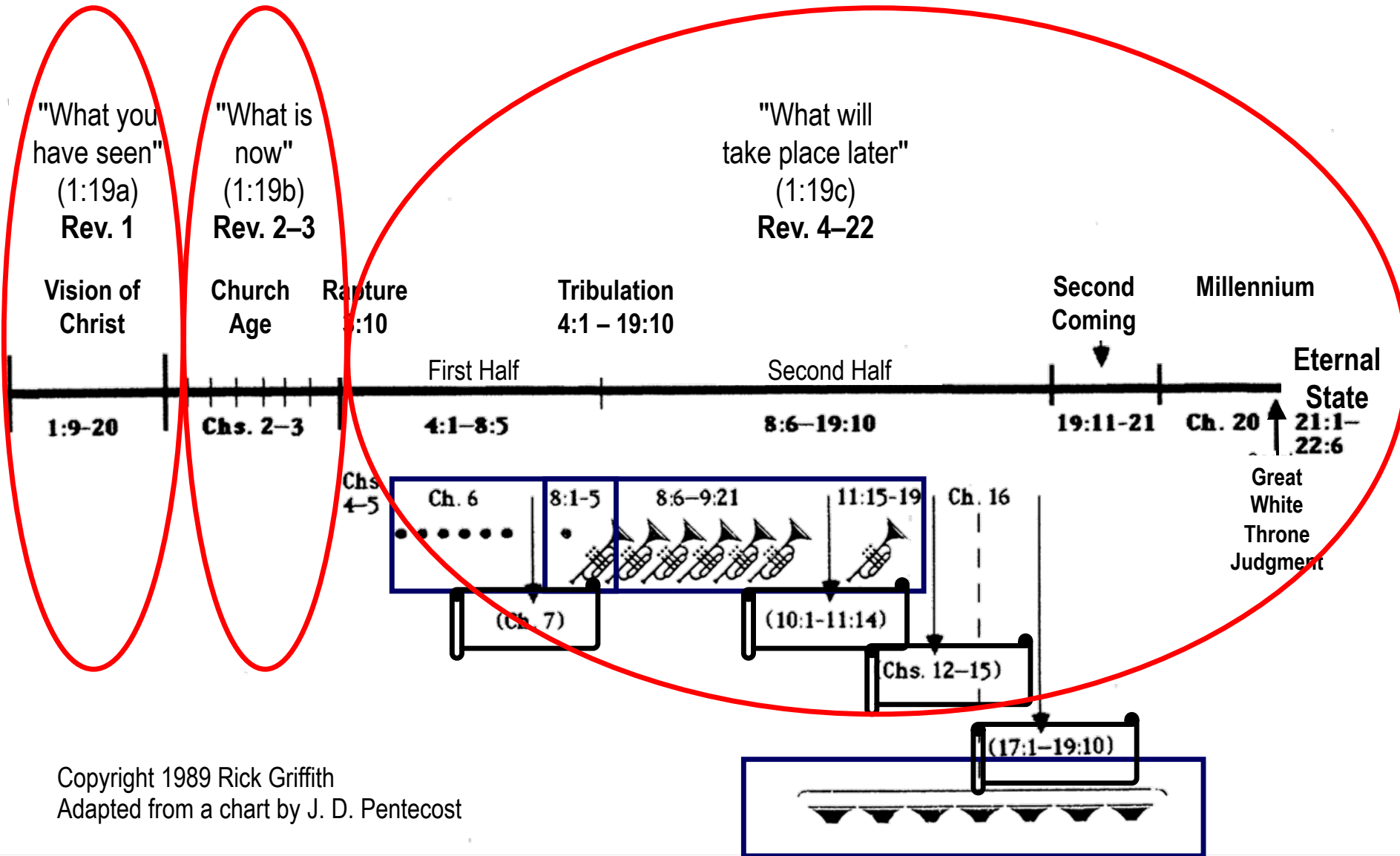
Tribulation  
4:1 - 19:10

Second  
Coming

Millennium

Eternal  
State  
21:1-  
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Great  
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