



# Revelation

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## A Lion, a Lamb, a Scroll

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### (conclusion)

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- i. **Berean Potluck Fellowship: TODAY, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-4:00**
    - a. John & Christina Loud's house, 314 Martens Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040
    - b. REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Please see sign up sheet
  - ii. **TBN Special 4-Part Documentary on October 7 Attack on Israel (Friday, 5:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm)**
    - a. Part 3: Hysteria, Hatred & History (Friday June 28)
    - b. Part 4: The Hope (Friday July 5)
    - c. <https://www.tbn.org/programs/october-7th-special-hope>
  - iii. **Tim Hawkins Live in Concert at Calvary Chapel San Jose, Friday, Sept 20, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM**
    - a. 20% discount with code "INSIDER" at <https://tinyurl.com/ycxxaapx>
  - iv. **Watch "Sound of Freedom" for Free** - registration & email required
    1. <https://www.angel.com/watch/sound-of-freedom>
  - v. **New Bonhoeffer Documentary from Angel Studios: Bonhoeffer – Pastor, Spy, Assassin**
    - a. 2/3 off discount (\$5 ticket available at <https://tinyurl.com/27hzfyhm>)
  - vi. **Info on Shurat Hadin (Israel Law Center) sues Students for Justice in Palestine"**
    - a. <https://israelawcenter.org/>
  - vii. **Pray for Israel and the Israeli Hostages:** <https://Chabad.org/hostages>
  - viii. **Understanding The Times:** Jan Markell interviews Pastor Barry Stagner watch us transitioning toward a world order. The silence of the shepherds discourages the flock from looking up at a time when we need hope and encouragement. They also consider some coming "distractions.". Also discussed:
    - a. When we see many prophecies being fulfilled, do we become numb to them? What should our responses be as we see the decline of America accelerating? What plans are being put in place by the globalists for a one-world order/rule
    - b. OliveTreeViews: <https://bit.ly/31WMM0s> YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/476hveke>
  - ix. **Amir Tsarfati Weekly Update:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr4yppxcy>
  - x. **Sign up for Amir's Telegram page & daily alerts at** <https://t.me/s/ beholdisraelchannel>
  - xi. **Curtis Bowers Weekly Agenda:** "Q&A: Pure Water, Local Elections, Plandemic, Preparedness, & The Transgender Cult"
    - a. <https://tinyurl.com/s8utwyva>
  - xii. **Christian Discrimination Continues to Spread ... & Escalate** - <https://tinyurl.com/5c723w8k>
  - xiii. **36,000 seating capacity, 5 services; the Spirit is moving in India** - <https://tinyurl.com/3ym96fpx>
  - xiv. **Could America's Schools Return to Acknowledging Bible's Historicity**- <https://tinyurl.com/yupvwvf9>
  - xv. **Israel preparing Mentally & Militarily for War with Hezbollah** - <https://www.ipost.com/middle-east/article-808281>
- II. **"Gratitude" by Brandon Lake video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cD3xUCGPUaA>
- III. **Revelation 5 - A Lion, a Lamb, & a Scroll (continued ... Revelation 5, verses 2-6)**
- a. Re John's violent weeping
    - i. properly, to weep *aloud*, expressing *uncontainable, audible* grief ("audible weeping," WP, 2, 88).
    - ii. **Luke 8:52** "Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."
    - iii. **Rev 5:4** "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it."
    - iv. All variations of *eklaion*/weeping used 40 x

**b. The song of the elders & the cherubim (verses 8-10)**

- i. "Each having a harp" ... The harp is "Properly, a zithern or kind of guitar, played either with the hand, or with a pick." Worship in heaven is accompanied by music. (Note: this is the passage that started the idea that people in heaven will have harps).
- ii. With their "golden bowls full of incense", the elders symbolically presented the prayers of the saints. However, they did not intercede for the saints, functioning as mediators for God's people.
- iii. Remember "there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" ([1 Tim 2:5](#)). These elders do not pray for the saints, & this in no way justifies the Roman Catholic practice of praying to the saints, asking them to pray for us.
- iv. "**For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation ...**" In Rev 4:11 the emphasis was on God's work of creation. Here, the emphasis is on His work of redemption.
- v. The song honors:
  - the price of redemption: "**for You were slain**"
  - the worker of redemption: "**have redeemed us**"
  - the destination of redemption: "**to God**"
  - the payment of redemption: "**by Your blood**"
  - the scope of redemption: "**every tribe, tongue, people and nation**"
  - the length of redemption: "**have made us kings & priests to our God**"
  - the result of redemption: "**and we shall reign on the earth**"

**c. The Lamb Exalted by Countless Angels (verses 11-12)**

- i. "I heard the voice of many angels around the throne": The angels and the elders fell down before the Lamb together ([Rev 5:8](#)). Yet only the elders sang the song of the redeemed ([Rev 5:9-10](#)), because in no place does the Bible tell us of the redemption of angels.
- ii. In [Rev 4:9-10](#), angels prompted the elders into worship. Here, the elders seem to prompt the angels. It's a wonderful cycle in heaven, with the angels and elders encouraging each other to more & more praise.
- iii. "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands": This is an innumerable company of angels.
- iv. "**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain**": In their song, the angels did not offer praise for their redemption. This is because angels are not (to the best of our knowledge & scriptural reference) *subjects* of this redemption but they are careful observers of it, and are therefore able to praise God because of it ([1 Peter 1:12](#) & [Eph 3:10](#)).
- v. The angels can clearly see the greatness of God's work in redeeming fallen men, so in response they credit **power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory & blessing** to the Lamb.
- vi. In the same way, we can praise God for the way He works in the lives of other people.

**d. ALL creation praises the Father and the Lamb (Verses 13-14)**

- i. **Every creature**: John couldn't be any more complete in his description. Truly, this is every creature!
- ii. "**Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb**": This combined worship of the Father and the Lamb is strong testimony to the deity of Jesus. "There cannot be the slightest doubt that the Lamb is to be reckoned with God and as God." (L. Morris Bible Commentary)
- iii. "Now if Jesus Christ were not properly God this would be *idolatry*, as it would be giving to the *creature* what belongs to the *Creator*." (Clarke)
- iv. "Depend upon it, my hearer, you never will go to heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God. They are all doing it there: you will have to come to it, and if you entertain the notion that he is a mere man, or that he is anything less than God, I am afraid you will have to begin at the beginning and learn what true religion means. You have a poor foundation to rest upon. I could not trust my soul with a mere man, or believe in an atonement made by a mere man: I must see God himself putting his hand to so gigantic a work." (Spurgeon)
- v. "... **fell down and worshipped Him**": The ancient Greek word for **worshipped** is literally "to prostrate" or "to lay before another in complete submission."
- vi. "This is the eastern method of *adoration*: first, the person worshipping fell down on his knees; and then, bowing down touched the earth with his forehead. This latter act was *prostration*." (Clarke)
- vii. "**forever and ever... worshipped Him who lives forever and ever**: The living God reigns eternally.
- viii. The Caesars come and go, including those who persecute God's people. But the Lord God **lives forever and ever** and is ever worthy of our praise!