

# A LAMB UPON A THRONE

*And the Conversion of the Nations (Handout 1)*

**Revelation 4.4**—SURROUNDING THE THRONE were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

Presbuteros - 1Peter 5.1-4

**Revelatin 4.5**—BEFORE THE THRONE, seven lamps were blazing. These are the SEVEN SPIRITS of God.

**Revelation 4.6**—Also BEFORE THE THRONE there was what looked like a SEA OF GLASS, clear as crystal.

**Revelatin 4.6.7**—In the center, AROUND THE THRONE, were FOUR LIVING CREATURES, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

Four Creatures - Ezekiel 1

Lion of Judah - Genesis 49.9-12

Genesis 49.9-12—You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations be his. . . he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes.

Root of David - Isaiah 11

Isaiah 11.1-16—A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch

**Revelation 4.1-5**—After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was IN THE SPIRIT, and there before me was A THRONE in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne . . . From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder.

**Revelation 4.8-11**—Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.” Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

**Revelation 5.1-5**—Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat ON THE THRONE a SCROLL with writing on both sides and sealed with SEVEN SEALS. And I saw A MIGHTY ANGEL proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. 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 5.6-10**—Then I saw A LAMB, looking as if it had been SLAIN, standing in the center before the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a NEW SONG, saying:

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will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD . . . with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist . . . In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people . . . He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel . . . There will be a highway for the remnant of his people . . .

Revelation 22.16—“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the **ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID**, and the bright Morning Star.” (Morning Star - Numbers 24.17-19)

Numbers 24.17-19—“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth. Edom will be conquered; Seir, his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong. A ruler will come out of Jacob and destroy the survivors of the city.”

“You are worthy to take **THE SCROLL** and to open its **SEALS**, because you were **SLAIN**, and with your blood you **RANSOMED [NRSV] FOR GOD** members **OUT OF EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION**. You have made them to be **A KINGDOM** and **PRIESTS** to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

**Exodus 19.5-6**—Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the **PEOPLES**. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.

**Genesis 10.31**—These are the descendants of Shem, by their families [tribes], their languages, their **LANDS**, and their nations.

**Daniel 3.4**— . . . peoples, nations, and languages,

**Daniel 3.7**— . . . all the peoples, nations, and languages . . .

**Daniel 3.29**— . . . people, nation, or language . . .

**Daniel 5.19**— . . . all peoples, nations, and languages . . .

**Daniel 6.25,26**— . . . all peoples and nations of every language . . .

**Daniel 7.13-14**— As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a **SON OF MAN COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN**. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given **DOMINION** and **GLORY** and **KINGSHIP**, that **ALL PEOPLES, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES SHOULD SERVE HIM**. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**Revelation 1.13**—And among the lampstands was someone like a **SON OF MAN** . . .

**Revelation 14.14**—I looked, and there before me was a **WHITE CLOUD**, and seated on the cloud was one like a **SON OF MAN** with a **CROWN** of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

**Revelation 1.7**—“Look, he is **COMING WITH THE CLOUDS**,” and “every eye will see him, even **THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM**”; and **ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH** “will **MOURN** because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

**Zechariah 12.10-12**—And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they **LOOK ON THE ONE WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED**, they shall **MOURN** for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn . . . The land shall mourn, each **FAMILY** by itself; the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;



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**Revelation 11.7**—Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will ATTACK them, and overpower and KILL them.

**Revelation 12.7,8**—And there was WAR in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

**Revelation 12.17**—Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make WAR against THE REST OF HER OFFSPRING—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

**Revelation 13.7**—It was given power to make WAR against God’s people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

**Revelation 16.14**—They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the BATTLE on the great day of God Almighty.

**Revelation 17.14**—They will make WAR against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

**Revelation 19.19**—Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make WAR . . .

**Genesis 12.3**—I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH shall be blessed.”

**Psalms 72.17**—May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED IN HIM . . .

**Genesis 22.18**—And by your offspring shall ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH GAIN BLESSING FOR THEMSELVES, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**Genesis 26.4**—I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH SHALL GAIN BLESSING FOR THEMSELVES THROUGH YOUR OFFSPRING,

**Genesis 28.14**—And your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU and IN YOUR OFFSPRING.

**Matthew 24.30**—Then the sign of THE SON OF MAN will appear in heaven, and then ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN, and they will see ‘THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN’ with power and great glory.

### **Numerical Symbolism of the Sevenfold use of the Fourfold phrase.**

### **Four Fold Order Differences and Their Meanings**

**Revelation 5.9**—They sing a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God SAINTS from EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION;

**Revelation 13.7**—Also it [the beast] was allowed to make war on the SAINTS and to CONQUER them. It [the beast] was given authority over EVERY TRIBE AND PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE AND NATION,

**Luke 9.21-24**—Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The

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**2 Corinthians 10.3-4**—For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

**Revelation 2.7, 11, 17; 3.5, 12**—To those who are VICTORIOUS . . .

**Matthew 13.31-33**—He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

**1 Corinthians 15.24-25**—Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has appointed all his enemies under his feet.

We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will and we will still love you.... But be assured that we'll wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory.  
- Martin Luther King Jr.; *A Christmas Sermon for Peace*; Dec 24, 1967

**Revelation 14.1-4**—Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads . . . and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders . . . these follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

**Matthew 20:22, 23**—“You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “**YOU WILL INDEED DRINK FROM MY CUP**, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

**Romans 16.20**—The God of peace will soon crush Satan under **YOUR FEET**.

**Ephesians 6.12**—For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Revelation 5.11-14**—THEN I looked and heard the voice of MANY ANGELS, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled THE THRONE and the living CREATURES and the ELDERS. In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the LAMB, who was SLAIN, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” THEN I heard EVERY CREATURE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH AND ON THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” The FOUR LIVING CREATURES said, “Amen,” and the ELDERS fell down and worshiped.

**Revelation 7.9-14**—After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” . . . Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

# A NEW SONG

*Psalms 96 and 98*

**Revelation 14.6-7**—Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal GOSPEL to proclaim to those who live on the earth—**TO EVERY NATION AND TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE. He said in a loud voice, “FEAR GOD and give him GLORY, for the hour of his JUDGMENT has come; and WORSHIP him who MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND THE SPRINGS OF WATER.”**

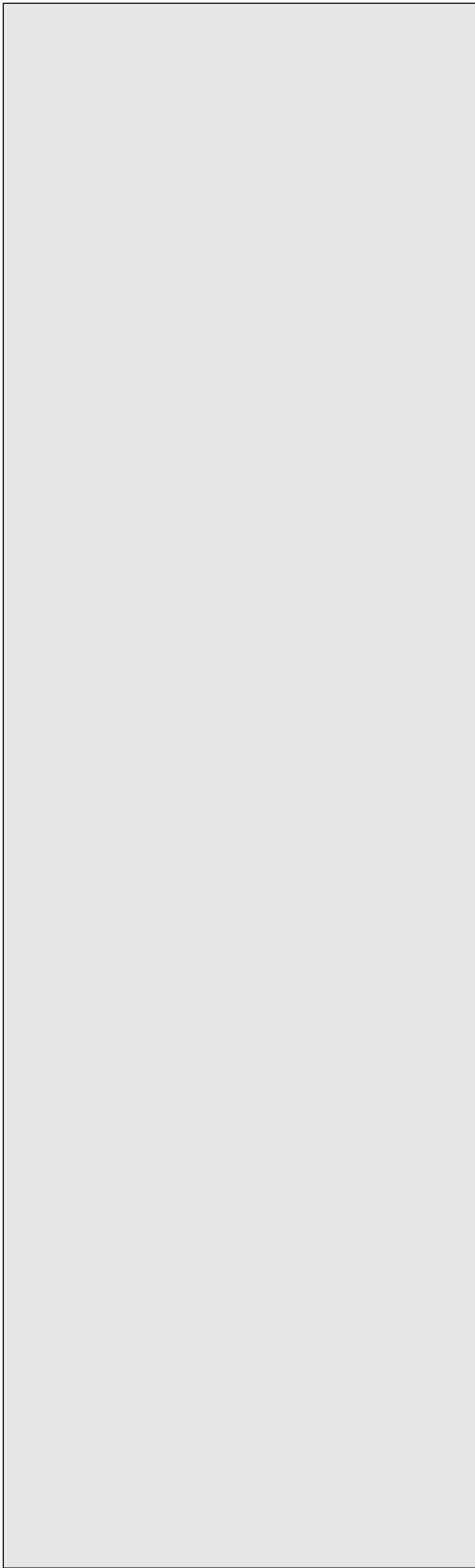
**Psalms 96.1**—Sing to the LORD A NEW SONG; sing to the LORD, ALL THE EARTH. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory AMONG THE NATIONS, his marvelous deeds among ALL PEOPLES. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be FEARED above all gods. For ALL THE GODS OF THE NATIONS ARE IDOLS, but the LORD MADE THE HEAVENS . . . . Ascribe to the LORD, ALL YOU FAMILIES OF NATIONS, ascribe to the LORD GLORY and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the GLORY due his name; Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, ALL THE EARTH. Say among THE NATIONS, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will JUDGE the peoples with EQUITY . . . . Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to JUDGE the earth. He will JUDGE the world in righteousness [justice] and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**Psalms 98.1**—Sing to the LORD A NEW SONG, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation [Victory - NRSV] for him. The LORD has made his salvation [Victory - NRSV] known and revealed his righteousness TO THE NATIONS. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation [Victory - NRSV] of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD . . . . shout for joy before the LORD, THE KING. Let the SEA RESOUND, and EVERYTHING IN IT, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO LIVE IN IT . . . . let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to JUDGE the earth. He will JUDGE the world in righteousness [justice] and the peoples with EQUITY.

**Revelation 5.13**—Then I heard EVERY creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

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# FOUR FOLD DIVISIONS

*Every Tribe, Language, People and Nation*

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**Revelation 5.9**—And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God members from **EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION.**”

**Genesis 10**— A Definitive list of the 70 Nations of the World

**Genesis 10.5**—From these the coastland peoples spread. These are the descendants of Japheth in their lands, with their own language, by their families, in their nations.

**Genesis 10.20**—These are the descendants of Ham, by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

**Genesis 10.31**—These are the descendants of Shem, by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

**Revelation 7.9**—After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, **FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE, PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE,** standing before **THE THRONE** and in front of **THE LAMB.** They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

**Revelation 10.11**—Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many **PEOPLES, NATIONS, LANGUAGES AND KINGS.**”

**Revelation 11.9-13**—For three and a half days many from **EVERY PEOPLE, TRIBE, LANGUAGE AND NATION** will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The **INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH** will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts . . . But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and those who saw them were terrified. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud while their enemies watched them. At that moment there was a **GREAT EARTHQUAKE,** and a tenth of **THE CITY** fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest *feared God and gave glory to Him who made the heavens.* [personal translation] . . . The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

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**Revelation 1.5**—and from Jesus Christ . . . the ruler of THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. (From Psalms 2)

**Revelation 17.18**—The woman you saw is the great city that rules over THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.

**Revelation 19.19**—Then I saw the beast and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH and their armies gathered together to make war . . .

**Revelation 21.24**—THE NATIONS will walk by its light, and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH will bring their splendor into it.

**Matthew 13.31-33**—He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

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**Revelation 17.15**—Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are PEOPLES, MULTITUDES, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES.

