

George Frideric Handel *The Messiah*

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Hallelujah!

for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdoms of this world are become
the kingdoms of our Lord,
and of His Christ:

and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters..., saying, “Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” (19:6)

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” (11:15)

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.” (19:16)

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,

and hath redeemed us to God
by His blood,

to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory,
and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power,
be unto Him
that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain (5:12)

Thou art worthy...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood (5:9)

to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (5:12)

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (5:13)

And the four living creatures said,

Amen. (5:14)

Revelation 5:5-14

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth....

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb... They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation..." (5:5-9)

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Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (5:11-14)

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!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.



Making Sense of the Book of Revelation

Coffee and Conversation
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Revelation!! For many, the very name of this last book in the New Testament conjures up weird images of violence and bizarre predictions about historical events. For others, it is an exciting prophecy of events we see happening before our very eyes. In this series, we will seek to unlock John's purpose in writing and make sense of the images and events he portrays. Our aim will be to grasp how the central message of this book, written to Christians in the *first* century, is extremely valuable for us in the *twenty-first* century!

October 6	Revelation and Its (Mis)Interpreters
October 13	John, His First Readers, and His Message
October 20	Unmasking Fake Truth and Power
October 27	So...What Does Revelation Mean for Us?

"Some Reflection Questions for Next Week" (October 13) ***Revelation 1-5***

- What do we learn about John himself in chapter 1?
- What does John tell us about Jesus Christ in chapter 1, and what do you think the symbols in verses 12-16 suggest about Jesus?
- In chapters 2-3, John writes messages to seven churches. Notice the similarity in structure in the messages: an introductory description of Jesus, words of praise and/or blame, and final promises for those who are faithful. Do any particular parts of the messages speak to you especially?
- Chapter 4 takes us into the divine throne room in heaven. How is God and the heavenly court described, and what do you think the various images and symbols mean?