



# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## THE PERSON OF THE THRONE

**Introduction:** While the dramatic judgments and catastrophic destruction depicted in Revelation often captivate readers, the book is fundamentally a revelation *of* Jesus Christ. The Apostle John shifts the focus in chapters four and five to an awe-inspiring portrait of Christ enthroned in glory. By examining this divine vision, believers can gain a profound understanding of our Savior’s majesty and reign.

### CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED AS “HOLY” (v 8)

### CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED AS “LORD GOD ALMIGHTY” (v 8)

### CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED AS “ETERNAL” (v 8)

### CHRIST IS GIVEN HONOR (v 9)

- **GLORY** [*-doxa* (dignity, glorious, honor, praise, worship)].
- **HONOR** [a value; i.e. money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree)].
- **THANKS** [*eucharista*; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): thankfulness, (giving of) thanks(-giving)].

### CHRIST IS GIVEN WORSHIP (vs 10-11)

- **This worship involved giving preeminence to the One being worshipped.** (v 10)
  - The twenty-four elders were seated beside the Savior (v 4).
  - The twenty-four elders fell down before the Savior (v 10)
 

**NOTE:** They stopped “reigning and ruling” to worship the King!
- **This worship involved Godly reverence.** (They fell down before Him) (v 10).
- **This worship involved personal sacrifice.** (They cast their crowns) (v 10).
- **This worship involved verbal praise.** (v 11)

### CHRIST IS WORTHY “to open the book and loose the seven seals.” (Rev. 5:1-5)

#### HE IS WORTHY BECAUSE...

- ...He is Creator of all. (Rev. 4:11; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17)
- ...He paid the price for sin. (Rev. 1:5)
- ...He is the “Faithful Witness.” (Rev. 1:5; Heb. 4:15; 7:25-26)

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- **...He is rejected and sinned against.** (Is. 53:3; Matt. 27: 22-23)

**Lesson Conclusion:** Critics often question God's justice in light of the severe judgments described in Revelation. However, a deeper understanding of God's character reveals His holiness and righteousness. The enthroned Christ, as portrayed in Revelation 4 and 5, is both merciful and just. By contemplating His perfect nature, we gain a clearer perspective on the necessity of judgment and the ultimate triumph of His love and justice.