


Revelation Chapters 4 & 5

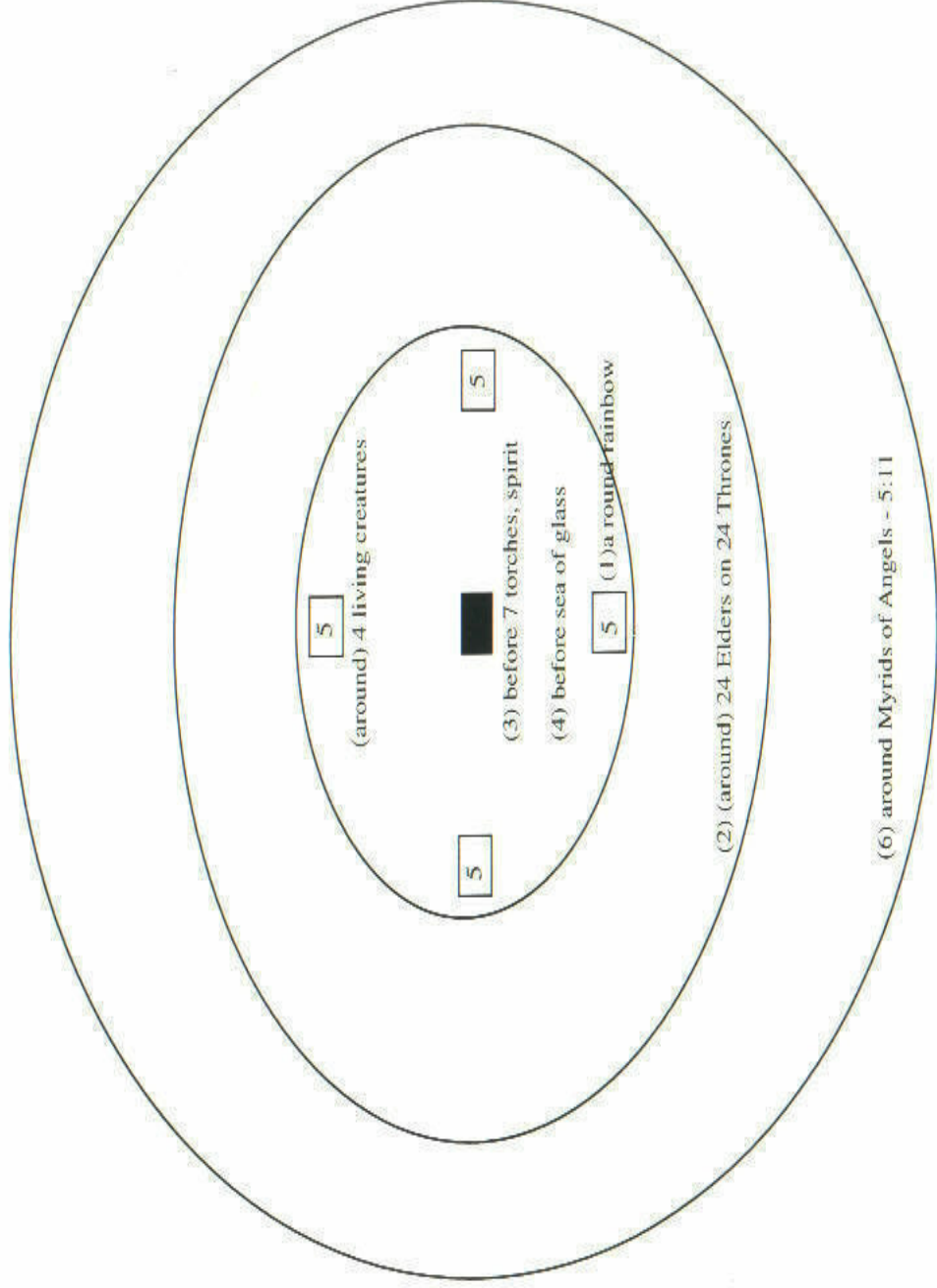
The setting of the Seven Seals



The Throne of God


- From the bombardment of false worship to true worship.
 - God alone is to be worshipped
 - He alone deserves our allegiance.
 - This vision an encouragement to the believers.
 - Chapter 4 and 5 are to be experienced.
 - The bare essentials of worship.
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The diagram

- God is the center. He is the focal point. Everything comes from Him and worship flows back to Him.
 - Everything brings glory to him.
 - In his presence all is perfect worship.
 - He is always on the throne. He is in control.
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God on the Throne

- Chapter 4- God is worshipped for his work of creation.
 - Chapter 5- God the Son, the redeemer is worshipped for his work of the new creation (salvation).
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The scroll with 7 seals

- Show visual.
 - In God's right hand- decree from God.
 - Sealed- official document.
 - 7-perfect.
 - An official document that contains the perfect counsel or decree of God.
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Who can open the Scroll?

- Who can bring to pass the decree of God? Who is worthy?
 - Cry goes out to all of creation.
 - No one. No one dares to attempt.
 - John's grief .
 - The uniqueness of Christ.
 - Lion of the tribe of Judah (Gen.49:9,10)
 - The root of David (Isaiah 11:1,10)
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He has conquered

- Jesus has conquered therefore He is worthy to open the scroll .He brings to pass the plans of God for all of history.
 - The Lion is our Champion. The lion is powerful, and majestic.
 - Let's see our powerful redeemer the Lion!!
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The Lamb of God
(above) The Lamb commonly represents Christ, and the accompanying attributes of the cross and the chalice are emblems of His sacrifice.

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The Lion is a Lamb

- 5:6-A lamb standing as though it had been slain.
 - A paradox: the power , majesty and strength of God is in the slain lamb.
 - The nail scarred lamb
 - The sacrificed lamb; who bears the marks of this sacrifice for all eternity.
 - This is your conqueror, your champion!
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Strength in Weakness

- The victory of God was through the humiliation and death of His Son.
 - The rule of God (lion) comes through the suffering of Christ. (lamb).
 - Strength in apparent weakness.
 - Encouragement to the believers that there is value in suffering for the kingdom.
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The Worship of the Lamb

- 5:7- the lamb takes the scroll.
 - He is worshipped with a new song.
 - The new song is the song of redemption and salvation. Anticipated by the prophets but not sung until now.
 - It is an ever new song.
 - All praise to the Lamb for his work of redemption.
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Worthy is the Lamb

- 7 aspects mentioned (power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, blessing.) this list is not exhaustive.
 - Worthy of all worship.
 - The Lamb is all of the above and much more.
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Worship

- Revelation is a book of Worship because...

the who of worship is emphasized

