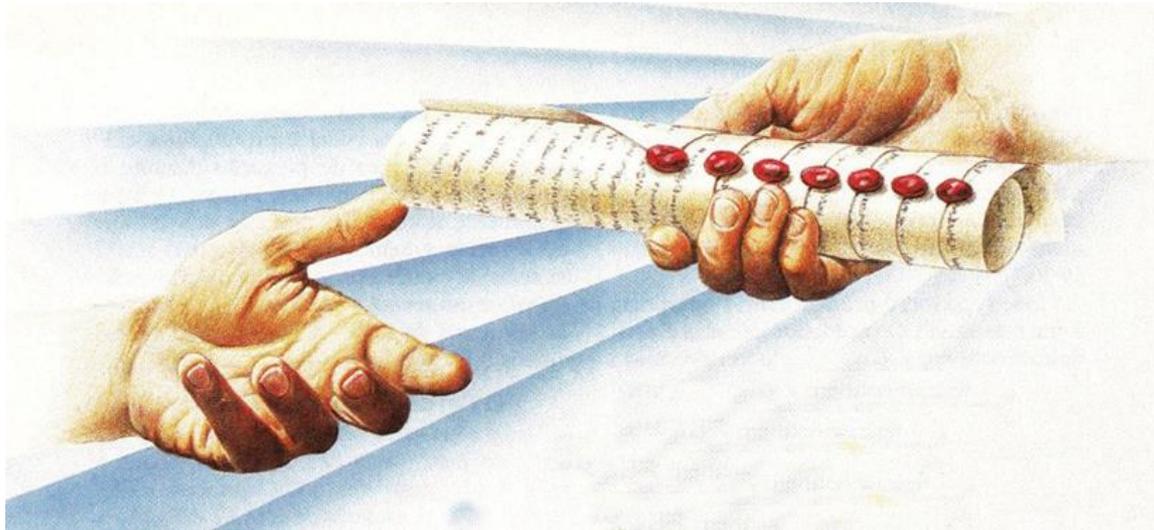


# The Prevailing Lamb



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## APOC. IV. (Brother Thomas' Translation)

1. After these things I looked, and behold a DOOR opened in the heaven, and that first voice which I heard as of a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Ascend hither, and I will exhibit to thee things which must come to pass after these."
2. And immediately I was in spirit: and behold a THRONE was established in the heaven, and upon the throne One sitting.
3. And the One sitting was in appearance like to a jasper and sardine stone, and a RAINBOW circled about the throne in appearance like to an emerald.
4. And circling about the throne were TWENTY-FOUR THRONES: and upon the thrones I saw the twenty and four ELDERS sitting, having been invested with white garments; and they had upon their heads golden coronal wreaths.

## Apoc. IV (*continued*)

5. And out of the throne burst forth lightnings and thunders and voices: and SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE burning before the throne, which are the SEVEN SPIRITS of the Deity.

6. And before the throne a TRANSLUCENT SEA like to crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and in the circle of the throne, FOUR LIVING ONES, being full of eyes before and behind.

7. And the First Living One was like to a Lion; and the Second Living One like to a Calf; and the Third Living One having the face like to a Man; and the Fourth Living One like to an Eagle flying.

8. And the Four Living Ones, one by itself, had each six wings circling about it; and within they were full of EYES; and they have no intermission day and night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, the Omnipotent Deity, who was and who is and who is coming.

## Apoc. IV (*continued*)

9. And when the Living Ones shall give glory, and honour, and thanks, to the ONE sitting upon the throne, who liveth for the Aions of the Aions,

10. The twenty and four Elders fall before the One sitting upon the throne, and they do homage to Him who liveth for the Aions of the Aions, and they cast their coronals before the throne, saying,

11. "Worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive the glory and the honour and the power; thou createdst all things, and on account of thy will they exist, and were created.

“...he [John] saw a throne in the heaven, which had not been there before in such glorious manifestation. It had many ages anterior to his time, occupied a place in the heaven contemporarily with the thrones of Tyre, and Egypt, and Sheba, and Babylon; but, while he was in Patmos, and for many ages before and since, even to this day, there is no such throne in the heaven. When it existed there of old, it was occupied by David and Solomon as the kings of Yahweh over Israel. It was then styled ‘the throne of Yahweh, and the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh over Israel’ - I Chron. 28:5; 29:23. By the covenant of the Olahm, or Hidden Period, this throne was established in the family of David. The proof of this is found in numerous places of the Scripture. Thus in 2 Sam. 7:12-16, the covenant to David reads, 'YAHWEH will make for thee a house. When thy days shall be completed...’”

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“Now when David's days were about completed, he thus expressed himself in reference to this covenant of the throne and kingdom. In 2 Sam. 23:1, it is written: ‘Now these words of David, the last, are an oracle of David, son of Jesse; even an oracle of the mighty man enthroned, concerning an Anointed One of the Elohim of Jacob; and the pleasant theme of Israel's songs. Yahweh's spirit spake by me, and His word was upon my tongue; Elohim of Israel spake to me, and the Rock of Israel discoursed, saying, ‘There shall be a Ruler over mankind, ruling in the righteous precepts of Elohim. And as brightness of morning, He shall rise the Sun of an unclouded dawn, shining forth after rain upon tender grass out of the earth.’”

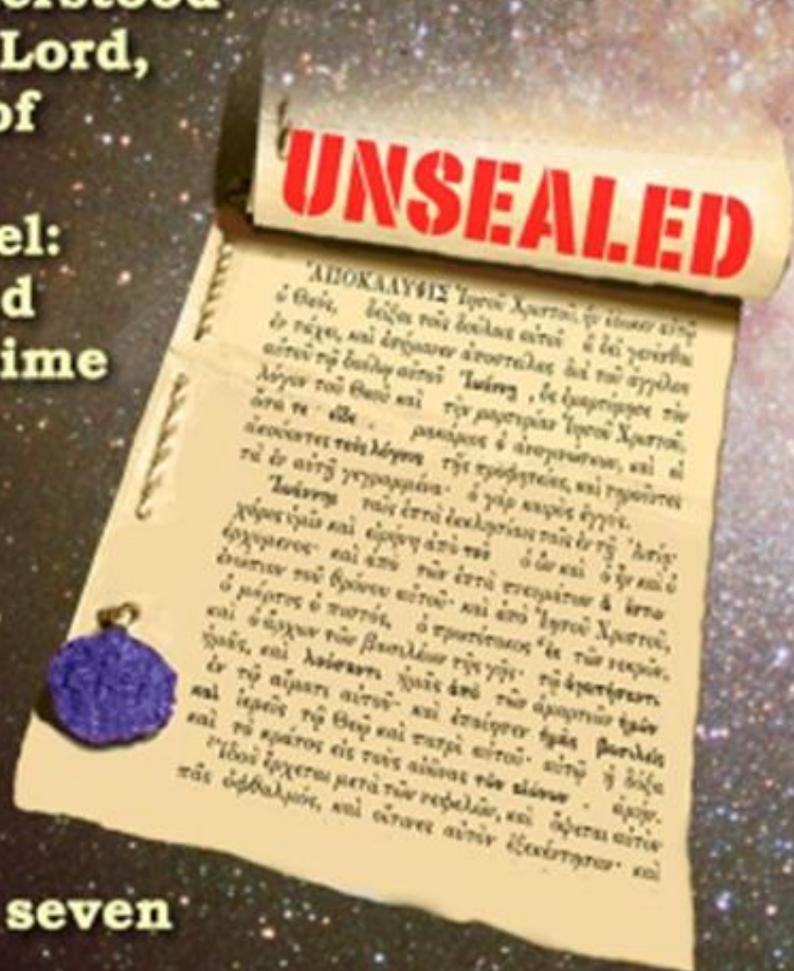
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## DANIEL 12:7-10

<sup>8</sup>And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? <sup>9</sup>And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end....the wise shall understand.

## REVELATION 5:5

...behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.



“The books of the ancients were not like our books in form or material. They were rolls of papyrus, parchment, or other flexible substance, of various lengths. Zechariah's roll was twenty cubits long by ten broad; and was written ‘on this side’ and ‘on that side,’ with the curse of consuming judgments — Ch. 5:1-4. While rolled up, they were sometimes fastened by sticking the edges of certain turns of the roll together; or by tying the same, and appending a seal, or seals, to the ligature. Hence, to read such a scroll it would be necessary to unloose the seals, in their order when so much only of the scroll could be read as extended from the first to the second tying or sticking; then from the second to the third; afterwards, from the third to the fourth; then from the fourth to the fifth;

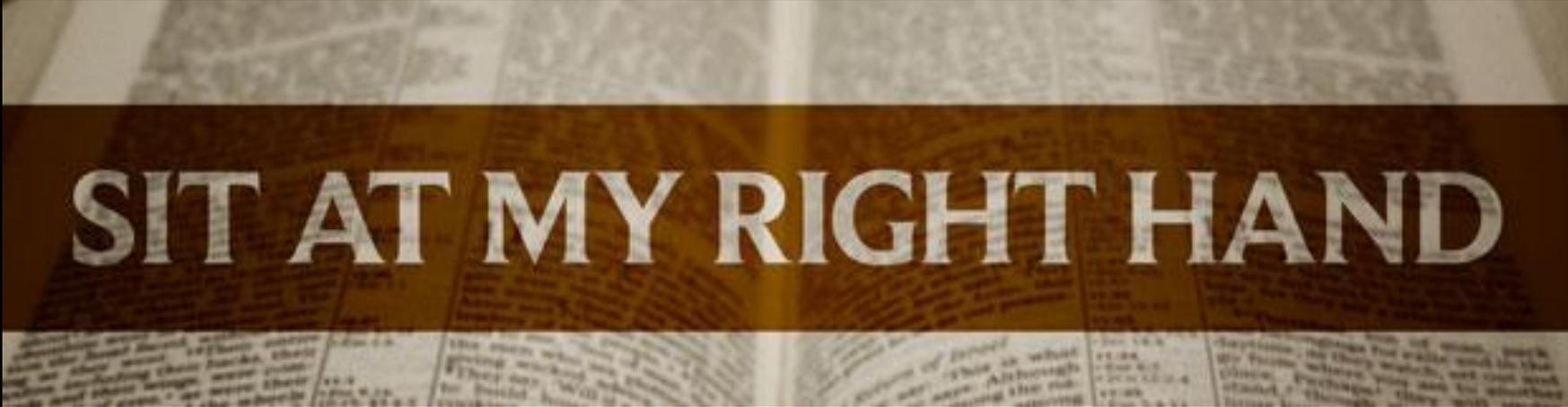


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“after this, from the fifth to the sixth; and lastly from the sixth to the seventh: and when this was untied, the whole scroll, if there were no more stickings or tyings, could be fully extended, and read from beginning to end. Now the written spaces, or intervals, from one fastening of the scroll to another, were called seals, or closures. To read them the closures must be loosed, otherwise the contents of the scroll would be forever concealed. They could no more be discerned, or seen, while in the sealed state, than our modern books could be read so long as locked by one, two, or more clasps. Seals, then, being closures, they become symbolical of secrecy.”

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# SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND

“The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”

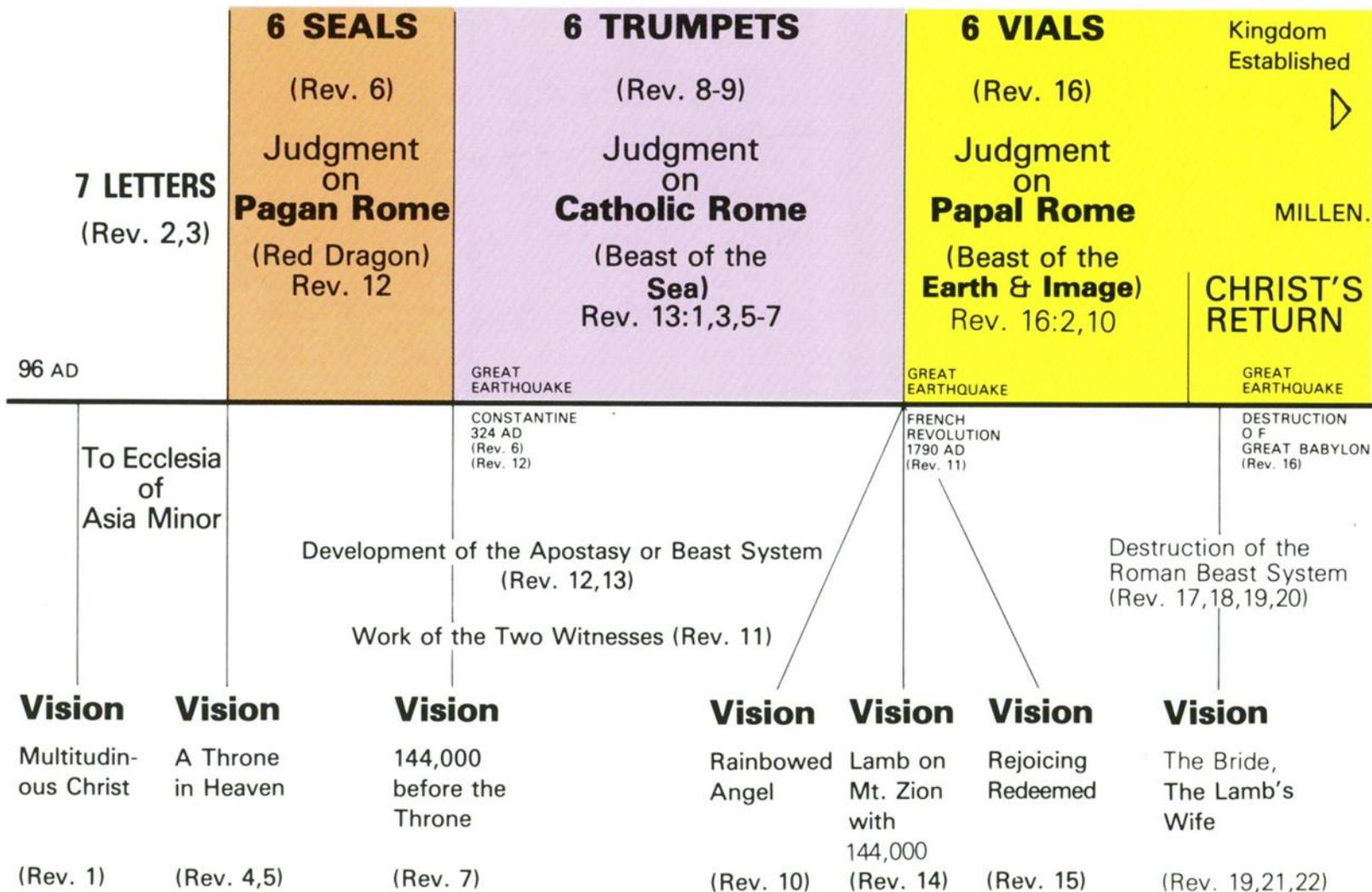
Psa. 110:1

# THE HISTORICAL PLAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

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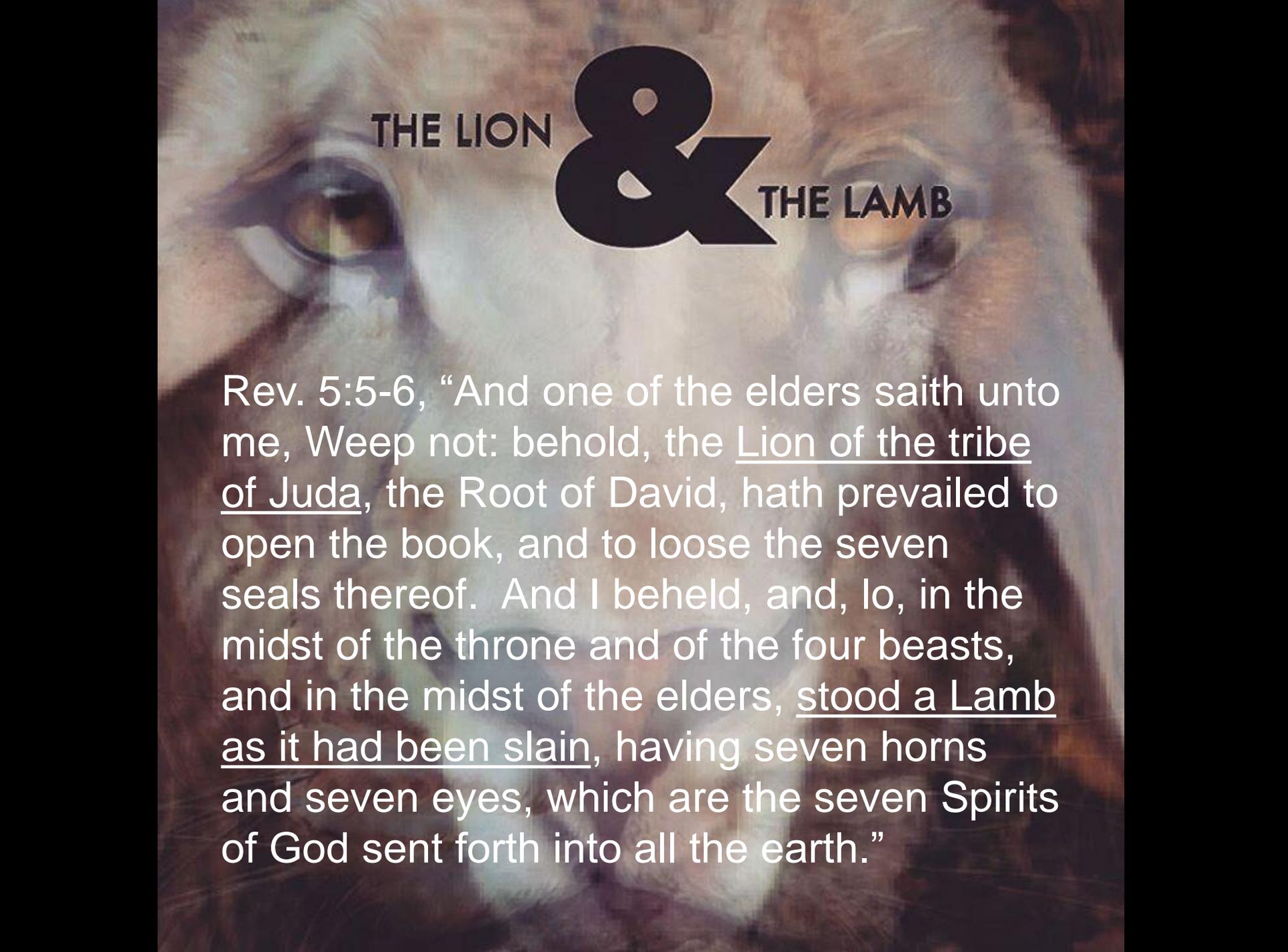
7th VIAL (16:17)



“The outsiders are those who make war upon and persecute the saints, such as the beasts, the image of the beast, dragon, and so forth. The things of the scroll written concerning these, were the things written on the outside; while those written on the inside, are the things written about the remnant of the woman's seed, the 144,000, the white robed palm bearers, the witnesses, the victorious harpists of the Deity, the Lamb's wife, his followers in the war of the great day of Almighty Power, and so forth.”

Brother John Thomas, *Eureka*, Vol.2, pg. 81





THE LION



THE LAMB

Rev. 5:5-6, “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”

Gen. 49:9-10, “Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”



# The Fourth Beast

“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth...”  
Dan. 7:7



Gk. *Nikao* = to subdue, conquer, overcome, get the victory, prevail

*Rev. 2:7*, “ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the ecclesias; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

*Rev. 2:11*, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the ecclesias; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”

*Rev. 2:17*, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the ecclesias; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”

Rev. 2:26-29, “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the ecclesias.”

Rev. 3:5, “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”

Rev. 3:12, “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”

Rev. 3:21, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

Rev. 21:7, “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

Throughout the *Apocalypse*, the Lamb is shown to be:

- The center of divine rule on earth, the object of the adoration and veneration of all created beings (Rev. 5:6, 8, 12, 13).
- The one who unlooses the seals, and thus guides the destiny of the nations (Rev. 6:1, 16).
- The acknowledged channel of divine love and salvation (Rev. 7:9, 10, 14).
- The shepherd shepherding the flock (Rev. 7:17).
- The inspirer of victory on the part of others (Rev. 12:11).
- The recorder of the book of life (Rev. 13:8; 21:27).
- The leader and shepherd of the redeemed (Rev. 14:1, 4).

Throughout the Apocalypse, the Lamb is shown to be (cont.):

- The conqueror of the beast (Rev. 14:10).
- The choir-leader of the victorious saints (Rev. 15:3).
- The captain of the victorious warriors who conquer the Catholic confederacy (Rev. 17:14).
- The bridegroom of saints (Rev. 19:7,9; 21:9).
- The foundation stone and light of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:14, 22, 23).
- The ruler of the age to come (Rev. 22:1, 3).

# The Twenty-four Elders and Four Living Ones



“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain...” Rev. 5:6

“These four living ones being ‘in the midst of the throne and in the circle of the throne,’ must be symbolical of those represented by the twenty-four elders, that is, of the saints. The elders, as we have seen, are representative of the saints in the peaceful exercise of their sacerdotal and regal functions, ‘resting from their labors’ performed in ‘the war of the great day of the almighty Deity’, while the four living ones represent the saints in cooperation with the Spirit carrying on the war to its victorious consummation.”

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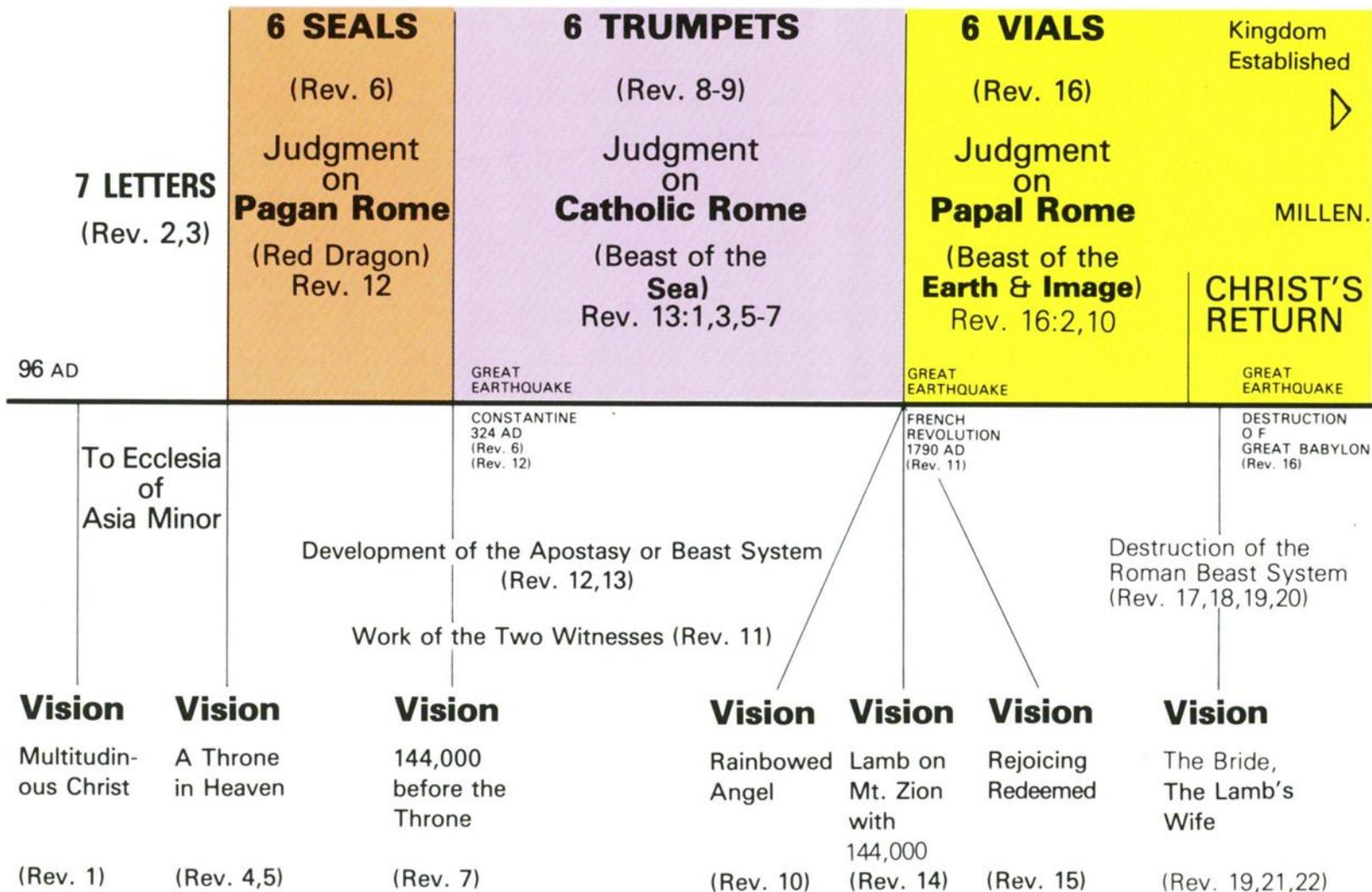


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“...the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

Rom. 8:7

“What we have to do is to confirm and build ourselves up in the resolution of this most holy faith, and to renew the war against the things that would obstruct our way to the Kingdom of God. Turn away your eyes from beholding vanity. It was David’s prayer to God that he might be enabled to do this.”

Brother Robert Roberts, *The Christadelphian*, 1884



**New Life**

**Old Life**

**Colossians 3:9 & 10**

---- **put off the old man** with  
his deeds;

---- **put on the new man**,  
which is renewed in  
knowledge after the image of  
him that created him:

“...our whole minds are the battleground and the war is a war of ideas, which are the great force leading to action. One state of mind is natural to us. Another state of mind is that in which God finds pleasure. He has given us the means of generating this other state of mind; and victory consists in successfully establishing this state of mind in the place of that which is natural, and acting it out in life.”

Brother Robert Roberts, *The Christadelphian*, 1884

“The veil of the temple was rent in twain at the death of Christ to signify that it was no longer the way of approach towards God. In drawing near by this new and living way, we are exhorted to ‘hold fast without wavering.’ Why should we waver? Flesh and blood is strong, but flesh and blood must be curbed. You say, it is difficult. So it is; the ‘Truth’ is difficult. It is a matter of ‘overcoming.’ To whom are the promises made in the second and third of Revelation? ‘To him that overcometh.’ ‘He that overcometh shall inherit all things.’ Therefore we must set ourselves to work with determination in a practical manner, to overcome the inclination of the flesh in every direction. If we do that, we shall not waver. God does not waver. If, therefore, our heart be with Him we shall not waver.”

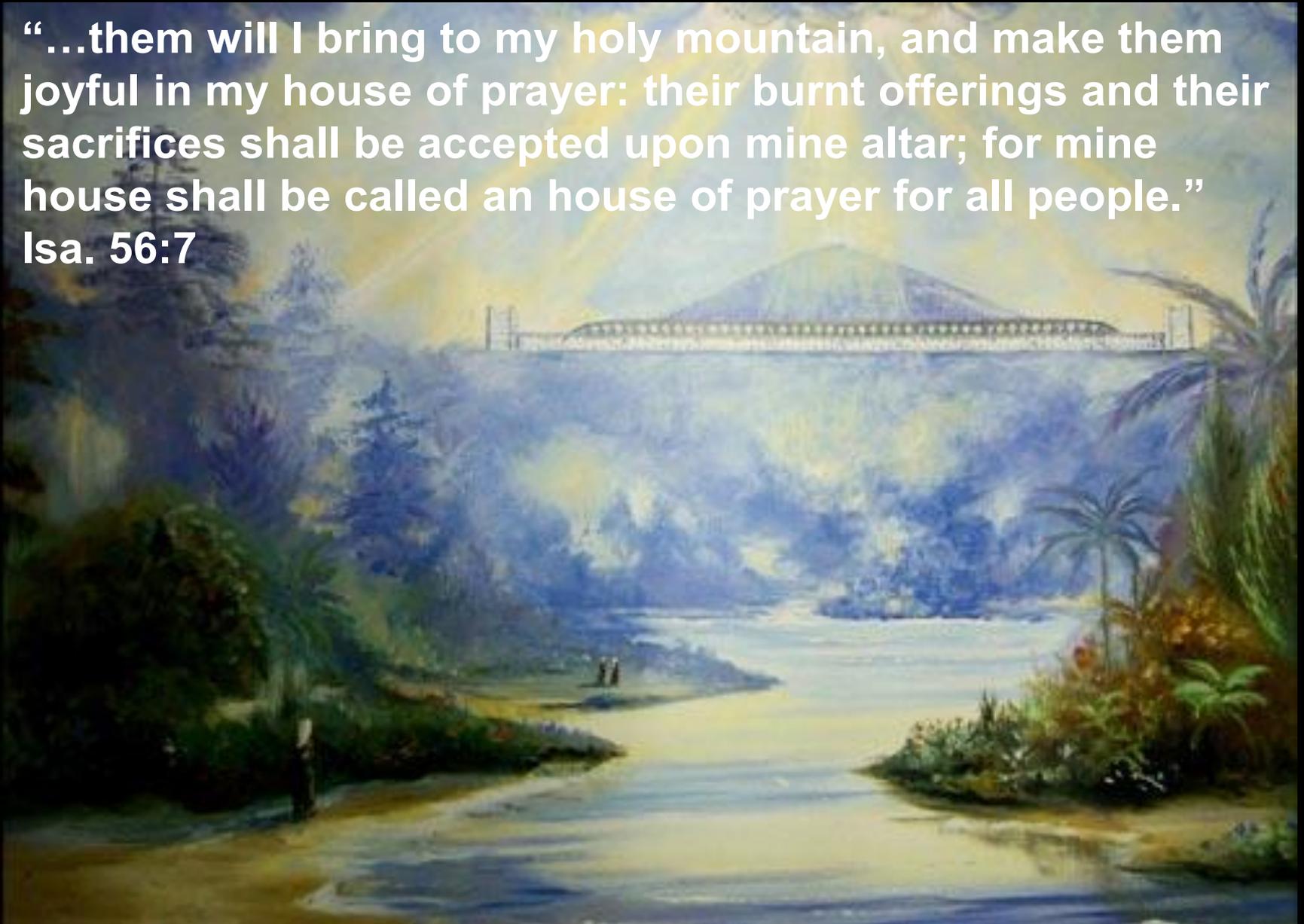
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## A True Christadelphian

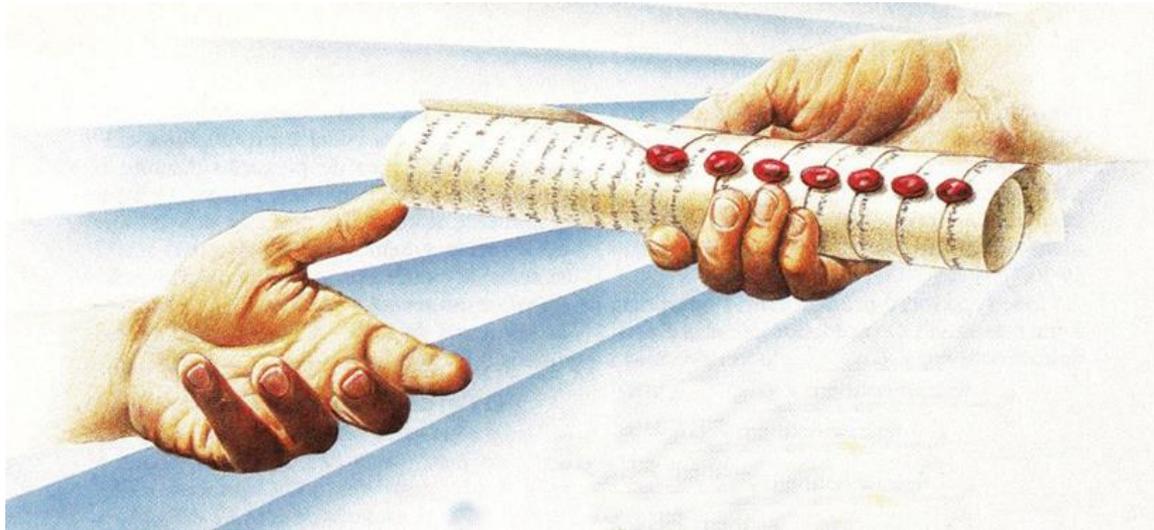
“The characteristic of a true Christadelphian is ‘the obedience of faith’ and a ‘walk worthy of God’; in other words, he first understands the things of the Kingdom of God and Name of Jesus Christ; secondly, he believes what he understands, and loves what he believes above every other thing; thirdly, his ‘faith, working by love’ him to be immersed into the Divine Name; fourthly, he walks in the Truth, and is careful to do nothing to its injury; and fifthly, he will not fellowship those who do not so believe and do.”

Brother John Thomas

**“...them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.”  
Isa. 56:7**



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