MAIN THOUGHT Before the TRIBULATION begins (Rev. Ch. 6-19), let us learn to WORSHIP (ascribe worth to) Him who sits on the THRONE (14x in ch. 4; 46x in Rev.).

WORSHIP THE REDEEMER

- A SCROLL (Gk=biblos – Bible) in God’s right hand: (1) written on both sides (Ex. 32:15; Ezek. 2:9-10) — full; (2) seven seals (like AUGUSTUS & VESPASIAN’s wills) — absolute inviolability (Dan. 12:4).
- The SEVEN SEALS affixed successively revealed the seven revelations of the “Operation Order” of God in the tribulation period (6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1).
- A MIGHTY ANGEL (Gabriel? – Dan. 8:16; 9:21) asks (town crier) who could open the scroll but their were none causing John to weep.

BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS (5). An elder (one of the 24) identified the one worthy: (1) THE LION (LION 1x rev./LAMB 28 x rev.) of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:9-10).
- (2) THE ROOT OF DAVID ( Isa. 11:1, 10; 53:2).

BECAUSE OF WHERE HE IS (6).
- The LION at the second coming is also the LAMB (Gk=amion – diminutive LAMB [29x in Rev.]) who was slain (John 1:29) at his first coming.
- Not in a manger or on a cross, but STANDING (Acts 7:55-56; but seated in Luke 22:69; Col 3:1) in the center of the throne of God where God is SEATED (4:2).
- Jesus is encircled by the four living creatures (cherubim angels – Ezek. 10:10) and the 24 Elders.
- He has 7 HORNS representing strength — OMNIPOTENCE (Dt. 33:17; Matt. 28:18) and 7 EYES representing all knowing — OMNISCIENCE (John 1:48).

BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DOES (7-10).
- As he took the scroll from God (Dan. 7:13-14), weeping turned into song.
- The 4 living creatures and 24 elders each had harps (Psa. 98:5-6) and golden bowls full of incense (Psa. 141:2; Luke 1:10) — the prayers of the saints.
- A NEW SONG: They sang a (1) NEW SONG (Psa. 98:1) for he had done NEW marvelous things; also in Revelation are a (2) NEW NAME (2:17; 3:12); (3) NEW JERUSALEM (3:12; 21:2); (4) NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH (21:1).
- This new song, not the old song of original creation (4:11), worshiped the LAMB by ascribing WORTH to him (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) for opening the scroll.
- A GOSPEL SONG: He was worthy for he had purchased, REDEEMED (Gk=agorazo – agora, marketplace) men with his blood (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
- A MISSIONARY SONG: every tribe, language, people, nation (John 3:16).
- A DEVOTIONAL SONG: we are kings and priests to SERVE God (1:6; 1 Pet. 2:9).
- A PROPHETICAL SONG: we will REIGN with Christ on earth (20:6).

BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS (11-14). Myriads of ANGELS encircle the throne along with EVERY CREATURE (Rom. 8:19-21) concluding with “Amen” (22:21).