

**The Bible In 16 Verses (and 14 weeks!)**

Week Four

*“The Lion of the Tribe of ...Judah?”*

Genesis 49:10

Pastor Steve Treichler

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (8:30 and 10:30am), FB Live (10am)

*For His Glory and our joy!*

Passage:

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Message Notes:

**Introduction** – *Kid in a candy store this week!*

Today’s Message:

*The Lion of the Tribe of ... Judah?*

*Genesis 49:10*

2 Background Issues and 1 Theme to follow:

**Background #1 – What is up with the “weirdness” of this blessing?**

*See passage in context*

Genesis 49:8-12

*Judah should have been expecting like his brothers*

Genesis 49:1-7

*What’s up with donkey and grapes?*

**Background #2 - Judah???? Are you kidding me!!!!**

*Judah’s parents start out dysfunctional*

Genesis 29:25-28

*Judah is born*  
Genesis 29:35

*The whole 12 brother saga from four different mothers... yikes!*

*What the brothers (and especially Judah) does to the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest, Joseph*  
Genesis 37:19-27

*The Tamar fiasco*  
Genesis 38:24-30

*And, yet, God's purposes, mercy and plan for his salvation will not be thwarted*  
Matthew 1:1-3

*The line of kings (David and others) and the future king (Messiah) will come through Judah*  
1 Chronicles 17:10

**Big Theme to follow:**

*"The obedience of the nations shall be his"*  
Psalm 2:8-9

*Seems to be a military conquering*  
Isaiah 11:1-5

*Wait, could this be different? Salvation to the Nations?*  
Isaiah 49:6-7

*Oh. My. Goodness. Iron Rod of Ruling = The Gospel!!*  
Romans 1:5-6

*But, now this Ruler must also be a priest to offer cleansing and forgiveness*  
Hebrews 7:14-17

*Ready to get your mind blown! How this all adds up in the end*  
Revelation 5

**Gospel Applications**

*Do you, like Judah, ask "Why would you have mercy on me?"*  
*Does the absolute surety of God's promises, mercy and faithfulness provide an anchor for your soul?*

## Other Scripture Passages used (New International Version)

### **Genesis 3:15**

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### **1 Chronicles 17:10b-14**

<sup>10b</sup>“ I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: <sup>11</sup>When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup>He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. <sup>14</sup>I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.’ ”

### **Psalms 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

### **Isaiah 11:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of

counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

### **Isaiah 49:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

### **Romans 1:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

### **Hebrews 7:11-17**

<sup>11</sup>If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup>For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. <sup>13</sup>He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup>For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. <sup>15</sup>And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup>one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup>For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

### **Revelation 5**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are

the seven spirits <sup>2</sup> of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup>You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

#### Quotes:

The subsequent verse by hyperbole depicts Judah (or his royal offspring) as a prosperous husbandman, producing an extravagant harvest of grapes (v. 11). The metaphor of a rich grape harvest indicating wealth is common (e.g., 27:28, 37; Deut 8:8; 33:28; Amos 9:13)... The visage of a “donkey” harnessed to a “vine”, even a “choice vine” conveys the picture of a successful harvest. A donkey so tied will consume the vine's grapes and even the vine itself, thus showing that due to the owner's wealth he has no regard for the vine...The final couplet of v. 11 depicts the extravagant use of crushed grapes for washing clothes. The parallelism gives the general term for garments, followed by the unique word “robes”. That wine can be substituted for wash water demonstrates the excess of the owner's grape harvest... So rich and abundant is the wine that he has produced, his eyes are “darker” than the wine itself, and his teeth glisten

whiter than milk against his red-stained lips. The images of wine and milk portray prosperity (e.g., Deut 32:14; Isa 55:1).<sup>1</sup>

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# The Seed of the Woman vrs. the Seed of the Serpent

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# Judah the King



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**Genesis 49:10**

**SHOCK AND AWE**



**WE MUST**

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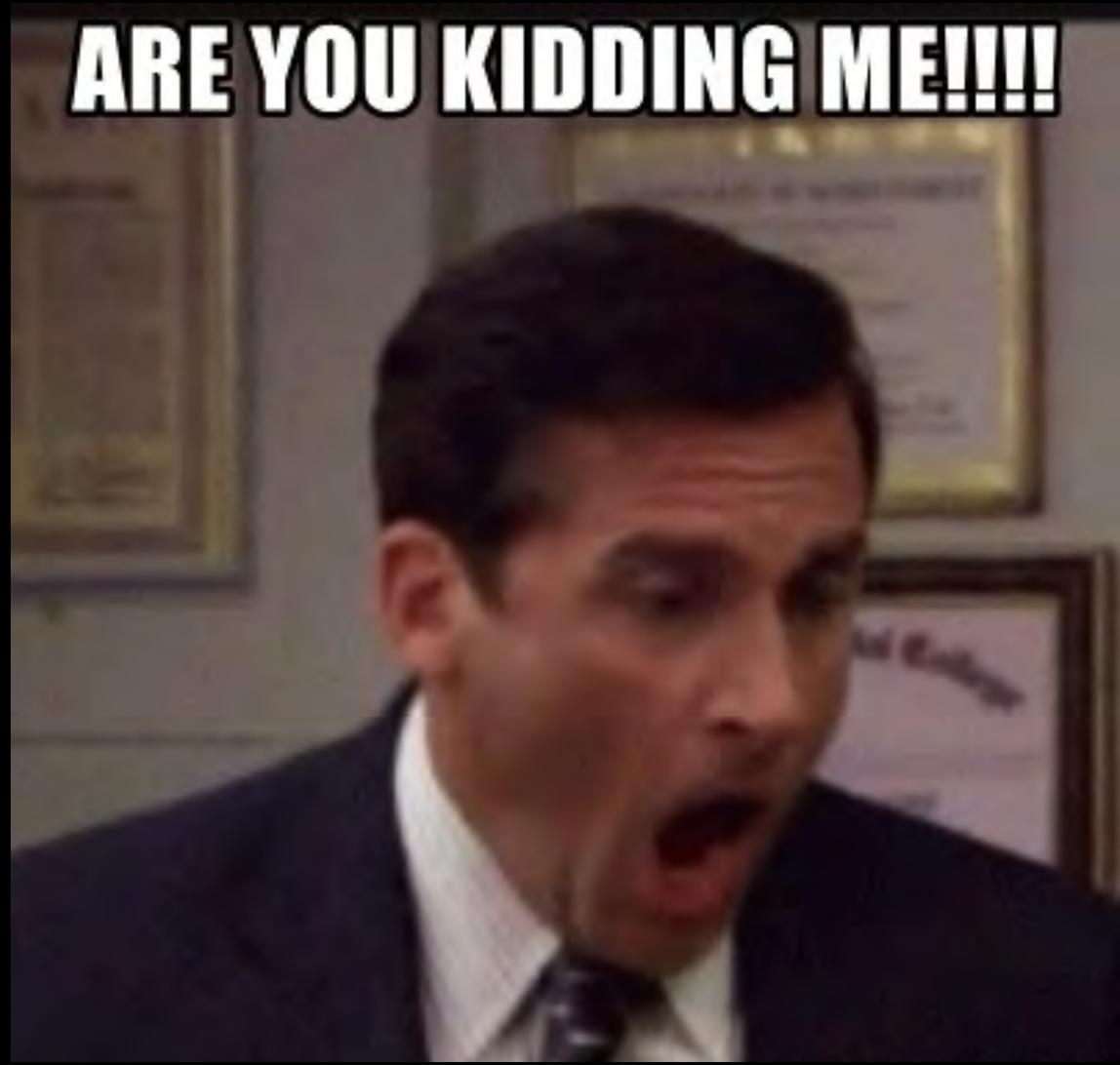
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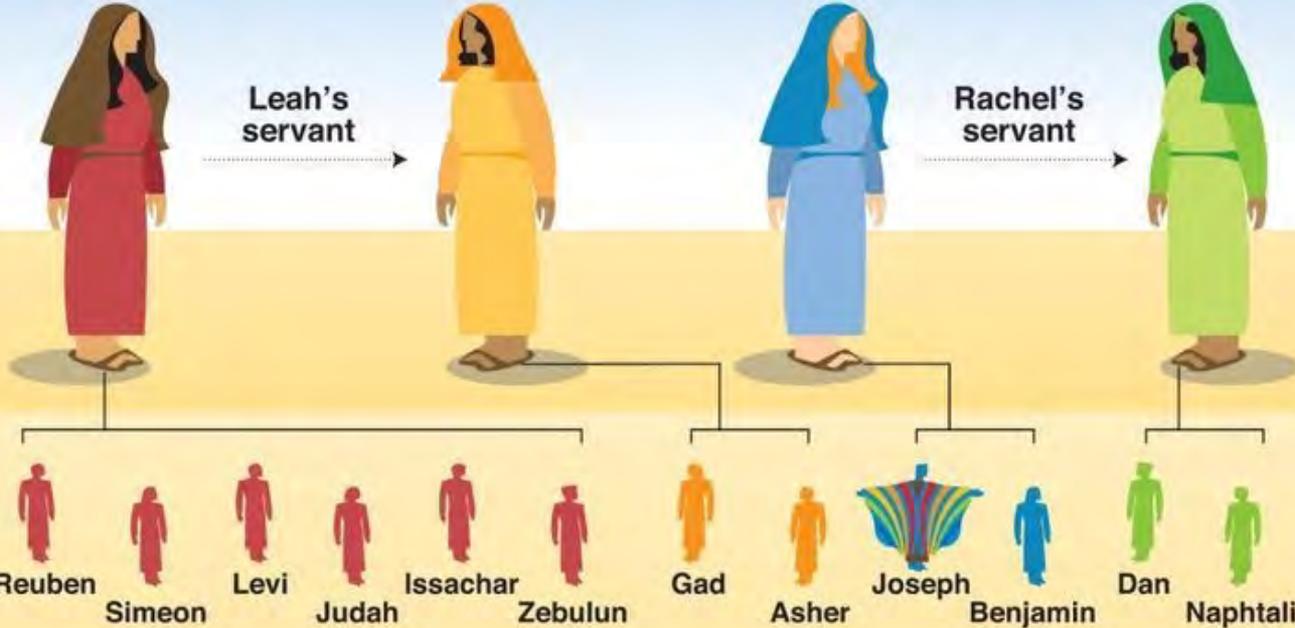
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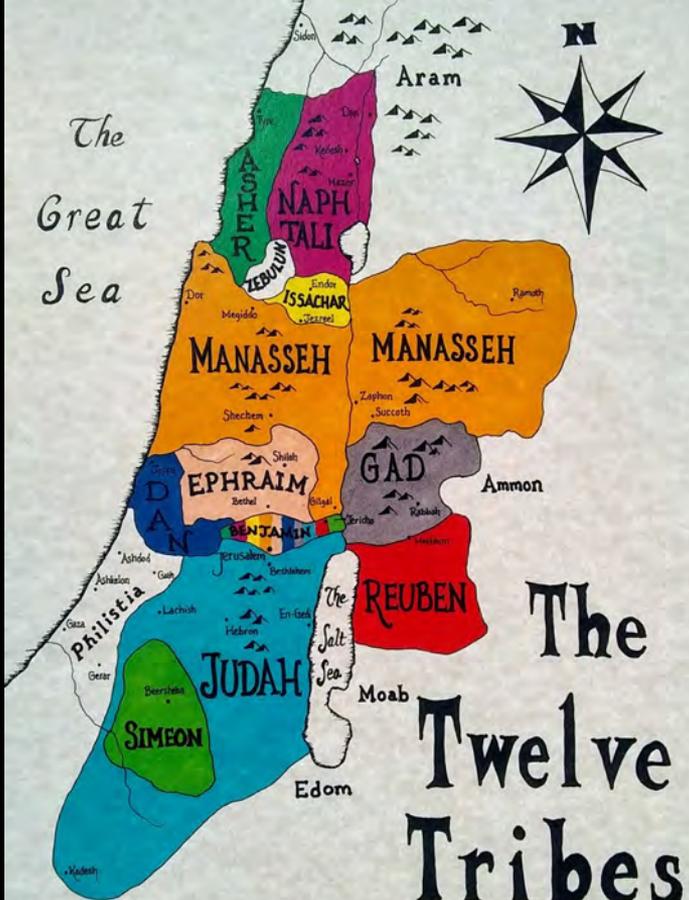
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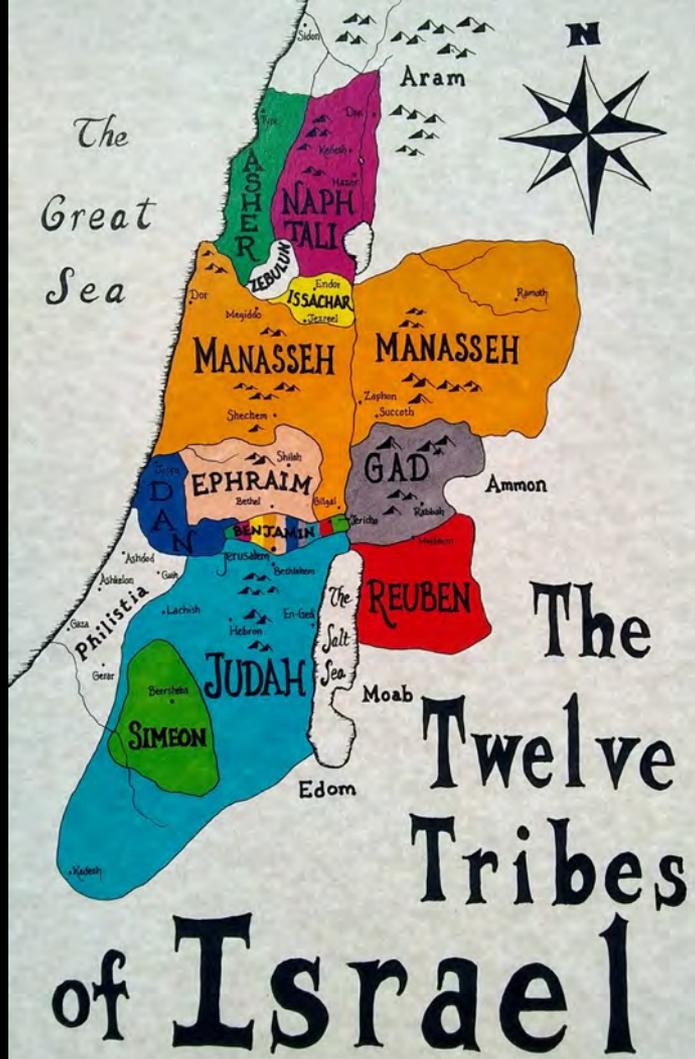


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Tribes

of **Israel**

## 1 Chronicles 17:10b-14

<sup>10b</sup>“ ‘I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: <sup>11</sup>When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>12</sup>He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. <sup>14</sup>I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.’ ”



# Big Theme to follow:

Judah's blessing:  
His offspring  
will rule the nations



## BIBLE PASSAGE - Genesis 49:10

### Genesis 49:8-12

<sup>8</sup>“Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you.

<sup>9</sup>You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him? <sup>10</sup>The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. <sup>11</sup>He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. <sup>12</sup>His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

## Psalm 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup>You will break  
them with a rod of iron; you will dash them  
to pieces like pottery.”

## Isaiah 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD – <sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

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He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

## Isaiah 49:6-7

<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says — the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel — to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

## Romans 1:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

## Hebrews 7:14-17

<sup>14</sup>For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

<sup>15</sup>And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup>one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

<sup>17</sup>For it is declared: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

## Revelation 5

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup>I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

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<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits <sup>z</sup> of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying:

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“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup>You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

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