Old Testament Allusions and Parallels in Revelation 4-5

An ***allusion*** is when an author makes a deliberate reference to another text of Scripture. They are made through a connection to words, phrases, themes, motifs, events, type-scenes, figures, etc. When identifying a legitimate allusion, one must be able to prove that there is a connection between the two texts, and that the author would have both intended to make that connection and expected his readers to catch the reference. The most reliable measures for determining this are *verbal coherence* (similar vocab, syntax, grammar, etc.) and/or *thematic coherence* (common themes, motifs, images, etc.)

Note: NT authors frequently alluded to the popular translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek, known as the 'Septuagint' (or LXX). This often explains any differences you find between quotations and allusions in the NT and the way your translation renders the source verse in the OT (which in most English Bibles is translated from Hebrew).

Rev	OT Allusion	Rev	OT Allusion
4:1	Ex 19:20, 24; Dan 2:28-29, 45	*5:1*	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; 29:11; Ezek 1:26-27; 2:9-10; Ps 47:8; Dan 12:4; 2 Chr 18:18
4:2	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-27; Ps 47:8; 2 Chr 18:18	*5:4*	Dan 7:17
4:3	Ezek 1:26-28	*5:5*	Gen 49:9-10; Num 23:24; 24:9; Isa 11:1, 10
4:4	Isa 24:23; 1 Chr 24-26	*5:6*	Ex 12; Isa 53 (esp. v.7); Zech 3:9; 4:10; Dan 7:21; 2 Chr 16:9; (cf. John 1:29)
4:5	Ex 19:16; Ezek 1:13; Zech 4:2	*5:7*	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-27; Ps 47:8; 2 Chr 18:18
4:6	Ezek 1:5-10; 1:22; 10:14	*5:8*	Ps 141:2
4:7	Ezek 1:5-10; 10:14	*5:9*	Ex 12; Isa 42:10; 53 (esp. v.7); Ps 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1
4:8	Ex 3:14; Isa 6:2-3; 41:4; Ezek 1:18; 10:12; Amos 3:13; 4:13	*5:10*	Ex 19:6; Isa 61:6; Dan 7:22, 27; (cf. 1 Pet 2:5)
4:9	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-27; Ps 47:8; Dan 4:34; 6:26; 12:7; 2 Chr 18:18	*5:11*	Dan 7:10
4:10	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-27; Ps 47:8; 2 Chr 18:18	*5:12*	Ex 12; Isa 53 (esp. v.7); 1 Chr 29:11
4:11	Gen 1:1	*5:13*	1 Ki 22:19; Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-27; Ps 47:8; 2 Chr 18:18; (cf. Phil 2:10)