

Revelation 5

Verse 1

This shows that God the Father is on the throne as He holds the scroll with His right hand, the hand of power and authority.

The significance that the scroll has been sealed with seven seals is that it shows ownership and the genuineness of the document.

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We are not told what is written on the scroll itself outside of the fact that there was writing on both sides.

This is reminiscent of Ezekiel 2:9-10 - ⁹ Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.

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Ancient wills were always sealed with seven seals.

Hebrews 1:1-4 - God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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Daniel 7:13-14 - ¹³ “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

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God always warned someone when judgment was about to take place. Noah, Abraham, all the prophets, even reluctant Jonah, Jesus Himself warned of Jerusalem's upcoming siege and overthrow and finally God warns the world one last time of impending Judgment.

It is important to note that it was the people of God to warn those around them and intercede for them as Abraham did.

Verse 2

***² And I saw a strong angel announcing with a loud voice,
“Who is worthy [having the authority and virtue] to open
the scroll and to break its seals? (AMP)***

Verses 3-4

No one in heaven, on the earth or in the abode of the dead was found worthy.

As John sees that no one is worthy he weeps. Again, there is speculation he weeps because he wanted to know what was in the scroll or maybe just that no one was worthy in the presence of God.

Maybe, John simply senses his own unworthiness.



Verse 5

Finally, one of the elders' comforts John and lets him know there has always been One who was worthy.

John, as we will see in a minute sees a lamb, but the elder states that Jesus is the Lion.

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Genesis 49:8-10 - “Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; Your father’s sons shall bow down to you. ⁹“Judah, a lion’s cub; With the prey, my son, you have gone high up [the mountain]. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and like a lion—who dares rouse him? ¹⁰“The scepter [of royalty] shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes, and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (AMP)

Verses 6-7

Before the Lion conquers the world, He first had to conquer sin. (Isaiah 53)

The suffering Messiah comes before the conquering Messiah.

John sees the crucified Jesus



Verses 6-7

For the church, Jesus' bride, He will always be the Lamb. That is how we will always see Jesus. In fact, Jesus is referred to 34 times as the Lamb in Revelation.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Corinthians 1:30 - ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

Verses 6-7

Hebrews 9:15 - ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Verses 6-7

With Jesus is walking in unity with the Holy Spirit (seven horns and seven eyes). – John 16

Seven horns – perfect power. Seven eyes – perfect omniscience

Verses 6-7

Once Jesus takes the scroll (book) He has all authority to act as the Ruler of the earth.

Again, this mirrors Daniel 7:13-14.

Verse 8

Golden bowl – censors.

*Psalm 141:2 - Let my prayer be set before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

Verse 8

The general consensus is that they are the prayers for Jesus' kingdom to come.

2 Peter 3:11-12 - ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Verses 9-10

What makes this song “new” is that it is a song of the redeemed. A song of grace and the blood of Jesus. It is a song of the saints in heaven.

Angels are not redeemed.

Verses 9-10

Notice what the Lamb is worshipped for:

1. He alone in all creation is worthy

2. He was slain (Isaiah 53, Colossians 1:14 & 20)

3. He redeemed us by His blood (Hebrews 9:15, Acts 20:28, Romans 3:25 & 5:9, Ephesians 1:7)

Verses 9-10

4. He has redeemed us from every tongue, tribe and nation. He truly is no respecter of persons. (Acts 10:34, Romans 10:12-13, Galatians 3:27-29)

5. He has made us kings and priests to God (1 Peter 2:5, 2 Peter 2:9)

6. We shall reign on the earth with Him. (2 Timothy 2:12, Matthew 25)

Verses 11-12

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and [the voice] of the living creatures and the elders; and they numbered myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands (innumerable), (AMP)

Verses 11-12

What is the Lamb worthy to receive:

Power – Think ruling power and saving power - Matthew 28:18, 1 Corinthians 1:24

Riches – “He has a double claim on the wealth of the universe: first by creation and then by redemption” – Stanley Horton - Psalm 50:10, Haggai 2.

Wisdom – He is the wisdom of God – 1 Corinthians 1:24

Verses 11-12

Strength – He is the all-powerful God. He laid His life down and then He took it back up again. - John 10:17-18

Honor – Reverence and respect and to esteem highly. Fear of the Lord is about honoring and keeping His character. – Proverbs 9:10, Isaiah 29:13 & 43:20-23, Jeremiah 33:8-9

Glory – The brightness and splendor that only God could have. – John 17:5, Hebrews 1:1-4

Blessing – In the Greek the word is praise. – Hebrews 13:15, 1 Peter 2:9

Verses 13-14

All creation worships and testifies of the Lamb that was slain.