

Let's start with a Quick End-Times World Update

6 days ago - Aug 12, 2012 - Israeli security sources said that Iran will definitely have a Nuclear Bomb by Oct 2012

On Aug 15 (4 days ago) - Iran's Supreme leader again said - of ISRAEL - ***"this Islamic land will certainly be returned to the Palestinian nation, and the . . . fake Zionist (Israeli regime) will disappear from the landscape***

& of course - Iran's President has OFTEN promised to wipe Israel off the map - as soon as he can

& EGYPT - Once an ALLY of Israel - is Now controlled by the Super Extremist group - The Muslim Brotherhood

Whose Supporters - 2 days ago, 8/17 - Took those who were protesting against them - SCOURGED them - & CRUCIFIED them Naked as a sign to those who would come against Islamic Rule

The same Muslim Brotherhood supporters Brutally RAPED a CNN Reporter in Feb of this yr - Which our Media COVERED UP

On Aug 13 (6 days ago) The UN General Secretary invited the President of U.S. to a VIP Luncheon with the President of IRAN AND the New Islamic Extremist President of EGYPT

& so - the Extremist Muslim President of Egypt - The Psychopathic President of Iran - & the President of the U.S. have been asked - to have lunch together on Sept 25 at the UN

you can ask me for Documentation on those news events

<http://forzion.com/2012/08/13/obama-to-dine-with-ahmadinejad-morsi-at-u-n-assembly-in-ny/>

<http://forzion.com/2012/08/16/khamenei-calls-for-fake-zionist-regime-to-disappear/>  
<http://forzion.com/2012/08/14/iran-can-build-an-nuclear-bomb-by-oct-1/>  
<http://www.inquisitr.com/305491/muslim-brotherhood-supporters-scourge-and-crucify-secular-protesters/>

**If you would ask - WHY is all that so important ?? - *I would say . . .***

**Because an event like this - Where the Major Powers in the World turn against Israel - is clearly spelled out in EZEKIEL 38 & 39**

There's just one catch - it seems clear - this Great Battle Against Israel - Occurs AFTER the Rapture

So - the more we see the world turn against Israel - The more you & I need to make sure - We are READY for the RAPTURE

**Let's Pray**

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**The title of the Msg this morn is "The Beginning of the End"**

**I almost titled it - "The Beginning of the Beginning" Because that's what's REALLY happening in Rev Ch 5**

It's the Beginning of the Beginning - of the TRANSFER of this Earth - BACK to the One - to whom it RIGHTFULLY BELONGS

**The One who Created it - & the One for Whom it was Created JESUS CHRIST !!**

**Ch's 4 & 5 go together - So this is a continuation of the picture we saw in the Throne Room of Heaven in Ch 4**

We paused last week to talk about the Crowns that the 24 Elders were casting before the Throne

So we took a Sunday to talk about the Judgment Seat of Christ - & WHERE we get those CROWNS

So Today - we return to that same Throne Room Event - so we've got to keep that awesome picture of WORSHIP in our minds

Because Rev Ch 5 is One of the Most Incredible & Awesome Worship Events for all TIME

AND - We ALSO See in This Ch - THE KEY to the unfolding of the Entire Tribulation - in Ch's 6 - 19

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So - John's Continuing to Describe the Same Incredible Worship Scene he was describing in Ch 4

& we pick it up in Revelation 5:1 (esv)

*1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.*

In the Right Hand of God the Father on the Throne John sees a scroll that looks like a Roman WILL of that time Sealed with 7 Seals - which was the legal procedure of Rome

Scholars have suggested some different meanings for this scroll

But the SIMPLEST - & MOST OBVIOUS meaning is that this scroll is - The TITLE DEED to the Earth

It's the Father's WILL (so-to-speak) - for the Son & within the Scroll - IS the Final Title Deed to the Earth

**The Scroll is written on the Front & the Back  
meaning it's completely FULL**

Which is **why Unfolding it** - is **going to take us** from **Ch 6 - 19**

As this **scroll** "**Opens**" before us - The **ENTIRE TRIBULATION**  
**PERIOD** on Earth - **Will Unfold** . . .

**LEADING UP** to this **Earth** being **RETURNED**  
to its **Rightful Owner** - **Jesus Christ** !!

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As **this Scroll** unfolds - & the **Tribulation Begins**  
We are **going to see** - **Three SETS** of **SEVEN**

**SEVEN Seals** - **SEVEN Trumpets** - **SEVEN Bowls** (vials)

These Three **SETS of SEVEN** make up the **Entire Tribulation** period  
& they're **ALL Contained** in the **Scroll** the **FATHER** has in His **hand**

So - **Here's** a Rough **OUTLINE** of the **Tribulation** period . . .

The first **SIX** seals **come off in order** - & then - **there's a PAUSE**

Then - The **SEVENTH Seal** is broken - & **WITHIN**  
the **7th Seal** - is the **Next Set of Seven** - The **Seven Trumpets**

The **First Six Trumpets** come off in Order  
& then there's another (longer) Pause

& then **Within the 7th Trumpet** - is another **Set of SEVEN** -  
The Final **BOWL Judgments** poured out on the earth

It's gonna take awhile - but by the time **THIS SCROLL** is  
Fully **UN-ROLLED** . . .the Seven Year **TRIBULATION** is **OVER**

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**THAT** is **how Critical** what we're **looking at** today **Is** - -

**The Unfolding of this WILL;**

**FIRST brings** - the **Judgment of God** upon the Earth

**And THEN** - **TRANSFERS** the **RULER-SHIP** of this Earth  
to the One & Only - **RIGHTFUL RULER**

**Psalm 24:1–2 (NLT)**

***1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.***

***2 For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.***

**This Earth** - **ORIGINALLY** - & **ULTIMATELY** - Belongs to **the LORD**

**Colossians 1:16 (esv)**

***16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth . . . all things were created through him and for him.***

& **ALL THINGS** are going **BACK TO HIM !!!**

& **what** we see here in **REV Ch 5**  
is **THAT** - **Beginning to Happen !!**

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**Right now** - It doesn't really **LOOK**  
like **the Earth belongs** to **the LORD** - ***Right?***

Because **Back** in **Gen Ch 1** - **God** gave this earth **to MAN**

In **GEN 1:28** - ***God said to Man, “. . . fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over . . . every living thing”***

& Adam & Eve did *just that* - Right up till Ch 3!!  
When Man GAVE this world over to SATAN in Sin

But Satan is the USURPER - Little 'g' god of this world

& Here - in Rev Ch 5 - the Title Deed to the Earth - is about to be given back to its RIGHTFUL OWNER - Jesus Christ !!!

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So - Let's WATCH it Happen . . .

1st - John Sees the Scroll in the Hand of the Father on the Throne

& then John says in - Revelation 5:2 (esv)

*2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"*

*3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,*

Not JUST an Angel - who are ALL Magnificent -

But a MIGHTY Angel - A Strong, Powerful Angel

Is Crying Out - "*Who is worthy to open the scroll and its seals?*"

& V.3 says NO ONE - in HEAVEN - on EARTH  
or even UNDER the EARTH - was found Worthy

Now - I've got to believe this was a little  
"DRAMATIC BUILDUP" - on God's Part

We KNOW - There is ONE Who is WORTHY to Take  
the Deed to this Earth - & to Rightfully RECLAIM its Possession

& you would THINK - John would Know WHO that ONE IS - -  
But it seems like Maybe it's just all a little TOO MUCH for John

**& so - in Revelation 5:4 - John says (esv)**

***4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.***

**& we want to say - COME ON John**

**You KNOW Who's WORTHY - You KNOW Who's ABLE**

**& THAT'S Exactly what happens**

One of US - A BELIEVER - One of OUR Representatives  
**helps John get it together**

**Revelation 5:5 (esv)**

***5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."***

**This is an INCREDIBLE MOMENT - that's been BUILDING from Ch 4  
& John just CRACKS a little - under The Magnificence of it all**

**& one of the ELDERS**

Who represent US !! says to him

***"HEY - QUIT Your CRYIN - the Lion of the tribe of Judah, has conquered, & HE can open the scroll and its seals."***

**& so John WIPES his Eyes - & HE looks - to See the LION**

**& we read in Revelation 5:6 (esv)**

***6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.***

The Elder Says to John - THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH  
has CONQUERED - & can Open the Scroll

& John turns - & he sees - A LAMB

& NOT JUST a LAMB - But a LAMB that was STANDING  
(represents VICTORY) - Even tho it had been Slain

& NOT ONLY Standing - Even tho it had been SLAIN  
But with SEVEN Horns - which Symbolize - PERFECT POWER

HORNS are Symbol of POWER - SEVEN the # of PERFECTION

& NOT ONLY a LAMB that had been Slain -  
That was STANDING - In Perfect Power

But also with SEVEN Eyes - Which are the Seven Spirits  
(7-Fold Spirit) of God - sent out into all the earth

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This is an Incredible Description of Jesus Christ

But Allow me to point out just one other thing - -

John could easily TELL - that this Lamb had been Slain

MEANING - The Evidence of the PRICE Jesus PAID  
to REDEEM you & me from our Sin

will ALWAYS REMAIN Visible to us in HEAVEN

I believe - So that we will NEVER FORGET  
How Great A Sacrifice it TOOK - to get us there

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Now - Taking Vs's 5 & 6 together

Let's Try to GRASP the LION and the LAMB

As The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Jesus is the Ultimate Promised Ruler

As The Root of David - He is the SOURCE (The Beginning)  
of the Linage of God's Rulers

& As the LAMB that was SLAIN - He is our SAVIOR . . .

Who is VICTORIOUS in Heaven - With PERFECT POWER -  
& Sending out the Spirit of God into all the Earth !!!

& THIS ONE - Who is the LION & the LAMB . . .

is ABOUT to take the TITLE DEED to this Earth

& begin the PROCESS of RIGHTFULLY RULING All that is HIS !

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The LION of the Tribe of Judah

was first Prophesied - when Jacob said in

**Genesis 49:10 (nlt) *The scepter will not depart from Judah . . .  
until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all  
nations will honor.***

& from that point - the Messiah became KNOWN  
as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah

& He is The ROOT of DAVID - Meaning that He is the SOURCE  
of the Linage of the Kings of Israel

& He is the Lamb - that when John the Baptist first saw him

**he said in John 1:29 (esv) . . . “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**

As **SAVIOR** of those who **BELIEVE** - He is the **LAMB**  
As **RULER** over **ALL** - He is the **LION**

He **Came** the **1st time** as the **LAMB**  
to **SAVE YOU** from your **Sin**

He’s **Coming** the **2nd time** as the **LION**  
to **RULE & REIGN** for Eternity

As the **LAMB** - He was **JUDGED** for your SIN  
As the **LION** - He will **JUDGE** this World

As the **LAMB** - He took upon Himself - Your **Judgment**  
As the **LION** - He **WILL Bring Judgment** upon the Earth

& **Whether** Jesus is the **LAMB** that Slain for your Sin -  
or **Whether** Jesus is the **LION** that will be your Judge . . . **Is up to YOU !**

He is **BOTH** - & He **WILL BE** - **ONE** or **the OTHER** in Your Life

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**THIS** is **Jesus Christ** - **Getting READY** - To **RULE**

**In the Prophet Daniel’s Vision - In Daniel 7:14 - it says (NLT)**  
**14 He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.**

& **THIS moment** - we see in **Rev Ch 5** - Is the Beginning  
of **THAT** Coming **to PASS**

**& it STARTS Right HERE - in Revelation 5:7-8 (esv) -**

***7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.***

***8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.***

**Immediately when Jesus RECEIVES the Title Deed to the Earth the Throne Room in Heaven - FALLS DOWN in Worship**

The **Four LIVING BEINGS** - (the Worship Leaders of Heaven)

The **24 ELDERS** - (Which Represent US)

**Everyone FALLS DOWN before the LAMB - To WORSHIP!!**

& it says the **24 Elders** were each holding a **HARP**

& **guess what** - the **Greek Word** translated **HARP** here is most accurately - A **LYRE** - Like **King David** played

A **LYRE** is a **Hand-Held HARP** that **looks** an **awful lot** - Like a **GUITAR** !! - (so we got *THAT*)

& isn't it incredible that **The Prayers Of The Saints** become the **Sweet Aroma** of **Heaven** - as **Bowls of Incense**

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And **WE** (as the 24 Elders) are **singing a NEW SONG** **with everything** we've **GOT**

**Revelation 5:9-10 (esv)**

***9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood***

***you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”***

**We're singing WORTHY is the LAMB**

But **we're singing** about **US** being **BOUGHT** with **HIS BLOOD**  
from **EVERY Tribe** & **Language** & **People** & **Nation** !!

& He has **MADE of US** a **KINGDOM**  
& **We are PRIESTS** to our **GOD** - (*in a way like “Risen Kings”*)

& we Will **REIGN on EARTH** With **HIM** !!  
& **THAT** is **good reason** to be **Worshipping** with **ALL we've Got**

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& we're **NOT the ONLY Ones Worshipping** !!

**Revelation 5:11 (esv)**

***11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, (of ANGELS)***

**John looks up - & he ZOOMS OUT from the Throne**

He sees **the Living Beings** - *the Worship Leaders of Heaven*  
He sees **the Elders** - *Representing ALL Believers . . .*

& **then - Beyond** That - He **SEES** - & He **HEARS**  
an **OCEAN of ANGELS** as **far** as **the Eye** can **SEE**

**Innumerable ! - *Myriads of Myriads - & Thousands of Thousands***

**& Revelation 5:12 says they are (esv)**

***12 saying with a loud voice (crying out), “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”***

An **OCEAN of Angels - Too Numerous** to ever count  
**ALL** crying out in **Worship Together**

**Worthy** is the **Lamb** - **Worthy is the Lamb who was SLAIN**

**HE is WORTHY** to Receive **Power and Wealth and Wisdom and Might and Honor and Glory and Blessing**

The **WORSHIP LEADERS** of Heaven are **CRYING OUT**  
The **CHURCH** in Heaven is **CRYING OUT**  
The Myriad of **ANGELS** are **CRYING OUT** . . .  
**AND IT’S NOT ENOUGH !!! - It’s NOT Enough !!!**

**EVERY CREATURE** Must **JOIN** in this Worship Chorus!!  
- - And the **WORSHIP is ON - NOW !!**

**Revelation 5:13 (esv)**

***13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”***

**EVERY Creature** - In **Heaven** - On **Earth** - **Under the Earth** -  
**& in the SEA** - Crying out with the Heavenly Choir . . .

***“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”***

What an **INDESCRIBABLE SCENE**

**This Event** is **SO BIG** - It **Calls Together** **ALL** of Creation

In **ALL OUT Worship** - of the **LAMB** Who was **SLAIN** - -  
**AND** Who is **About** to **take on** His **Role** as the **LION**

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& **I LOVE** the **Last Verse** - Because **the 24 Elders**  
**DO EXACTLY** what **I Pray** we would **ALL do** - *Even NOW*

**Revelation 5:14 (esv)**

*14 And the four living creatures (worship leaders) said, "Amen!"  
and the elders (us) fell down and worshiped.*

**Listen to me please**

*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For  
the trumpet will sound, and . . .*

**As Believers** - We will **find ourselves** in **the midst**  
of this **indescribable Scene** in **Heaven** - **DON'T MISS IT !!!**

this **Incredible Worship Event** - is **The Beginning . . .**

It's the **Beginning of THE END** for this **Sinful World**

But it's the **Beginning of THE BEGINNING** - of the **RULE & REIGN**  
of **Jesus Christ** Our Lord - **The LION** & **The LAMB**

**& TODAY** - You can **KNOW** that you will **BE THERE**

You **can KNOW** - for sure - that **YOU** will **BE THERE**  
When **ALL** of Creation **CRIES OUT** in **Worship to the KING**

& it's NOT by anything you can DO or EARN  
But by you Putting your FAITH in Jesus Christ ALONE

REPENT of the Sin that is going to bring  
the Judgment of God upon this World

RECEIVE Jesus Christ as your SAVIOR  
& Make Him Your LORD

& IF you will DO THAT - There will be a Place Reserved for you  
in the Most Incredible Worship Event - EVER

Let's Pray