

REVELATION: THE FINAL ANSWER

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The Final Answer - The King Is Coming (Part 1)

Revelation 4:1-11; Revelation 5:1-14

| INTRODUCTION | NOTES |
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| The fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation are really one unit. And so over the new few weeks, we're going to focus on their contents in hopes of gaining a clearer picture of what heaven is going to be like. It's one thing to listen to what other people say about heaven and what they think it will entail, but it's another to dive into the Word of God and look at what God reveals to us about where we will spend eternity as His children. Specifically this week, we are going to take a look at the scroll that John talks about in today's key passages and what we can learn from reading about this scroll. | |
| KEY POINTS | |
| 1. The scroll is in God's right hand. Why is it in His right hand? That's a picture of authority, a picture of judgment. It's a picture of the administration of judgment. Do you understand why I am saying that you need to have a new picture of who Jesus is? I also want you to see that in the Koine' Greek language (the language of the New Testament), it literally describes that it is in His hand; it is in the palm of His right hand. He is not gripping it tightly. Instead, the scroll is in the open palm of His hand. There is great security here. The Lord is not worried that anyone will take the scroll out of His hand. He is in total security. Regardless of how unstable we become in our culture, and how frustrated and anxious we become, you need to picture the Father with the scroll, with an open palm. He is not afraid. 2. The scroll has writing on both sides. | |
| A curious thing is that the scroll has been written on both the front and the back. There were many things included on the scroll. This describes fullness and completeness. Nothing whatsoever has been overlooked. | |
| 3. There is one scroll with seven seals. The seven seals are describing secrecy. Seven is the perfect number. So John is saying that all judgment is complete. Nothing is overlooked. A scroll like this in the ancient world (the Roman world) was a will. The will is literally passing on the title deed for all of the owner's property. One day, the will would be opened up for those who would be his heirs. A Roman will was the title deed. Therefore, you get the picture that this scroll is the title deed for the world! | |

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4. The judgment comes from Jesus.

The final thing we learn from this scroll is that this scroll is God's will describing what will happen on this planet during the great tribulation (that period of seven years). During that time, the judgment of God will be poured out on men in this culture. We need to realize that the judgment comes from Jesus. This is why I said that you need to have another picture of Jesus. For many of us, we would say, "Why would Jesus judge?" Because He is the King. You need to realize that Jesus brings judgment during this time because He will not reign over a rebellious society.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

| 1. | What did you learn about heaven and eternity from John's description of the scroll in God's right hand? | |
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| 2. | What are you looking forward to most about spending eternity in heaven? | |
| 3. | . Is there anything about heaven and/or eternity that makes your nervous or uneasy? | |
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