

**Last week we looked at the beauty realm of God in Chapter 4.** The sights and sounds surrounding His throne the dynamic activity of worship including music and declaration and wave after wave of God's glory, surrounding His throne which is the governmental center of the universe. Revelation 4 prepares us for chapter 5. It is all one series of events.

There is a dual vision needed to see Jesus as fully God and fully man Orthodoxy stresses that this is not just a doctrine to be understood intellectually, but a mystery to be worshiped—central to salvation These two natures are:

- United without confusion
- Without change
- Without division
- Without separation

I would encourage everyone to live a life that is aware of this. As we focus on His Incarnation (coming in the flesh) be reminded of the glory He left behind.

**Revelation 5** And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals;  
For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood  
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

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

“Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne,  
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

*Revelation 5 is reveals the grand drama that is going to happen which will transition us into the events leading up to the second coming of Jesus Christ and His eternal reign where Jesus will fully establish His kingdom on earth.*

*Acts 3:21 Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. (restore-the perfect state before the fall)*

John says in chapter 5 that he sees a scroll with seven seals in the right hand of Him who sits on the throne.

**John also sees a strong angel who asked the question: Who is worthy (deserving) to open the scroll in the Father's hand and loose the seals? No one was found in heaven, on earth or under the earth who is deserving and capable to open the scroll. John began to weep; he was emotionally moved by the fact that not one was worthy to open the scroll. John like Isaiah, in the presence of a Holy God never saw his own unworthiness so clearly and wept.**

**One of the elders speaks up and says “do not weep” behold there is one who is worthy! John sees Jesus but He sees Him on a multifaceted level. He sees Jesus, the One He had walked with for three years. He had also seen Jesus multiple times in His resurrected ‘Heavenly’ body, but this was different!**

**John's eyes are open to see Jesus as God and man. He sees the root of David, the lion of Judah and a slain lamb.**

- **The root of David-** John sees Jesus a Jewish man (This is not downgrading His Deity) from the tribe of Judah. **He is a Jewish King. Jesus will be Jewish forever.** Scripture tells us that every tribe and every tongue will be worshipping before the throne and before the lamb (Rev.7:9)

**Daniel prophesied that Israel's messiah would receive the leadership of the earth forever.**

**Daniel 7:13-14-<sup>13</sup> “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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

- 500 B.C. Daniel prophesied the Messiah of Israel would receive the leadership of the earth forever. **Daniel saw a man that would give leadership to the whole earth. Not just Israel, the whole earth. Daniel 7:13-14 is the famous son of man prophecy that Jesus makes reference to many times in the Gospels.**
- **Jesus will come back and reign as a Jewish man who is fully God. God made a covenant with the Jewish people starting with Abraham and His covenant is everlasting and will never end.** We can say that Jesus reign began at His incarnation.

Throughout history-**Satan has done everything in his power to destroy the Jewish people. The final blow will be that Satan and all his work, every stronghold will be destroyed by the God/Man Jesus Christ the worlds messiah is a Jew!**

- **Jesus is identified as the Lion of the tribe of Judah-** He is a lion. He is a Jewish lion that is fierce! Jesus has prevailed over death. He prevailed over Satan. He paid the price for sin. He prevailed in all those dimensions. He is worthy to open the scroll. To open that scroll means to release the judgments related to that scroll.
- **Yet what was unveiled to John was In the midst of the elders stood a lamb as though it had been slain.** seven horns and seven eyes- seven is full or complete; horns are power and eyes are knowledge. Jesus is all powerful and all knowing. The unblemished lamb who went to the cross carries the marks of the cross upon His body as an eternal reminder of His sacrifice.

**John is seeing a Jewish man who carries the fearlessness of a lion and the tenderness and humility of the lamb**

- In verse 7 Jesus approaches the Fathers throne and took the scroll out of His hand. This is a dramatic intense event that will begin to put things in motion that will not be stopped by any devil or any man.
- John saw a scroll in the Fathers hand which a common view is that this the **title deed** to the entire earth and there is One worthy to open the scroll and release it's judgments. King Jesus is being commissioned and taking His rightful place to rule and reign upon the earth.
- This scroll includes God's plan of action to empower the church, destroy all evil and bringing in the greatest harvest the world has ever known. **When Jesus is done the**

earth will be cleansed of all evil, Satan will be imprisoned, the kings of the earth will be done away with and all the governments will be replaced by His government the Kingdom of God!

**The heavenly response to the Father handing Jesus the scroll:** The creatures and elders that fall down in worship of the Father in Chapter 4, fall down before the lamb of God in worship! They are in awe of Jesus. The Father reveals His complete trust in the Son who is worthy. Jesus receiving the scroll is also Him receiving the responsibility to be the supreme leader of the whole earth for all eternity.

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- **Harp**-Music, **bow**l of incense-prayers

*<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”*

This new song which was initiated by the Father giving the Son the scroll is all about the worth of Jesus Christ Worship provokes more worship. John looked and the throne was now surrounded by angels, living creatures and elders and the number was (Rev. 5:11) **10 thousand times 10 thousand, and thousands of thousands** breaking out into worship singing a new song that impact every creature in heaven and on earth.

- **Sang a new song**: a prophetic song indicating the changing of season in God’s purpose.

**Father’s promise to make Jesus preeminent in all things.**

*<sup>18</sup>He is the head of the Body...that in all things He may have the preeminence. (Supremacy) (Col. 1:18)*

The Father declared that He would make Jesus preeminent in everything. **Above all things, Christ holds first place**

Jesus’ inheritance includes having the full authority over every sphere of life: power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing. There are many aspects implied by each sphere. **7 spheres**

1. **Power** (political): Jesus will publicly receive the **political authority over all nations at His return. In the Millennium, the Father will establish Jesus as King over all nations**, and all the kings will be saved and will base their governments on the Scriptures (Ps. 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2).
2. **Riches** (financial): All the **money and natural resources on earth will be openly seen as under Jesus' leadership in the Millennium**. All the leaders of the nations will joyfully submit their riches to His leadership and worldwide plan (Isa. 60:5-13).
3. **Wisdom** (intellectual): **Jesus will use His great wisdom to bring every sphere of life to the fullness of the Father's plan** (i.e., political, economic, family, agricultural, media, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.).
4. **Strength** (physical/emotional): The nations will love Jesus with all their strength or resources, which include their time, words, energy, and influence (Mk. 12:30).
5. **Glory** (spiritual): Jesus will minister in the fullness of the supernatural realm of God's glory. Not only will He release the glory of God through His leadership, He will move in power.
6. **Honor** (relational): **Jesus will be the most praised, adored, respected, and listened-to man in all the nations. All in the nations will honor and love Him with their obedience** (Eph. 6:1-2).
7. **Blessing** (social) – all will fully cooperate with Jesus' leadership. By receiving such affirming cooperation from the nations, He will have the mightiest, largest, and most loyal, productive, unified, and joyful work force in history. The nations will bless all of His plans and policies.

Communion-<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:  
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For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood  
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

### Home groups

Discuss what the Holy Spirit emphasized through this teaching? What is He inviting you into  
In this season

Discuss There is a dual vision needed to see Jesus as fully God and fully man Orthodoxy stresses that this is not just a doctrine to be understood intellectually, but a mystery to be worshiped—

How do we keep this dual focus on a regular basis?

Jesus is a Jewish man, fully God, a lion and a lamb. Discuss the implications of each of these.