

# Revelation 5 — Behold the Lamb

## Big Idea

Everything that follows in Revelation—judgment, justice, restoration, and renewal—only makes sense if Revelation 5 is fully grasped. This chapter reveals who alone is worthy to enact God’s purposes in history.

### 1. The Scroll: God’s Purposes Sealed (Revelation 5:1–4)

The scroll represents the complete, finished plan of God: judgment on rebellion, vindication of the righteous, fulfillment of covenant promises, and the restoration of creation. Written on both sides, it lacks nothing. Sealed with seven seals, it can only be opened by one who is truly worthy.

**Key Truth:** Creation lacks the moral and redemptive capacity to fix itself.

### 2. The Crisis: No One Is Worthy (Revelation 5:2–4)

The search is exhaustive—heaven, earth, and under the earth. No angel, human, prophet, king, leader, movement, or system qualifies. John weeps not because he does not know what is in the scroll, but because no one can enact God’s purposes.

### 3. The Interruption: Stop Weeping (Revelation 5:5)

The elder declares the good news: the Lion of the tribe of Judah has overcome. This victory is already accomplished. Salvation does not come from trying harder, but from looking away from ourselves.

### 4. The Revelation: The Slain Lamb (Revelation 5:6)

John expects a conquering Lion but sees a slain Lamb. Christ conquers through suffering, not violence. His wounds are His credentials. Seven horns signify complete power; seven eyes signify complete knowledge and mission.

### 5. The Coronation: The Scroll Is Taken (Revelation 5:7–10)

The Lamb takes the scroll without permission—He is God. Heaven erupts in worship. A new song is sung because a new reality has been revealed. Through His blood, people are ransomed from every nation and formed into a kingdom of priests.

### 6. The Response: Cosmic Worship (Revelation 5:11–14)

Myriads of angels join in sevenfold praise. All creation responds. Worship is not preference—it is recognition.

## 7. Living in Light of the Lamb

You do not need all the answers—the Lamb holds the scroll. You cannot redeem yourself—He already has. Worship flows from worthiness, not feelings.

**He is the Lion who conquered.**

**He is the Lamb who was slain.**

**He is the King who reigns.**