

Revelation 5

- (v 1)
 - What does see while in the throne room? A scroll
 - In the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
 - The scroll had writing on both sides
 - The scroll was sealed with 7 seals
 - This scroll is the title deed to the earth (because we find out that not just anyone could open it or even look at it)
 - Full contents written inside
 - Sealed with 7 seals
 - On the outside was written sa brief description of the contents
 - This deed describes not the details of what Jesus inherits (we already know the whole creation belongs to Him)
 - But, it describes how He will claim it.
 - Similar passage in Ezekiel 2:9,10
- (v 2)
 - A strong angel with a LOUD voice!
 - Because of the characteristic of loud, some commentators think that this angel is either Gabriel or Michael
 - LOUD represents strength
 - The angel asks, who is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals.
 - NOT, who is willing. (we have had plenty willing)
 - Hitler, Stalin, Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great
 - But rather, who is WORTHY?
- (v 3)
 - This is the only time I am aware that heaven will be silent.
 - Because, no one anywhere in heaven or on earth can speak up here as worthy.
- (v 4)
 - When this happened John wept bitterly.

- The Greek word for weep used here, is the same used of Peter after his denial of Christ.
- John desired the kingdom to be established.
 - Sin to be no more
 - Death no more
 - Sickness no more
 - Corruption no more
 - The curse on creation lifted
- (v 5)
 - One of the elders speaks to John
 - Don't cry
 - There is ONE who is worthy
 - The Lion of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:9)
 - The Root of David (Isaiah 11:1)
 - All titles that refer to Jesus Christ
 - He has prevailed!
 - Through the blood of His cross (Colossians 2:13-14)
 - Because of that victory, He is worthy to loose the seven seals and look at the scroll.
- (v 6, 7)
 - John looked and in the middle of this great scene was a Lamb (Revelation 4)
 - 24 elders
 - 4 living creatures
 - The rainbow encircled throne
 - Sea of glass
 - The Lamb appeared as though it were slain
 - Seven horns
 - Seven eyes
 - John tells us this represents the the seven spirits of God (complete ministry of the Holy Spirit)
 - The Trinity is present
 - Father on the throne
 - The Lamb/Son
 - The Holy Spirit

- (v 8)
 - A great worship service breaks out because there is ONE worthy to open the scroll
 - All of these creatures had:
 - golden bowls of incense (represents the prayers of the saints)
 - and a harp (so much for those that teach no musical instruments allowed in worship)
 - They all fall down in worship
- (v 9, 10)
 - They sing a new song that is for this occasion
 - “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.”
 - The cross redeems creation
 - It is through the cross, that creation is restored from the curse of death and brought into light.
 - Romans 5
 - Romans 8:18-30
 - Out of every tribe and people and nation, And have made us kings, and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - 1 Corinthians 6:3
 - 2 Timothy 2:12
- (v 11)
 - This was a big, big choir that appeared
 - Unable to be counted (and this is just the heavenly choir)
 - They join the worship
- (v 12)
 - Worthy is the Lamb
 - To receive power, riches, wisdom, honor, glory, and blessing
 - All things to do with receiving a kingdom
- (v 13, 14)
 - All creatures WILL worship Christ!

- The four living creatures declare: AMEN (true)
- The elders fall on their face in worship