

Reading the will! – The Seven Sealed Book!

Revelation 5

The book in the hand of the Father is a scroll.

This Scroll is Chris's title deed to creation.

A Roman will was always sealed with seven seals; this scroll is the will, or testament, giving Christ the right to claim creation and the right to this moment! Vs 9

The will could be opened only by the heir; and Christ is the Heir of judgment of chapters 6-9!

He was the Heir of all things

“God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophet, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world.” Hebrews 1: 1-2

The Scroll was written on both sides showing that nothing can be added or changed; the destiny of the world has been settled, determined.

The background to this scene is the Jewish system of owning land. If a man became poor and had to sell his land, or himself, he could be redeemed by a kinsman. The story of Ruth is the display of this. Jeremiah 32: 6 – is also a display of this law. Leviticus 25 23-25 sets this law in order.

All of creation has been under bondage of sin, Satan, and death; but now Christ, our Kinsman-Redeemer, is going to set creation free!

God specially prepared the world! He especially created a nation called Israel and the greatest special creation of all was the creation of the coming Christ! He came to pay the price, and now He is coming to possess the property that He has already paid for.

But the next Chapters will be the purging of the land for His take-over.

The big deal was made of the fact that no man in Heaven or the earth or even in the underworld could open this Will/ deed/ scroll. It was such a shock to John that he was weeping because of the need for a Redeemer to come and take possession of the Scroll.

1. He yearned for the scroll to be opened.
2. He wanted the promise of Chapter 4: 1 to be fulfilled *“Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.”*
3. He knew that the OT promises to Israel could never be fulfilled unless the scroll could be opened by someone. Therefore, John shared the groaning of the creation as written in Romans 8: 22-23 ***“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body.”***

An Angel said unto John, “Weep not” The Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed (overcome)!

The Angel pointed to the Christ and when He did, John looked for a Lion but instead saw a Lamb! ***“the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof.”*** (Vs 5)

As John looked for a Lion, out walked a Lamb! From behind the Throne of God!

As a Lion he would be judging the world from the position of King of the World; but the reason that He could do so was because He was the Lamb that was slain!

We cannot separate suffering from Glory! ***“Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory.”*** (Luke 24: 26) This is the lesson of the road to Emmaus!

It needs to be noted that Christ was called the Lamb 29 times in the book of Revelation.

In fact the Bible could be summarized by tracing the theme of the lamb.

1. “Where is the Lamb?” Isaac asked his father in Genesis 22
2. “Behold the Lamb of God” said by John the Baptist in John 1: 29
3. “Worthy is the Lamb” here in Revelation 5 and following...

When the Lamb came out, as a sacrifice... Wording here means, “cut in the throat for a sacrifice.”

His death and Resurrection are proof that He is Worthy. He is the Christ!

When the Christ takes the Book, the elders, glorify the lamb by singing a new song... and praising the Lamb that was slain. In vs 8, the creatures also worship as well as the angels in verse 11 as they say with loud voices how wonderful that this time has finally come.

Angels say, they do not sing. We never see angels singing, always saying!

Job 38: 7 states that the angels state that the “sons of God” (angels) shout for joy.

The Christmas Angels of Luke 2: 13-14 praised God saying, not singing. The multitude of angels join the voices in a great shout of praise when the The Lamb took the scroll, but they did not sing. Singing is reserved for the saved!

Singing is reserved for the saved of God’s creation who have experienced the joy of salvation!

There are many things angels can do that we cannot do but singing is reserved for us!

How many angels are there?

“I beheld all the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand stood between him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.” Daniel 7: 9-10

Christ on the Earth; and Christ in Heaven!

He is worthy of death vs. He is worthy of praise!

He works by the power of Satan, they said vs. He is worthy of power!

The preaching of the Cross is foolishness for them on earth vs. He is worthy of riches!

He was crucified in weakness 2nd Corinthians 13: 4 – He is worthy of wisdom!

Ye dishonor me vs. He is worthy of Honor!

I seek not mine own glory vs. He is glory!

He became the curse for us vs. He is worthy of glory!

After the angels complete their praise, all creation joins to honor the Lord Jesus Christ. “Every creature” suggest that all of creation anticipates the redemption that will come when Christ finally overcomes the enemy and establishes His Kingdom.

All Creation praises God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit!

Christ here is all about opening the seal which will begin the judgment that will purge Israel and prepare the remnant.

The inhabitants of the earth are ignorant of this glorious scene in heaven.

Men go on their way, eating and drinking, sinning and ignoring God’s Word. Then the Lamb will begin to open the seals and it will finally begin.

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard... Chapter 6: 1