Revelation 5 – 1 November 2026

"The Ultimate Reclamation"

Introduction

*Heavenly throne-room scene has been set in Rev 4

*God is on His throne

*Four living creatures that constantly praise Him

*24 Elder representing all redeemed people

*Chap 4 set the scene and Chap 5 gives us the activity that's happening there at the throne & what God's holding in His right hand

*Before Chapters 6-18 give us all the ***earthly*** activity during the 7 year Tribulation, we see the ***heavenly*** activity that will ***cause*** all the earthly activity

*Jesus has completed the redemption of man on the cross & now He comes to take back what is His

Today, we'll see 5 parts to "The Ultimate Reclamation"

#1 – The Scroll: God the Father created the scroll (5:1)

Read 5:1

1. This is no less than the title deed to the earth & all that is in it, including us, the human race
2. This traditional Jewish imagery is given in (Turn to) Jer 32:1-15
    a. Jer 32:1-5 – Babylon is coming for final destruction
    b. Jer 32:6-9 – Shows faith to pay for the land
    c. Jer 32:10-15 – Sealing a scroll (to preserve it), in case the authenticity of the open deed was ever challenged
    d. Jer 32 shows the ownership transfer process
        i. Rev 5 shows it when possession is taken
3. Who owes the earth today?
    a. Originally, ultimately, all things are God's
        i. Psm 24:1 – "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof & they that dwell therein"

ii. Read Lev 25:23 – Prescribes land exchanges

b. Then God gave it to Adam

i. Gen 1:28 – "…have dominion over it"

ii. Adam forfeited it to Satan by obeying him

c. Satan is called the god & prince of this world (II Cor 4:4, John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, Eph 2:2)

i. We're told to be in the world, but not of it, why? B/c it belongs to Satan

ii. Temptation of Jesus by Satan (Matt 4:8-10)

1. Satan was allowed to offer the world to Jesus b/c he owned it

2. Jesus didn't try to deny that

4. Read Rom 8:18-22 – The earth is suffering sinful effects b/c of us

a. *We can't blame God for the problems in the world like disease, hunger and hopelessness*

5. Notice the deed is held in God the Father's hand b/c the evidence has to endure a long time (ie Jer 32:14)

#2 – The Hole: Humanity is stuck in the hole (5:2-4)

Read 5:2-4

1. What is it that needs redeemed?
2. Let's look at redeeming people (this isn't the direct subject of Rev 5)
    a. Jesus' payment on the cross redeems us now for those who accept it
    b. We can have the freedom of redemption from this world & its god now and forever (Read Gal 1:4)
    c. We also have redemption from sin unto everlasting life forever (Read Eph 1:7)
    d. Non-believers will have redemption from Satan's possession & from this world's bondage at the end of 6 years
        i. Talk about the 6:1 principle – Lev 25
        ii. Read Exo 21:2 & Jer 34:12-14 – servants are set free after 6 years
        iii. This doesn't ensure salvation just liberty

3. Now, let's look at redeeming the Earth
    a. Jer 32:7 – The nearest kin had the right of redemption of the land
        i. Jesus is the nearest kin in both ways you could look at it!
            1. He's nearest kin to God the Father, the Creator God who originally owned it
            2. He's the nearest kin to Adam whom the earth was given to
    b. Rev 5:3 – no man can redeem or pay the price
        i. What is the value of something that was created from nothing?
        ii. Certainly, more than what a created person could pay
4. Read Book of Ruth for a glorious pic of this

#3 – The Toll: Jesus paid the toll (5:5-7)

Read 5:5-7

1. He's called the Lion but seen as the Lamb

a. It's b/c of His role as the Lamb that He can take the scroll & redeem as the Lion

2. 'Having 7 horns & 7 eyes'
   a. The power of the all-seeing, all-knowing Holy Spirit of God
3. Our 1st view of Him will probably be that of the Lamb (wounded i.e. Isa 52:14, Zec 13:6)
4. It cost Jesus everything to redeem
   a. Turn to Heb 9:11-15 – His precious blood
   b. Read Matt 13:44 – We are the treasure hidden in the field of the earth!

#4 – The Goal: The redemption of souls (5:8-10)

Read 5:8

1. This is the day that all unfulfilled prayers will be fulfilled
2. Some prayers go unanswered until the end
   a. Remember; the earth is waiting to be redeemed (Read Rom 8:22-23)
   b. Exp: We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done" but this hasn't happened yet

Read 5:9

1. This can't be Israel or angels
    a. Israel can't be saved from all people groups
    b. Angels are mentioned later in vs 11
    c. This is us, the church – Most Greek manuscripts have the word "us"
        i. You've redeemed or purchased "us" for God
    d. We, the church, are here in heaven (chap 4-5) before the tribulation starts in chapter 6

Read 5:10

1. Remember the 6:1 principle
    a. Freed at the end of year six for the 7th year
2. The redeemed will reign on this earth for 1,000 year Millennium

#5 – Extol: Jesus receives the whole (5:11-14)

Read 5:11-12

1. Now even the angels can jump in at the chorus of the song

Read 5:13

1. Everyone will bow the knee to Jesus Christ the Lamb, even those under the earth
    a. Do you really want to be against Him?
2. Not just everyone, but every created thing
    a. Even the rocks will cry out (Palm Sunday)
    b. Read Rom 8:18-19

Read 5:14

1. Turn to Rev 11:15 – This world is finally turned over to be ruled by Jesus & His bride the Church
2. What a worship session!
    a. Are you ready to worship?
    b. Make it your lifestyle now!

Conclusion

And now each chapter thru Rev 6-18 occurs b/c of Jesus step-by-step opening the scroll

1. **Scroll - The Father created the scroll**
   a. God created us with the ability to choose Him or to rebel
2. **Hole - Humanity is stuck in the hole**
   a. We rebelled & have a debt we can't pay
3. **Toll - Jesus paid the toll**
   a. The cross was sufficient to cover my sins
4. **Goal - Redemption of souls**
   a. Jesus will receive each that comes to Him
5. **Extol - Jesus receives the whole**
   a. Jesus is worthy of all praise for eternity