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Rev 5: 6-14

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- I would like for us to do a quick review of what we have learned so far in Rev 5
 - First.....there is a scroll in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
 - We have discovered that this is the title deed of the earth
 - Adam gave that title deed to Satan when he rebelled against God
 - Second....the title deed can only be "redeemed" by a relative of Adam
 - Luke 3: 23-38 traces the lineage of Christ to Adam
 - Making Jesus qualified as a "kinsman redeemer"

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- Thirdly.... No one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.
 - Why?
 - There is none righteous no not one.....
 - For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
- Fourthly....a Lion of Judah came forth who is also of the Root of David
 - These titles remind us the prophecies given
 - Reminding all men that God keeps His promises

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- Now we will move into other aspects of this wonderful chapter
- First...in the remainder of this chapter we will see several things that bring out questions...
- Question.....
 - Since Vs 5 tells us of the Lion of Judah qualified to open the seal....
 - Why does a Lamb appear?
 - Why not Rev 1: 12-18?

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- Answer.....
 - It in His capacity as suffering Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.....
 - That makes Him qualified to pay the price of redemption
- Question....Vs 6
 - How can a Lamb be standing who appears slain?
 - Rom 6: 10...For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
 - Rev 1: 18...*I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

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- Question.....
 - What kind of a Lamb has 7 horns and 7 eyes?
 - Now we know from the text the 7 eyes are...
 - The seven-fold Spirit of God (Rev 4: 5, Isa 11: 1)
 - But are there other references to 7 eyes in the Bible?
 - Zech 4: 9-10.....
 - Zerubbabel was tasked with rebuilding the temple after a time of bondage or captivity.....
 - These eyes are searching the “whole earth”
 - Searching for the day described in Rev 5: 6.....

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- Zechariah further records another message
 - This time it is for the high priest, Joshua (Yeshua)
 - Zech 3: 8-9....again 7 eyes...
 - Note...the Branch is the name of a coming Savior
 - The 7 eyes denote a purification or a cleansing
 - Which will be completed by the coming Redeemer
 - What about the 7 horns?
 - It is vitally important for us to remember some things

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- First.....just like John the redeemed Church is in heaven with Christ
 - Rev 4: 4....
 - Elders....since all angels are the same age these cannot be angels
 - The term “elder” is only applied to men in the Bible
 - “Elders” were always chosen representatives of God’s people
 - There are no “elders” in the corresponding visions found in Isa 6 or in Ezekiel 1-10
 - These “elders” are wearing crowns (stephanos) “wreath”
 - Rev 5: 8-9....the “elders” sing a song of praise to the Lamb that was slain who purchased with your blood....men.

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- Secondly.....
 - The Church is not mentioned again in the book of Revelation until Rev 19: 7....
 - Which is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb....
- Thirdly....
 - We must note that all references after chapter 4 utilize O.T. language and symbols....
 - Why?
 - Revelation is designed to show all men, that all Scripture is woven into one tapestry declaring the entirety of Scripture is “God-breathed.”
 - That He is the same yesterday, today and forever.....

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- All this brings us back to the question of 7 horns?
 - Joshua 6: 13.... And the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew the trumpets; and the armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while they continued to blow the trumpets.
 - These "horns" that were sounded did two things
 - They enabled the people of God to enter the promised land
 - All the alien inhabitants were destroyed
- Luke 1: 69...And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..."the Root of David"

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- Vs 7....He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
 - Daniel 7: 13-14.... I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.
- What Daniel saw in a vision, John sees in heaven.

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- Vs 8-9...The taking of the book triggers praise
 - First, from the 24 elders and 4 living creatures
 - Secondly, these are joined with the angelic host (Vs 11)
- Note the differences
 - The 24 elders with 4 living creatures are holding
 - Harps
 - Bowls of incense
 - What are these two things to indicate to us?

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- Harps.....
 - Psalm 33: 2...Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
 - Eph 5: 18-19...And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord
 - What are we to learn from the harps?
 - There is nothing in heaven that is embarrassed to worship and sing praises to our Lord.

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- What about the bowls of incense?
 - Explanation is in the same verse...
 - “which are the prayers of the saints”
- First....these prayers are stored up in golden bowls....
 - Unanswered prayers??? Rev 6: 9-11
 - Waiting for the proper time for the Lord to answer them.....Luke 1: 13...But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
 - Example.....”Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matt 6: 10)

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- And they sang a new song....
 - There are two heavenly songs recorded in Scripture
 - Job 38: 4-7...."all the sons of God sang for joy"
 - Luke 2: 13-14....Glory to God in the highest
- This song is a new song of the redeemed..(KJV)
 - "You were slain"(John 10: 18)
 - "Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood"
 - From every tribe, tongue, people and nation