

## OUTLINE & BLURB

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### **Message #9: Start At The Thorne—part 2 of 2**

**BLURB:** *The Thorne is Revelation's main location, The Lamb is Revelation's main thing and Worship is Revelation's main activity. Why? Because Jesus is worthy. There are lots of things that we can give our 24/7 adoration and worship. But only the Main Thing is Worthy.*

Ok for now part two of "Start At The Throne"

**First**, if you're going to understand the last book of the Bible you've got to understand the first books of the Bible.

**Second**, you also have to understand the first century, the times in which John lived.

**Third**, we have to understand to get this 3<sup>rd</sup> division of Revelation is that when John is in heaven time, as we know it is suspended.

**Fourth**, if you really want to understand this book you have to let go of worry and embrace an attitude of worship.

*"I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One Seated on the Throne. It was written on both sides, fastened with seven seals. I also saw a powerful Angel, calling out in a voice like thunder, "Is there anyone who can open the scroll, who can break its seals?" There was no one—no one in Heaven, no one on earth, and no one from the underworld—able to break open the scroll and read it. I wept and wept and wept that no one was found able to open the scroll, able to read it." Revelation 5:1-4 (MSG)*

*"One of the Elders said, "Don't weep. Look—the Lion from Tribe Judah, the Root of David's Tree, has conquered. He can open the scroll, can rip through the seven seals." So I looked, and there, surrounded by Throne, Animals, and Elders, was a Lamb, slaughtered but standing tall. Seven horns he had, and seven eyes, the Seven Spirits of God sent into all the earth. He came to the One Seated on the Throne and took the scroll from his right hand. The moment he took the scroll, the Four Animals and Twenty-four Elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb." Revelation 5:5-8 (MSG)*

Who is worthy? The Lamb--Jesus is worthy.

He is *the Lion from the tribe of Judah*.

He's also the *Root of David's Tree*,

*The moment he took the scroll, the Four Animals and Twenty-four Elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb."*

*Each had a harp and each had a bowl, a gold bowl filled with incense, the prayers of God's holy people. Revelation 5:8 (MSG)*

Then they start to sing. They sang a new song,

*"And they sang a new song: Worthy! Take the scroll, open its seals. Slain! Paying in blood, you bought men and women, [That's what makes me think this picture would have been so obvious to them. They hear these elders and the creatures saying, "You bought men and women. That's why You're worthy. You're worthy to give them their inheritance because You bought them.] Bought them back from all over the earth, Bought them back for God. Then you made them a Kingdom, Priests for our God, Priest-kings to rule over the earth." Revelation 5:9-10 (MSG)*

*"I looked again. I heard a company of Angels around the Throne, the Animals, and the Elders—ten thousand times ten thousand their number, thousand after thousand after thousand in full song: The slain Lamb is worthy! Take the power, the wealth, the wisdom, the strength! Take the honor, the glory, the blessing! Revelation 5:11-12 (MSG)*

*"...God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 (MSG)*

*"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"' The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped." Revelation 5:13-14 (MSG)*