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THE LION, THE LAMB
&
THE SCROLL

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Based on Revelation Chapter 5

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MAIN IDEA

Jesus is worthy to take and open the scroll, so we can trust Him to protect us through the results of it.

KEY POINTS

Revelation 3:21 it promises the overcomers in Laodicea that they will eventually sit with Jesus on His throne, just as Jesus overcame and sat with His Father on His throne. Revelation 3:21, gives us the key for unlocking the meaning of the scene in [Revelation 4-5](#).

The figure of the **Lion** refers to what Jesus did, the figure of the **Lamb** shows how He did it—by His sacrificial death on the cross. His death as a sacrifice—like the sheep sacrificed in the OT—arises out of [Isa 53 \(Isa 53:4-8, 10-12\)](#). The early church applied the title “Lamb of God” to Jesus, understanding His death to substitute for their sin ([John 1:29, 36; 1 Pet 1:19](#)). The victory spoken of in [Rev 5:5](#), then, was brought about through sacrifice.

The victory of Jesus was **a lamblike victory!**

Christ has been inaugurated into His royal and priestly ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. By receiving **the scroll**, He takes the destiny of all humanity into His hands. His ability to break the seals and open the scroll entitles Him to carry the plan of salvation to its ultimate realization.

INSIGHTS

The tribe of Judah

The royal tribe, or the tribe from which Israel's rulers would come ([Gen 49:9-10](#)).

The root of David

An allusion to the prophecy of [Isa 11:1, 10](#) (see [Rev 22:16](#)).

Has conquered

An allusion to Christ's death and resurrection—events viewed as decisive victories in the war against evil. Christ's conquering activities give Him the right to rule (see [John 16:33](#)).

The installment of Christ on the heavenly throne took place at the time of Pentecost ([Acts 2:32-36](#)).

"The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that the Redeemer's inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise, He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people." [Acts of the Apostles, pg. 38](#)

[Revelation 5:6](#) the seven Spirits "sent into all the earth." The fullness of the Holy Spirit's activity in the world (seven is a number of fullness).

Seven horns and Seven eyes Horns symbolized power and eyes symbolized wisdom. Christ is completely powerful and wise. The seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb represent the omnipotence (complete and perfect power) and omniscience (complete and perfect wisdom and knowledge) of Jesus—

and of the Spirit which they are also said to represent as He goes out into all the earth as Jesus' personal Representative.

Golden bowls full of incense

Here and elsewhere, incense symbolizes the prayers of God's people (Rev 8:3-5; Psa 141:2).

A kingdom and priests

Rev 17:14; 19:16; 1 Tim 6:15-16; Ps 2:2 (cf. Acts 4:86); John 12:31; Rev 17:18; Rev 17:2 (cf. 18:3,9); Rev 19:19 (cf. 16:13-14,16; 17:12-14); Rev 6:15; Rev 11:15; Rev 5:10 (cf. 1:5-6; Exod 19:5); Rev 20:4; Rev 21:24; Rev 22:3,5

There is an ongoing battle for the rulership of this world. Jesus called Satan "the prince [archon:ruler] of this world" (John 12:31), but He went to the cross to overthrow his rulership. Although Satan is now a defeated foe, he continues to function as defacto ruler until Jesus comes again to set up His eternal kingdom and claim the citizens of His kingdom (Rev 11:15).

They will reign on the earth

The theme of coregency continues throughout the book, culminating in 20:4 (Rev 2:26; 20:4).

VICTORY BELONGS TO JESUS

JESUS IS THE CONQUERING LION BUT HE IS THE GENTLE LAMB

Jesus is able to not only make the promise to us of reigning with Him but He is able to guarantee it by Him securing it for Himself. You can rest assured that your future is secure in Jesus' capable hands.

Will you give Him and try? Does Jesus have your vote?