



Go for God!

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 5

“Worthy Is The Lamb!”

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~ Chapter 5 – Worthy is the Lamb!

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> (v1-7) Who is Worthy to open the Scroll and loose its seven seals?

(v1-4) The scroll with the seven seals represents the Title Deed to the earth.



- The Bible Exposition of the New Testament explains, “The scroll represents Christ's "title deed" to all that the Father promised Him because of His sacrifice on the cross. *"Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen [nations] for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession"* (Ps 2:8). Jesus Christ is the *"Heir of all things"* (Heb 1:2). He is our beloved *"Kinsman-Redeemer"* who was willing to give His life to set us free from bondage and to restore our lost inheritance (see Lev 25:23-46; the Book of Ruth; Jer 32:6-15).

A “Title Deed” or “Will’ can be opened only by the appointed heir, and this is Jesus Christ. No one in all the universe could be found worthy enough to break the seals. No wonder John wept, for he realized that God's glorious redemption plan for mankind could never be completed until the scroll was opened. The redeemer had to be near of kin, willing to redeem, and able to redeem. Jesus Christ meets all of the qualifications. He became flesh, so He is our Kinsman. He loves us and is willing to redeem; and He paid the price, so He is able to redeem.”

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION						
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL	SEVENTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS	JUDGEMENT
						
Rev 6: 2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth quakes Sun darkens moon turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes like a scroll	Rev 8:1 Heaven silent about half hour

(v5-7) **Who is worthy? Only JESUS! (Four keys to Christ!)**

~ **Key #1 – (v5a) Jesus is the Lion from the tribe of Judah** - Genesis 49:8-10 - *Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.* (Insight on until Shiloh comes - generally understood as denoting the Messiah, "the peaceful one")

- In the genealogy of Mary, the mother of Jesus, was of the tribe of Judah (Luke 3:33 - *the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah*)

~ **Key #2 – (v5b) Jesus is the Root of David** - The Book of Revelation speaks of Christ as "*the Root of David*" (5:5) and "*the Root and Offspring of David*" (22:16), indicating that Jesus is both human and divine, both the Offspring and the Origin of the messianic line. (Is. 11:1; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15-17; Mt. 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9,15; 22:42; Mark 12:35).

- Jesus has "prevailed to open the scroll and to loose it's seven seals." The word "*has prevailed*" in Greek is *enikessen*, this word means "Has won the victory!"

- Jesus is the VICTOR over sin, death, and the devil!

- Hebrews 2:14-15 – In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

We also get the famous word “Nike” from this word, our world likes to say the slogan “Just do it!” However, may I say, “Jesus has done it!” Jesus is the only One who could grant all that trust in Him as Lord and Savior everlasting life!

~ Key #3 – (v5c) Jesus is the Lamb of God (Ex. 12:3-6; Is 53:7; Jn. 1:29,36; Acts 8:32; 1Pet. 1:19) *Lamb - Arnion-* refers to a little lamb, a pet lamb. This imagery derives from the Passover, when Jewish families were required to keep the sacrificial lamb as a household pet for four days before sacrificing it. (Ex. 12:3-6)

- Henry Halley writes in Halley’s Bible Handbook - “Christ, in the vision to the Seven Churches (1:13-16), appeared as a Warrior. Here He is called the “Lion” (5:5). The Lion, when seen, is a “Lamb” (5:6). “Lion” represents Power. “Lamb” represents Sacrifice. The secret of Christ’s Power is His Suffering.” (or Sacrifice)

- Warren Wiersbe emphasizes Christ as the Lamb of God as follows, “When John turned to see, he saw not a lion but *a lamb!* Jesus Christ is called “the Lamb” at least twenty-eight times in the Book of Revelation (the Greek word used means “a little pet lamb”) and the emphasis is not hard to miss. God's wrath is “the wrath of the Lamb” (Rev 6:16). Cleansing is by “the blood of the Lamb” (Rev 7:14). The church is “the bride of the Lamb” (Rev 19:7; 21:9). The theme of “the Lamb” is an important one throughout Scripture, for it presents the person and work of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. The Old Testament question, “Where is the lamb?” (Gen 22:7) was answered by John the Baptist who cried, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The choirs of heaven sing, “Worthy is the Lamb!” (Rev 5:12)”



~ “Lamb” is Revelation’s favorite name for Christ:

The “Lamb” took the Sealed Book, and open it (5:6,7; 6:1)

The Living Creatures and Elders worship the “Lamb” (5:8,14)

100,000,000 Angels worship the “Lamb” (5:11-13)

The great day of the “Lamb’s” Wrath is come (6:16,17)

Multitudes from all nations worship the “Lamb” (7:9,10)

Their robes were washed in the blood of the “Lamb” (7:14)

The “Lamb” leads them to fountains of living waters (7:17)

The tribulation saints overcame Satan by the blood of the “Lamb” (12:11)

The 144,000 follow the “Lamb” (14:1,4)

They sing the song of Moses and the “Lamb” (15:3)

The “Lamb” is Lord of Lords and King of Kings (17:4)

Marriage of the “Lamb” is come (19:7,9; 21:9)

Twelve foundations of City are 12 Apostles of the “Lamb” (21:14)

The “Lamb” is the Temple and Light of the City (21:22,23)

Only those in “Lamb’s” Book of Life shall enter (21:27)

Water of Life proceeds from the Throne of God and of the Lamb (22:1,3)

Thus, in the panorama outline of the struggle between the Kingdom of the World and the Kingdom of God, from Revelation 6:1 to 11:15 (*Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”*), it is the Suffering LAMB of God that is Victor. Foreshadowed 1400 years in the Jewish Passover, commemorated now for nearly 2000 years in the Lord’s Supper (Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:26 - *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.*),

the Sacrificial LAMB OF GOD in Eternity will Himself be the Center of Redeemed World that He Himself will have brought into being.”

~ **Key #4 – (v6a) What does Jesus look like at this time?**

- **A lamb that was slain!** The Jewish prophet Isaiah spoke of the lamb of God that would be slain 700 years before the Messiah would go to the cross for our sins, **let us read chapter 53.**

- (v6b) **Seven is a number of completion or perfection:**

Seven Horns - Perfect Power- omnipotence

Seven Eyes - Perfect Wisdom- omniscience

Seven Spirits of God - Perfect Presence- omnipresence

> (v8-14) **Let Us Worship Him! (In four ways!)**

~ **Worship Way #1 - (v8) Worship Him Through Prayer!**

- Jesus taught us to pray - *“Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”*

Psalm 141:1-2 - *LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

~ **Worship Way #2 - (v9) Worship Him Through Song!**

- A new song, a song of **redemption!**

Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:18-21- *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

- **Let us understand REDEMPTON – REDEMPTION** is deliverance by payment of a price. **In the New Testament, redemption refers to salvation from sin, death, and the wrath of God by Christ's sacrifice.** In the Old Testament, the word redemption refers to redemption by a KINSMAN (Lev 25:24,51-52; Ruth 4:6; Jer 32:7-8), rescue or deliverance (Num 3:49), and ransom (Ps 111:9; 130:7). In the New Testament it refers to loosing (Luke 2:38; Heb 9:12) and loosing away (Luke 21:28; Rom 3:24; Eph 1:14).

In the Old Testament redemption was applied to property, animals, persons, and the nation of Israel as a whole. In nearly every instance, freedom from obligation, bondage, or danger was secured by the payment of a price, a ransom, satisfaction, or sum of money paid to obtain freedom, favor, or reconciliation. Men may redeem property,

animals, and individuals (slaves, prisoners, indentured relatives) who are legally obligated to God or in bondage for other reasons. God alone, however, is able to redeem from the slavery of sin (Ps 130:7-8), enemy oppressors (Deut 15:15), and the power of death (Job 19:25-26; Ps 49:8-9).

The New Testament emphasizes the tremendous cost of redemption: "the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19; Eph 1:7), which is also called an atoning sacrifice, "a propitiation by His blood" (Rom 3:25).

- May we fully understand the power of our Lord and Savior's blood atonement:

ATONEMENT from Nelson's Bible Dictionary is: The act by which God restores a relationship of harmony and unity between Himself and human beings. The word can be broken into three parts which express this great truth in simple but profound terms: "at-one-ment." Through God's atoning grace and forgiveness, we are reinstated to a relationship of at-one-ment with God, in spite of our sin.

Human Need. Because of Adam's sin (Rom 5:18; 1 Cor 15:22) and our own personal sins (Col 1:21), no person is worthy of relationship with a Holy God (Eccl 7:20; Rom 3:23). Since we are helpless to correct this situation (Prov 20:9) and can do nothing to hide our sin from God (Heb 4:13), we all stand condemned by sin (Rom 3:19). It is human nature (our sinfulness) and God's nature (His holy wrath against sin) which makes us "enemies" (Rom 5:10).

God's Gift: Atonement. God's gracious response to the helplessness of His chosen people, the nation of Israel, was to give them a means of RECONCILIATION through Old Testament covenant Law. This came in the sacrificial system where the death, or "blood" of the animal was accepted by God as a substitute for the death (Ezek 18:20) which the sinner deserved: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls" (Lev 17:11).

The Law required that the sacrificial victims must be free from defect, and buying them always involved some cost to the sinner. But an animal's death did not automatically make people right with God in some simple, mechanical way. The hostility between God and man because of sin is a personal matter. God for His part personally gave the means of atonement in the sacrificial system; men and women for their part personally are expected to recognize the seriousness of their sin (Lev 16:29-30; Mic 6:6-8). They must also identify themselves personally with the victim that dies: "Then he shall put his hand on the

head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him" (Lev 1:4).

In the Old Testament, God Himself brought about atonement by graciously providing the appointed sacrifices. The priests represented Him in the atonement ritual, and the sinner received the benefits of being reconciled to God in forgiveness and harmony.

Although Old Testament believers were truly forgiven and received genuine atonement through animal sacrifice, the New Testament clearly states that during the Old Testament period God's justice was not served: "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins" (Heb 10:4). Atonement was possible "because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed" (Rom 3:25). However, God's justice was served in the death of Jesus Christ as a substitute who "not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Heb 9:12). "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb 9:15).

Our Response. The Lord Jesus came according to God's will (Acts 2:23; 1 Peter 1:20) "to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45), or "for all" (1 Tim 2:6). Though God "laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa 53:6; also 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13), yet Christ "has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph 5:2), so that those who believe in Him (Rom 3:22) might receive atonement and "be saved from [God's] wrath" (Rom 5:9) through "the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19).

No believer who truly understands the awesome holiness of God's wrath and the terrible hopelessness that comes from personal sin can fail to be overwhelmed by the deep love of Jesus for each of us, and the wonder of God's gracious gift of eternal atonement through Christ. Through Jesus, God will present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

- Believers are exhorted to remember the "price" of their redemption as a motivation to personal holiness (1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:13-19). The Bible also emphasizes the result of redemption: freedom from sin and freedom to serve God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

How can we fail to rejoice, having been freed from the oppressive bondage of slavery to sin (John 8:34; Rom 6:18), the law (Gal 4:3-5; 5:1), and the fear of death (Heb 2:14-15)? "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

~ Worship Way #3 - (v11-13) *Worship Him Through Praise!*

- We praise Jesus for who HE is and what HE has done! The lamb that was slain speaks of His sacrificial love! Always remember what Jesus said in John 15:12-13 - *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*

- Here we see a "Sevenfold Praise!" – Praise Jesus for His - *Power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!*

- Worship Way #4 - (v14) *Worship Him Through Worship!*

Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

- Amen - means *So be it!* or *Let it be!* or *Make it happen!*

- Worship - Gk.- *proskuneo*- To kiss! - Hebrews 13:15-16 - *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*

- Observe this prophetic Psalm which deals with the last days Psalm 2 – *Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves (this phrase "set themselves" means get ready for war), and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.*

- Paul writes in Philippians 2:9-11 - *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*