



Go for God!

The REVELATION of Jesus Christ

Chapter 5

“Worthy Is The Lamb!”

> Revelation Chapter Outline Review:

Chapter 1 - Vision of Jesus Christ

Chapters 2 & 3 - The future of the Church (Now history, present, and future.)

Chapters 4 & 5 - Church raptured—the heavenly scene

Chapters 6 – 19 - The Great Tribulation Period (Seven years of God’s Judgment)

Chapters 20-22 - 1000-year reign of Christ on earth, then a new heavens, new earth, new Jerusalem

Chapter 5 – Worthy is the Lamb!

> (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.

~ Seven seals represent judgments to take place in Revelation chapters 6 – 11.

- Seal Judgment #1 - White horse: conqueror

- Seal Judgment #2 - Red horse: war

- Seal Judgment #3 - Black horse: famine

- Seal Judgment #4 - Pale horse: death

- Seal Judgment #5 - Martyrs reassured of God’s vengeance

- Seal Judgment #6 - Great day of wrath, earthquake, signs in heaven

- Seal Judgment #7 – Half-hour of silence: introduction to the Trumpet judgments; then comes the Bowl judgments

(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")*

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 literally means "Has won the victory!" Jesus is the VICTOR over sin, death, and the devil! 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 that could grant all who trust in Him as 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.**

"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)

*12 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, 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, 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’s Worship Him! (In four ways!)**

- **Way #1 - (v8) 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.

- **Way #2 - (v9) 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). 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

- Way #3 - (v11-13) Through Praise! – We praise Jesus for who is and what he has don! 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!*

**- Way #4 - (v14) Through Worship!
*Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever.***

**- Amen - means *So be it! Or Let it be! Or Make it happen!*
- *Worship - Gk.- proskuneo- To kiss!***

- 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.*