

Revelation

Chapter Five: Enthronement of the Lamb!

Introduction:

- A. The events of chapter five follow immediately after those in chapter four and once again the scene is at the throne room of God in heaven.
- B. John saw in the right hand of Him who is on the throne a book written inside and on the back.
 - 1. This scroll is the title deed to the earth.
 - 2. It does not contain what will be inherited but how He will regain it.
 - 3. It describes how God will direct the course of world history, in order to bring it to an end.
- C. While it is a scroll of judgment it is also a scroll of redemption.

The Search for the Worthy One! 5:2-4

- A. A search is made for one worthy to open and read the scroll.
 - 1. No one is found who is fit to rule the earth.
 - 2. There has been no sign of the Lamb at this point.
 - 3. The question: *“Who, of all God’s creation is fit to rule the world?”*
- B. The scroll is the title deed of the earth and the One who can break the seal is the One to whom it rightfully belongs.
 - 1. When the seals are opened, then disaster strikes.
 - 2. John says, ***“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, who is worthy to open the book, and to loosen the seals thereof? And***

no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.” (5:2-3)

3. Many have been ***willing*** to take the book and rule the earth.
4. But the question is not who is willing but who is worthy.
5. There is nothing but silence in heaven.

C. Suddenly the silence was broken with sobs from John. ***“I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look in it.” (v.4)***

1. This is the first time a man has cried within the walls of heaven.
2. Why John wept...

D. ***“One of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loosen the seven seals.” (v.5)***

1. This is the kind of Messiah that the Jews had always wanted and expected.
2. Jesus was too tame for them.
3. At last, the long-awaited militant Messiah was about to be unveiled.

E. Note the position of the Lord in verse six.

1. How could John have missed Him.
2. We also miss the Lord in the midst (Matthew 18:20).

F. John turned to see the Lion and there was a Lamb.

1. Was there ever a more dramatic moment in the history of the universe?

2. Twenty-eight times Jesus is called the Lamb in the Book of Revelation.
3. This is not the usual word for Lamb, and it means “little lamb.”
4. Satan is a great red dragon; world power is concentrated in the hands of a fearful beast; the militant foes of God are numbered by countless millions. Against all this God sets a little Lamb.

G. Now, we will enter the worship experience of this chapter,
and we will discover three compelling reasons to worship our Christ.

We Worship Him because of Who He is! (5:5-7)

A. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

B. He is also seen here as ***“the Root of David.”***

C. He is also the Lamb!

1. He could not be the Lion of judgment, or the King of glory, unless He was first ***“the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.”***
2. The Lion and Lamb imagery draws a contrast between what John heard and what He saw.
3. This is no ordinary lamb. He is standing alive, on His feet, yet looking as if He had been slain.
4. Another feature about this Lamb was that it had seven horns and seven eyes.
5. Perfect power (7 horns) – perfect wisdom (7 eyes) – perfect presence (7 spirits in all the earth).

We Worship Christ because of Where He is! (5:6)

- A. Jesus is in heaven.

- B. He is in the midst.

We worship Christ because of What He does! (5:7)

(When the Lamb took the scroll, the weeping ended, and the praise began)

Music in Heaven (5:8-14)

- A. There are three waves of singing:
 - 1. Four Living Creatures and twenty-four Elders and all nature. Each of the twenty-four Elders had a harp and a golden bowl full of incense.
 - 2. Myriad of Angels and all the inhabitants of heaven.
 - 3. Every created creature in every part of the universe to its deepest depth and farthest corner.

- B. They sang a “new song.”
 - 1. The song is a worship hymn.
 - 2. The song is a gospel song.
 - 3. The song is a devotional song.

- C. In verse eleven this vast host say with a loud voice, “***Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.***”

1. The emphasis is on Christ's perfect redemption.
2. In chapter four the theme of their song was "***You are worthy for you have created.***"
3. The theme in chapter five is "***You are worthy because you were slain.***"
4. That is the theme of worship in heaven and that is the theme of worship among the redeemed-on earth.
5. There is not one dissenting voice. All will acknowledge that He is Lord.
6. Endless worship belongs to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Soon this mighty host would march out of heaven to execute judgment, gather God's people, and return to earth with Christ to set up His earthly kingdom.
8. The stage for God's ultimate plan has been set in the throne room of God.