



**The Title Deed to Earth
The Scroll with Seven Seals
Revelation 5:1-14**

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Last time we were together we were being led in worship by the Seraphim around the throne of God. Before the conducting of any business at hand, first worship.

That is something we need to remember. I know that I have gone off way too many times serving the Lord without first spending time in His presence and simply worshipping Him and rejoicing in His presence. Whenever I do that, I may have the best intentions, but I have not plugged into the throne room.



We all need His guidance for everything we do, something I have been reminded of just this past week. Praise the Lord for 1 John 1:9.

He really does not need our help to speed things up when He says to wait.

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (ESV)

The title for our study here in Revelation 5 may sound provocative, but we are indeed talking about a title deed that is in the possession of God and there is only one person in all the universe who is qualified to open this deed. The one who purchased it back from the usurper.

First let's look at our text.

Revelation 5:1–10

“I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth.”” (NASB 2020)

And yes, doing business in heaven with the Lord also means worship in the middle of the business as well.

We are to be so attuned to Him and what He has done for us on the cross, that praise become second nature.

First, about this scroll. I said it is a title deed, which it is, and it is the title deed for planet earth. How do we know this?

In the book of Jeremiah, in the middle of the final siege of Jerusalem involving the Babylonian forces, Jeremiah is asked by the Lord to do something that he did not understand, but he was faithful to do so. Jeremiah has been imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard in Jerusalem, because King Zedekiah did not like what he was prophesying.

While imprisoned, with the armies of Babylon besieging Jerusalem and King Zedekiah now knowing that he will go there as a prisoner. Jeremiah receives a word from the Lord to redeem a piece of property by purchasing it. God provides the details, and it takes place exactly as he is shown by the Lord.



Jeremiah 32:9–12

““And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy. And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.” (ESV)

The scroll in the hand of God is a deed. But it is much more than just a title deed. On it are terms and conditions, just as Jeremiah alluded to on the one, he completed.

“The ancient books of Israel were generally sheepskin rolls; and when we are told that this book was sealed with seven seals, we are to understand that the book was rolled up to a certain point, and there a seal was put upon the edge, so that it could not be opened until that seal was broken. It was rolled up a little farther and another seal put on, and so on, until there were six seals on the edge of the book and one seal closing the entire scroll.” (Ironsides 1920, 89)

We read that this scroll was written on both sides. The intent is that all of the content on the scroll would be read and understood; and if actions were required, they took place, prior to breaking the next seal. Then the contents after the seal would be read.

Looking back at Jeremiah's deed, he was instructed by the Lord to make the deed safe and place it where it could be referred to years later.

Jeremiah 32:14–15

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and **put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.**” (ESV)

This deed is in the hand of the Father, and it is sealed seven times with seven seals just as Roman law required for a will. There are numerous theories of what this scroll is, but I think the evidence points to it to be the title deed to the planet.

Recall that this scene in heaven was attested to by Daniel as well as by John.

Daniel says the following is what he saw.

Daniel 7:13–14

““I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. To him was given rulership, glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” (CJB)

This, when added into what John is reporting is suggesting, is what I believe, to be the title deed to the planet to be handed over to Jesus. This could also be the new covenant to be unwrapped for Israel.

Yes, it is a deed, it also contains instructions and as it is seen by John, we hear a strong angel.

Revelation 5:2–4

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into



it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.” (NASB 2020)

You see, this was originally given to Adam, but he forfeited what God gave him in Genesis 1:28 back in Genesis 3 in the fall. Eve was deceived, Adam was not. This sin by Adam transferred ownership to Satan.

Romans 5:14

“Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.” (NLT)

When he tempted Jesus, Satan made an offer and Jesus did not object that Satan had the authority to make the offer, because at that moment, he did.

Matthew 4:8–10.

“Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’” (NLT)

Satan continues to make that offer today. We see world powers beginning to take positions in order to achieve that power which, as we will read later in Revelation, will indeed be given to an individual who we will identify as the Beast.

Jesus came to earth to reverse all of this.

When the strong angel makes the proclamation, the search begins and of course Adam backs away due to forfeit. A search is implied in the statement and the results of that search is that there is no one anywhere in the universe who is qualified to open up this scroll held by the Father.

John wants to know what is in this scroll and he begins to weep. He is emotionally involved in the proceedings taking place in heaven. One of the elders, the church, knew who was qualified.

Revelation 5:5

“And one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” (NASB 2020)

John is commanded by this elder to stop crying and do not continue it. The reason, there is indeed one who is qualified. John was a new arrival; the elder was not.

This elder tells him the one who is qualified is “the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David.”

The allusion to “the Lion” is a reference to Genesis 49:9–10, where it is predicted that the future ruler of the earth shall come from the tribe of Judah, the lion tribe. Reference to Christ as the Root of David stems from the prophecy of Isaiah 11:1. (Walvoord 2008, 114)

He is the one who has overcome and as such, is fully qualified to open the scroll and the seven seals. Christ is worthy and He has the full authority and sovereignty concerning the contents of this scroll. Messiah has conquered.

One more thing to remember as we see Christ identified here, He is also the kinsman redeemer.



As in Israel, something took place that resulted in a temporary use of the right of ownership, just like what would take place in Israel. And just like in Israel, a kinsman redeemer is needed to buy back the property, Jesus, fully God and fully man, is our kinsman redeemer and He paid the price. Not only the price necessary to redeem earth, but also the price to redeem us, we were sold into slavery to sin, Jesus has set us free from that slavery. He is our redeemer.

John 19:30

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (ESV)

Τετέλεσται – tetelastai – from τελέω (teleo,) to complete an activity or process, bring to an end, finish, complete, to carry out an obligation or demand, carry out, accomplish, perform, fulfill, to pay what is due. (Arndt, et al. 2000, 997)

But even after the price was paid, the great usurper must still be expelled from the redeemed estate before the redemption of the purchased possession would be complete. For a long time, however, the Lamb of God, the rightful owner, has been away in heaven, preparing a great city as a home for his redeemed ones, to bring back with Him when He returns to take possession of the earth. (Morris 1983, 96)

Revelation 5:6–7

“And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.” (NASB 2020)

So, John looks up not really knowing what to expect and he does not see a Lion, instead he sees a Lamb. Not just any Lamb, but one standing there as if it was in the process of being slaughtered. Those two ideas are contrary to each other, slaughtered and standing.

This is not just any Lamb either as we discover, added to the strength being imposed on it by standing, there are seven horns on this Lamb. “So too its seven horns suggests that this Lamb has perfect power (for the horn as a symbol of power, see e.g. 1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 112:9; Sir. 47:5; Jer. 48:25; Dan. 7:21).” (Boxall 2006, 98)

He is omnipotent.

This Lamb also has seven eyes. Eyes suggest knowledge and wisdom in the Bible. Again, seven inferring perfection meaning omniscient. And we also discover that these are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. “The Holy Spirit is not only the Spirit of God (in the sense of being the “Spirit of the Father”), but also the Spirit of Christ (see Acts 16:7 and Romans 8:9).” (Guzik 2013, Re 5:5-7)

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, God in the flesh. He is the one who is coming to take the scroll. We also see here in the seven eyes, a reference to Zerubbabel and Zechariah 4:10.

In the vision, Zechariah sees seven lampstands as a reference to the Holy Spirit. He is reminded that the Temple will be rebuilt, even though it seems impossible, because of the Holy Spirit. “Therefore he told me, “This is the LORD’s message to Zerubbabel: **‘Not by strength and not by power, but by my Spirit,’** says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” (Zechariah 4:6, NET 2nd ed.)

Zechariah 4:8–10

“Moreover, the LORD’s message came to me as follows: “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this temple, and his hands will complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven’s



Armies has sent me to you. For who dares make light of small beginnings? These seven eyes will joyfully look on the tin tablet in Zerubbabel's hand. These are the eyes of the LORD, which constantly range across the whole earth." (NET 2nd ed.)

Zerubbabel was in charge of building the temple after the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity, thus serving also as a type of the Redeemer returning to His possession. The "small things" of the restored temple were a type of the whole earth, which would one day be restored, and the "seven eyes," seeing the whole earth as the Lord sees it reminded Zerubbabel, as they did John, of that great future day. (Morris 1983, 100)

Revelation 5:8–10

"When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth." (NASB 2020)

As Jesus takes the scroll, He is fully invested with the authority to execute judgment. One of the duties of the kinsman redeemer is to deal with those who have offended His kinsmen. He is preparing to be the avenger of blood picking up where He stopped when He read from Isaiah 61:1-7.

Once Jesus has the book, the realization of all creation is that the final act of redemption is now in the process of beginning, the process of reclaiming and remolding the planet for the King and making it like Eden is about to begin, and this produces worship in the entire universe.

Now it is the Lamb who is being worshipped. The 24 elders and the Seraphim all fall down before the Lamb and worship.

The twenty-four elders, representing as they do the whole church of God, are represented as offering the praises and the prayers of the whole church: the harps representing the former, the censers (incense) the latter. (Alford 1872, 986)

As they do so, they sing a new song. He is worthy and He is praised for His act of redemption on the cross.

The Lamb is worthy to open the book for three reasons: he was slain (a historical fact), he purchased people for God (the interpretation of that fact), and he made them to be a kingdom and priests (the result of the fact). (Mounce 1997, 135)

This song is new. The Old Testament saints could not praise God for redemption accomplished, only for that which is promised and the hope they had looking ahead. This is a new song in that as New Testament believers we can rejoice in what it is Christ accomplished at the cross. Our redemption.

And those who are there worshipping are from everywhere on the planet. The idea is the division which started in Genesis 11, is gone. We are all one in Christ. We are all in Him.

We see three things here in this song. "First, those who have been purchased are placed in God's kingdom; next, they are made priests; and last, they are given the privilege of ruling as kings. The text reads that the Lamb made them priests, that is, they are priests already and are in the kingdom now and certainly in the future." (Kistemaker and Hendriksen 1953-2001, 211)



Yes, we will indeed sing in worship and praise in heaven. And notice, we will indeed be singing about the blood.

Here in verses 10, we are told of the privileges of the church. “The church is a priesthood rather than having a priesthood, and is a royal family rather than merely being ruled by a king. The members will not be so much subjects of the kingdom as they will be reigning with Christ on the earth. Here again is intimated the purpose of God to consummate and fulfill the prophecies of an earthly kingdom in which Christ will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. The phrase “on the earth” is significant as referring to the earthly millennial reign of Christ in which the church will participate. (Walvoord 2008, 119)

Revelation 5:11–14

“Then I looked, and **I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands**, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.” And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.” And the four living creatures were saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.” (NASB 2020)

John is continuing with his eyewitness account. Now, possibly for the first time since his arrival in heaven, he takes a serious look at the scene in front of him. He hears the song of the elders and the praise of the Seraphim. Now, he hears all of heaven join in on what is taking place.

The music festival is just getting started.

The elders, the church and its multiple billions of voices has concluded their song of praise, and now an even larger choir of angels is about to get started. This is a choir that has not truly done a lot of singing that we know of since creation. They are down about 1/3 of the number they had back then, and the last time they sang, it was before sin entered the world (Job 38:4-7).

Now they are singing again.

The largest number available for use at the time John was writing was thousand. Anything larger was myriad which some say represents 10,000. John is trying to let us know, within the limitations of the Greek language, that this was huge praise festival with attendance in the billions.

All of them, the church and the heavenly host singing loudly “...“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.”” (Revelation 5:12b, NASB 2020)

The fact of the wonderful redemption that is in Christ Jesus by which sinners of all kindreds, tribes, and nations can be redeemed and enter into the blessing of saints is the occasion for the new song of redemption; and whether sung by men or angels it is a worthy ascription of praise and worship addressed to the Lamb of God. (Walvoord 2008, 119)

Whatever the number of saved men and women there may be—quite possibly several billion at least—the number of angels must be still greater, since every believer probably has several angels assigned to his care in addition to all the angels with other ministries. The number is no doubt a finite number, but is so great it cannot be even estimated. (Morris 1983, 104)

Heaven is going to be loud. If you do not like loud music, get ready as John tells us this is loud. The word is μεγάλη (megale) from the word μέγας. We get mega from this.



What is it this massive praise service is singing? The song is about redemption “saying 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**.”” (Revelation 5:12, NASB95)

There are seven attributes of the Lamb that are extolled.

In Greek, each term used is emphasized with the article “the” appearing in front of each.

YAHWEH and Messiah are

- “the blessing”
- “the only ones worthy of respect and honor”
- “the only ones worthy of receiving fame, recognition, renown, honor, prestige”
- “the power, rule, dominion, sovereign”
- Forever and ever

Jesus IS Worthy to Receive

- The Power – Jesus is all powerful – He is omnipotent.
- The Wealth – Jesus owns everything – He is the creator (Colossians 1:15-20, Matthew 6:19-21).
- The Wisdom – Jesus is the definition of wisdom – He is omniscient (1 Corinthians 1:24).
- The Might – Jesus is all mighty – He Is Malak YAHWEH (Ephesians 1:19-23).
- The Honor – Jesus is to be honored above everything – HE IS GOD (1 Chronicles 29:11-13).

Philippians 2:9–11

“Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, “Jesus Christ is Lord!”” (CEV)

- The Glory – Jesus is to receive all glory – see above.
- The Blessing – Jesus will reign forever – see above.

Isaiah 45:20–25

“The LORD says, “Come together, people of the nations, all who survive the fall of the empire; present yourselves for the trial! **The people who parade with their idols of wood and pray to gods that cannot save them— those people know nothing at all!** Come and present your case in court; let the defendants consult one another. Who predicted long ago what would happen? Was it not I, the LORD, the God who saves his people? There is no other god. **Turn to me now and be saved, people all over the world! I am the only God there is.** My promise is true, and it will not be changed. **I solemnly promise by all that I am: Everyone will come and kneel before me and vow to be loyal to me. They will say that only through me are victory and strength to be found; but all who hate me will suffer disgrace.** I, the LORD, will rescue all the descendants of Jacob, and they will give me praise.” (GNB)

Have you ever been in a church service that seems to catch new life multiple times and continues?

Revival tends to do that. An outpouring of the Holy Spirit tends to do that.

Some of us have seen this, and we want to see it again.

Even in heaven, this event is so magnificent, the Spirit and the praise is so overwhelming, that the praise pours out into the entire universe.



Revelation 5:13–14

“And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.” And the four living creatures were saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.” (NASB 2020)

This is now an unprecedented event replicating the singing that took place at the creation of the universe, but now on steroids.

Let me set the scene for you here on earth. Several years ago, the rapture occurred, and billions disappeared. The downward spiral we see today accelerated and yes, there are some who have been saved post-rapture as the beginnings of the Tribulation saints, persecution and martyrdom has already been dialed in and is taking place. War is pretty common.

But suddenly, in the midst of the world trying to piece itself back together, **all living creatures** suddenly erupt in praise.

This includes every single living human being on the planet. It also includes the entirety of the fallen unseen realm, to include Satan. It includes all of those who died without Christ in Sheol. And all of the animals on the planet also burst out in praise. The entirety of the universe suddenly pauses and here is what John reports.

Revelation 5:13

“And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.”” (NASB 2020)

This event has been anticipated by all of creation.

Romans 8:20–22

“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.” (ESV)

The groaning is over, the waiting is over, and all of creation, **all of it** responds to this event.

What is happening here in Revelation 5:13 is the fulfillment of Isaiah 45, Romans 8, Romans 14:11 and Philippians 2.

Every creature is explicit enough, but John spells it out by mentioning specifically heaven, earth, the subterranean regions and the sea. All that is in them is redundant, but it serves to emphasize that all are included in the mighty chorus of praise. John’s vision is not concerned with an obscure being of no great importance. In the last resort there is no creature, wherever found, which does not recognize the superior worth of the Lamb. (L. Morris 1987, 102)

And how does this universal worship service end. With one final word – AMEN.
Christ is indeed “The Amen.”

He is the affirmation that what God said He would do, He does, and this is exclaimed by the four throne guardians resulting in the elders falling down and worshipping the Father and the Son.



We go from probably the loudest event in the universe to complete silence and worship.

Some of you may want to study this further. I would suggest Psalms 146-150. "...there is considerable evidence that Psalms 146–150 (the last five chapters in the book of Psalms) refer to this scene. Each of the psalms begins and ends with the exhortation: "Praise ye the Lord!" This phrase is the Hebrew hallelujah. In the New Testament, the word is used only four times—all in Revelation 19 (verses 1, 3, 4, 6) and all in connection with the praises of this same heavenly assemblage." (H. M. Morris 1983, 106)

Romans 3:21–24

"But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."" (NLT)

ABC's of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.

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